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WEBINAR: Covid-19 health response package

29 October 2020, 15.00 – 16.30 CET, BRUSSELS TIME

The Coronavirus outbreak has demonstrated the need to reinforce substantially the preparedness of our health systems, which underpin the good performance of our societies and economies.

The gaps we have seen over the last months in Member State and EU level capacities to respond to major health crisis call for a more consistent and coordinated approach to prepare for and manage health crisis in the EU.

As announced in the State of the Union speech of President von der Leyen, the Commission intends to adopt a package of proposals to strengthen the EU health security framework in November 2020. The aim is to allow for better EU coordination of preparedness and response. The proposals will include modifications of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) mandates to be better equipped in case of crises, as well as a revamped cross-border health threat legal framework.

In this context, the Commission would like to invite stakeholders to a webinar, to exchange views and ideas on which changes, including legal, are needed to improve EU crisis preparedness and response capacity. This webinar will be a key contribution to shaping the Covid-19 health response package.

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15.00 – 15.05

Welcome

John F. Ryan, DG SANTE, European Commission

15.05 – 15.15

Introduction

Margaritis SCHINAS, Vice-President for promoting our European Way of Life

15.15 – 15.25

Why a revised health security framework

Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

15.25 – 15.40

Presentation of the main elements of the package

Sandra Gallina, Deputy Director General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission

15.40- 16.15

Q&A - discussion

16:15 – 16:30

Conclusion

John F. Ryan, DG SANTE, European Commission

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