

Hearing of the Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health

Brussels, 11 October 2017

Scope

The Opinions of the Expert Panel on Health support the Commission to identify specific aspects to be considered as well as tangible results that should be achieved to make a real change on health systems reforms and investments at EU level.

The Expert Panel on Health is currently working on an Opinion on "Benchmarking access to healthcare in the EU" as part of its continued work on innovation in care. This hearing will contribute to shape this opinion and to provide inputs for reflection on possible actions to be undertaken at national and European level.

Aims and objectives

The aim of this Hearing is to explore together with stakeholders working in this area concrete aspects and actions to flesh out a realistic proposal for the Expert Panel's Opinion. Specifically, the Expert Panel seeks informed feedback regarding:

1. European stakeholders' opinion on the main aspects to be considered to maximize the usefulness of the Expert Panel's Opinion.
2. Advice from stakeholders for an EU quantitative and qualitative benchmark/target on access to healthcare for the EU which can be operationalised and adapted to the context of each Member State.

Participants

The Hearing will bring together a range of key experts on public health and healthcare services from well-known institutions and professional bodies, representatives of Member States, non-governmental organisations, academics, EU institutions and relevant stakeholders from health related areas (industry, research, economy).

Programme

15.30-16:00 Registration

16.00 -16.20 *Opening of Hearing*

- Andrey Kovatchev (EPP, Bulgaria) Co-Chair(s) of MEP Interest Group
- Biljana Borzan (S&D, Croatia)
- Cristian Silviu Buşoi (EPP, Romania)
- Karin Kadenbach (S&D, Austria)
- Kateřina Konečná (GUE/NGL, Czech Republic)
- Lieve Wierinck (ALDE, Belgium)
- Martin Seychell, Deputy Director General, DG SANTE, European Commission

16.20 - 17.00 **Summary of Opinion and *contribution to EU health policy development***

17.00-17.50 **Open discussion: stakeholders' views**

17.50-18.00 ***Closing: conclusions of the day and next steps***