



European Parliament resolution of 12 February 2019 on the implementation of the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive



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European Parliament Resolution

- Rapporteur: Ivo Belet MEP/BE European Peoples' Party
- Analysis between April 2018 – February 2019

Background Information

- Commission's reports of 2015 and 2018 on the operation of **the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive**;
- Commission communication of April 2018 on enabling the **digital transformation of health and care** in the Digital Single Market;
- Commission communication of September 2017 on **boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions**
- **European Reference Networks and Rare disease policies**
- Adoption in EP Plenary – February 2019





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European Parliament Resolution on the Implementation of the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive

- Shortcomings in Directive implementation;
- Calls on Commission and Member States to take action in a number of areas:
 - **vaccination (expand scope of the Directive)**
 - **patient mobility – remove barriers to healthcare**
 - **European Reference Networks**
 - **E-health**
 - **Information to patients**



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Patient Information: European Parliament calls on

- Commission & MS to **invest further in NCPs** and enhance their visibility;
- Commission to **develop guidelines on NCPs** (e.g. type of information to be provided) & organize campaigns;
- MS healthcare providers to supply patients with cost estimates (**prior-notification**);
- Clarify the **relationship Directive – Regulation**;
- **Transparent complaint procedures**;
- **Assess the need** for granting access to cross-border healthcare;
- Commission to promote **increased cooperation** between MS authorities including NCPs.

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Commission reply to EP on Patient Information

- ✓ The Commission has already **published Guiding Principles** for the functioning of NCPs.
- X Information campaigns are for MS to organise
- ✓ Commission **encourages MS** to make information on **complaint procedures accessible**.
- ✓ Commission fully **supports EP** recommendations **on funding for NCPs**.
- ✓ Commission will **continue to promote increased cooperation** between MS authorities and NCPs.

More information

DG SANTE website:

https://ec.europa.eu/health/cross_border_care/overview_en

Monitoring the Directive:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM:2018:651:FIN>

Cross-border Healthcare Expert Group:

https://ec.europa.eu/health/cross_border_care/events_en#anchor0

National Contact Point – Toolbox

https://ec.europa.eu/health/cross_border_care/publications_en

Guiding Principles for National Contact Points

https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files//cross_border_care/docs/2018_crossborder_annexes_en.pdf