



Manifesto of the Health Security Interest Group: A European Health Security Pillar (2026-2029)

Europe has entered an era of accelerating and unpredictable health threats: pandemics, antimicrobial resistance, climate-driven shocks, mass-casualty events and conflict-related emergencies. The next major health **emergency** is not a question of if, but when. Europe's ability to protect its citizens will be decided by how well it prepares today, **in close cooperation with partner countries and international organisations.**

The Health Security Interest Group brings together Members of the European Parliament and leading scientific experts, and works together with EU agencies, around one conviction: Europe needs a coherent health security architecture, a European Health Security Pillar, built on resilient, crisis-ready health systems with intensive care at its core. Preparedness begins **well before a crisis hits**, with populations kept as healthy as possible, an adequate healthcare workforce that is trained, valued and ready to respond and effective prevention **and health preparedness** plans and actions. **As diseases and other health threats do not respect borders, Europe must prepare together with its partners and with a global perspective, supporting stronger prevention and preparedness capacities in third countries, in particular in low- and middle-income countries.** Prevention must come before response, in Europe and beyond, in line with the EU Global Health Strategy and the WHO Pandemic Agreement.

Over the 2026-2029 mandate of the European Parliament, the Group calls on the European institutions and the Member States to:

- Anticipate, prevent and prepare better: strengthen the EU's early warning, threat-prioritisation and crisis-relevant research, **while enhancing cooperation, information-sharing and preparedness with international partners.**
- Respond faster: reinforce cross-border medical surge capacity, **including** through the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.
- Protect those who care: train, deploy, protect and retain Europe's healthcare workforce, recognise crisis-relevant specialities and secure for Europe's emergency volunteers the recognition and protection their role demands.

- See ahead clearly: build a European capacity to monitor crisis-response capacity in real time.
- Secure supplies: guarantee **timely, affordable and equitable** access to critical medicines and medical countermeasures through stockpiling and joint procurement.
- Confront infections: tackle antimicrobial resistance, sepsis and severe infections through a genuine One Health approach.
- Inform with trust: channel validated clinical knowledge to those who need it, across Europe and into the EU's alert systems.
- Turn technology into readiness: deploy data, artificial intelligence and secure digital tools to anticipate, prevent and manage crises, **with an ethical approach**.
- **Strengthen health preparedness across sectors and** bridge civilian and military **cooperation**: prepare jointly for mass-casualty and CBRN emergencies as well as direct defence and dual-use resources towards medical countermeasures.
- Prepare for a changing planet: embed climate- and pollution-driven, multiple and cumulative health shocks and their impacts on public health into EU preparedness.

Delivering this Pillar requires matching resources. The Group calls for preparedness to be treated as a funding priority in the next Multiannual Financial Framework, including through the proposed European Competitiveness Fund and for a reinforced Union Civil Protection Mechanism budget with a dedicated share for health **preparedness** and resilience.

The Group invites Members of the European Parliament to join and help build a Europe that detects threats earlier, coordinates faster and responds more effectively, so that no future health emergency finds Europe unprepared.

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