

**Question for written answer E-003086/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Implementation of a ‘European Health Guarantee’

Given the continuing public health challenges facing the EU Member States, the unequal access to quality health services highlights the urgent need for coordinated action at EU level.

The introduction of a ‘European Health Guarantee’ that ensures fair access to health services, including prevention, treatment and essential medicines, can make a significant contribution to reducing disparities and making health systems more resilient.

This ‘Guarantee’ could help achieve the objective of a more cohesive and mutually-supportive European Union by reducing inequalities between European regions in the field of health.

1. With this in mind, can the Commission state whether it intends to bring forward a specific initiative for the implementation of a ‘European Health Guarantee’, similar to other European guarantees (e.g. The ‘Youth Guarantee’)?
2. What measures are planned to support Member States in strengthening their health systems so as to ensure equal and universal access to high-quality health services?
3. How does the Commission intend to work with Member States to define minimum standards on the accessibility and quality of health services at EU level?

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