



# Strengthening EU cooperation against vaccine preventable diseases

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*Prioritise communication on vaccination, explaining the benefits and combating the myths, misconceptions and scepticism that surround the issue.*

European Commission President **Ursula von der Leyen** in her Mission letter to **Stella Kyriakides**, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety



Vaccination is the main tool for primary prevention of disease and one of the most cost-effective public health measures available.

The EU is supporting countries by:

## VACCINATION AS A PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENTION TOOL

- ▶ coordinating efforts to increase the uptake of vaccination
- ▶ implementing actions under the 2018 Council Recommendation on strengthening cooperation against vaccine-preventable diseases
- ▶ supporting Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
- ▶ facilitating the exchange of best practices
- ▶ funding studies to evaluate the effectiveness of vaccines
- ▶ addressing mis- and disinformation
- ▶ actions and guidance for building trust

## FACILITATING VACCINATION ACCEPTANCE AND UPTAKE

Vaccines are used in **hundreds of millions of people** worldwide each year to protect from serious diseases.

The European Commission is working with Member States on targeted interventions that address:

- ▶ CONFIDENCE
- ▶ COMPLACENCY
- ▶ CONVENIENCE



## EU actions to boost vaccine confidence



**Enhanced cooperation:** joint procurement of vaccines



**Providing accurate, objective, up-to-date evidence on vaccines and vaccination**, including the **Joint Vaccine Monitoring Platform** and **European Vaccination Information Portal** [vaccination-info.eu](https://vaccination-info.eu)



**Coalition for Vaccination** European associations of healthcare workers and students' associations [coalitionforvaccination.com](https://coalitionforvaccination.com)



**Monitoring attitudes towards vaccination** and investing in behavioural insights: **State of Vaccine Confidence in the EU reports** (2018, 2020, 2022) and **Eurobarometer surveys**



**Joint Action on Vaccination (EU-JAV)**, bringing EU countries together to increase the uptake of vaccination including by increasing confidence. [EU-JAV - European Joint Action on Vaccination](https://eu-jav.eu)



Supporting countries in **boosting uptake** of Human papillomaviruses (HPV) and Hepatitis B vaccination to prevent cancers



**Exchanging best practices** on vaccination through the subgroup on vaccination of the **Public Health Expert Group**



**Proactive communication** **United In Protection** campaign, annual contributions to the **European Immunisation Week**. [vaccination-protection.ec.europa.eu](https://vaccination-protection.ec.europa.eu)



**Addressing mis- and disinformation** by creating resilience, monitoring and addressing misleading narratives

- ▶ **Task-force on fighting Covid-19 related disinformation**, European Democracy Action Plan, strengthened Code of Practice on Disinformation and support to factcheckers

- ▶ **European Commission Network Against Disinformation and Rapid Alert System** to Exchange EU institutions and Member States



**Enhanced cooperation with the World Health Organisation** to support the Immunization Agenda 2030.



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