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**HEARING OF THE EXPERT PANEL ON EFFECTIVE WAYS OF INVESTING
IN HEALTH**

ON THE OPINION

Facing the impact of post-COVID-19 condition on health systems

Tuesday 18 October 2022, 14.00 – 16.00 CEST, Brussels time

Dear colleague,

We invite you to join the webinar “*Hearing of the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health on the draft opinion on ‘facing the impact of post-COVID-19 condition on health systems’*” on 18 October 2022 from 14.00 to 16.00 CEST.

Description of this webinar: Emerging evidence suggests that as many as one in eight people who recover from COVID-19 infection will experience debilitating symptoms lasting much longer than expected, leading to an impaired quality of life. As the disease burden caused by post-COVID-19 condition on health systems increases, countries are striving to define appropriate clinical pathways (diagnosis, symptom management) while waiting for biomedical research to discover potential therapeutic approaches. There is an urgent need to understand the resource and organizational implications of post-COVID-19 condition for health systems in the medium to long term.

The Expert Panel’s opinion will summarize the current knowledge on what post-COVID-19 condition (Long Covid) is, its probable causes and symptoms, using the available literature to date, including recent work carried out by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control. It will provide an analysis of the main knowledge, organisational and resource requirements for healthcare systems to design and develop appropriate health services for post-COVID-19 condition and provide guidance on how public health surveillance should be adapted to measure the impact of post-COVID-19 condition on the population.

The aim of this hearing is to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to share their views on the draft opinion of the Expert Panel on the above-mentioned subject. The draft opinion will be available at the [Expert Panel website](#) prior to the hearing.

Preliminary agenda:

14.00 – 14.05	Introduction and welcome Prof. Jan De Maeseneer, Chair of the Expert Panel
14.05 – 14.45	Presentation of the draft opinion by the Chair of the drafting group and rapporteurs Dr Dionne Kringos, Dr Jelka Zaletel, Prof. Pedro Pita Barros
14.45 – 15.50	Open discussion: participants' views/input Moderated by Prof. Jan De Maeseneer
15.50 – 16.00	Conclusion and next steps

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We are looking forward to welcoming you online.

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