



The Intensive Connection

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT INTENSIVE CARE **INTEREST GROUP**

THE CHARTER

Introduction

The European Parliament Intensive Care Interest Group has been established to facilitate dialogue between Members of the European Parliament and the Intensive Care Medicine community on all matters directly connected to the functioning of Europe's ICUs and the field of Intensive Care Medicine.

Purpose

The steps to create the Interest Group were taken following recognition of a corresponding need for dialogue in light of the challenges experienced by ICUs during the COVID-19 pandemic and the critical role played by Intensive Care Medicine in the context of future crises for which the European Union is making steps to improve preparedness. ICUs act as a last line of defence in saving lives, and investment in their improvement has a direct effect in saving the lives of patients at their most vulnerable moment. The group represents a dedicated, separate and specialised space for discussing healthcare policy in the EU and Intensive Care Medicine which has not previously existed in any form within the European Parliament.



Objectives

The topics of discussion within the Interest Group will remain limited to matters pertaining to EU health policy and its interaction with Europe's ICUs and the field of Intensive Care Medicine only. Meetings of the group will provide the opportunity for MEP participants to speak, and for relevant guests to participate and offer expert insights during discussions to the Interest Group.

The topics covered by the Interest Group include:

- Intensive Care Medicine in light of EU health policy;
- Conditions faced by the EU's ICU healthcare workforce;
- The quality and availability and training in Intensive Care Medicine in Europe;
- Recognition of Intensive Care Medicine qualifications in Europe;
- The improvement of Intensive Care Medicine in less developed countries;
- The preparedness of Europe's ICU's in emergency contexts.

Participation

Members of European Parliament are welcome to become participants of the Interest Group and are invited to attend meetings and contribute constructively to discussions. Participants are asked to participate in discussions in a friendly manner and within the scope defined in this charter.

A personal commitment and interest in the subject of European critical care, the interests of healthcare workers and patients is essential.