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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION GLOBAL HEALTH STRATEGY

On 31st March 2010, the European Commission proposed a new and more coherent approach to EU health cooperation through its new Communication on the role of the EU in Global Health. By applying European health and equity principles to Global Health policies, the EC signals a strong commitment to ensuring the Right to Health for all.

The new policy framework aims to be a turning point in promoting the right to health and better addressing global health challenges. The proposals for an EU response to the four challenges are:

- **Enhance global governance on health:** EU should defend a single position within UN agencies and work to reduce multiplicity of health projects.
- **Progress towards universal health coverage:** EU should ensure that development aid supports developing countries build sustainable health systems and should promote division of labour among all actors, public and private, bringing knowledge and funding to the health sector.
- **Ensure better coherence of EU internal and external policies in relation to global health:** The EU will combine its leading role in trade and development to create a coherent approach to global health, including also issues such as migration, security, food security and climate change.
- **Increase Global health knowledge:** ensure that research and innovation produce accessible and affordable products and services, and that no diseases are neglected.

Furthermore, in moving the political agenda forward, the European Commission is organising a major conference on global health to be held in Brussels on 10–11 June 2010. The EFN will be represented by Per Godtland Kristensen from the Norwegian Nurses Organisation, having a rich experience in working in the field in the

developing countries. The EFN members active within the global health context are following up this political process, providing contributions to the development of a strategic course, policy coherence and common values in global health.

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Further information:

- [Communication from the Commission: The EU Role in Global Health](#)
- Commission Staff Working papers published with the Communication:
 - [Contributing to universal coverage of health services through development cooperation](#);
 - [Global health: responding to the challenges of globalization](#);
 - [European research and knowledge for global health](#).
- [Commission Press release – 31 March 2010](#)

