

MANIFESTO FOR THE 2014 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

The Collectif Interassociatif Sur la Santé (CISS), the main health movement in France representing and defending the common interests of health system users, calls upon all political parties and candidates in the European elections to put the health and well-being of European citizens at the heart of the political agenda in the next parliamentary term around 4 key principles and 9 concrete actions:

1 MAKE HEALTH A REAL PRIORITY IN EUROPE.

- Assert the high priority and all-encompassing significance of the protection and promotion of health in the next EU Treaty.
- Systematically include impact assessments on the health of European citizens in all EU legislative processes.

2 GUARANTEE REAL ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR ALL.

- Include the fundamental principle of universal access to health care in the next EU Treaty, without discrimination and irrespective of a person's place of residence or financial situation.
- Develop a comprehensive European index of inequalities in access to health care between different states and regions of the EU.

3 EXTEND PATIENTS AND USERS PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH POLICY TO ALL COUNTRIES OF THE EU.

- Adopt a European Parliament and Council recommendation:
 - recognising that participation of health system users and patients in local, national and European health policy is fundamental;
 - advocating the introduction of systematic mechanisms for user representation on health authorities and in health care institutions.
- Adopt a resolution requesting the Commission to create a European Consultative Group for patients and health system users, composed of representatives of national associations of patients and users.

4 MAKE PATIENTS' RIGHTS A HEALTH POLICY PRIORITY.

- Include in the next Commission a "Commissioner for Health and Patients' Rights" drawn from the voluntary sector.
- Declare 2016 "European Year of Patients' Rights".
- Adopt a resolution requesting the Commission to publish a "European Charter of Patients' Rights", to better inform citizens residing in the EU about their health rights.



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