



Health Services OUT of the EU Internal Market

Based on the vote in the IMCO Committee on 8th May 2007, the following European Organisations urge MEP's to vote on the 24th May 2007 AGAINST the Vergnaud Report, including Amendment 172 of Toine Manders (ALDE) to reintroduce the Health Services in the Services Directive.

We strongly oppose the IMCO vote for the following reasons:

- The objective of any EU health activity, as laid down in Art 152 of the Treaty, must be to promote and ensure a high level of health protection for all citizens. Health services must be of high quality and should be delivered according to the values and principles agreed by the Council of Ministers on 1st-2nd June 2006. These principles are: universality, access to good quality care, equity and solidarity. The report as voted on the 8th May 2007 endangers these values and principles and jeopardises patient safety.
- To include health services like any other services within the scope of the Directive would subject them to the vagaries of the internal market and would prioritise the internal market over social protection, social cohesion and social justice.
- The current report, after the IMCO vote, does not respect the agreement made by the major political parties on the Services Directive. This lack of consistency will undermine the trust of the European citizens in their European political leaders.

To guarantee high quality and accessible health services for all, general and public interests must prevail above internal market principles. We strongly oppose any EU-initiative which imposes internal market regulations on health services.

We invite European politicians to open the debate on health services with all stakeholders and to facilitate an ambitious and integrated health and social care agenda.

Stakeholders



European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN) was established in 1971. The EFN represents over one million nurses and is the independent voice of the profession. The mission of EFN is to safeguard the status and practice of the profession of nursing and the interests of nurses in the EU and Europe.
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EPSU the European Federation of Public Service Unions is a member of the ETUC. 8 million workers organised in their 216 trade unions are members of EPSU. These workers deliver services to the public in health and social services, local, regional and central government, and the utilities in energy, water and waste. EPSU organises workers in both public and private companies including large transnational companies.
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The European Region of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (ER-WCPT) was founded in 1998. The ER-WCPT is a non-profit non-governmental organisation of professional associations of physiotherapists from 33 countries in Europe where the Physiotherapy profession is established and recognised.
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The **European Association of Hospital Pharmacists** is a working community of national associations of hospital pharmacists. Its European membership includes more than 22,000 professionals. EAHP's aim is to establish a common pharmaceutical policy in Europe. It represents the interest of the profession at the European level, contributes to the scientific development of hospital pharmacy and to the advancement of the position and role of the pharmacists in hospitals.
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The **European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)** represents over 95 non-governmental and other not for profit organisations working in support of health in Europe. EPHA aims to promote and protect the health interests of all people living in Europe and to strengthen the dialogue between the EU institutions, citizens and NGOs in support of healthy public policies - <http://www.epha.org>



The **European Health Management Association (EHMA)** is a unique membership organisation aiming at improving health by enhancing standards of managerial performance in the health sector. With over 200 institutional members in 36 countries, EHMA fosters activities between health service organisations and academic institutions in the field of healthcare management education and training. Members include ministries of health, regional health management organisations, university teaching hospitals, primary care organisations, employers' organisations, trade unions, universities and research centres.
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The **IPPF European Network (IPPF EN)** is one of six regions of the [International Planned Parenthood Federation \(IPPF\)](http://www.ippf.org), the world's largest voluntary organisation in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights, founded in Bombay in 1952. IPPF links national Member Associations (MAs) in more than 151 countries worldwide, with the aim of increasing support for, and access to sexual and reproductive health services. The IPPF European Network has [Member Associations](http://www.ippf.org) in 40 countries and is active in several more throughout Europe and Central Asia.



The **College** is a professional membership organisation representing the concerns of Fellows and Collegiate Members in over 80 countries worldwide. It aims to ensure high quality care for patients by promoting the highest standards of medical practice. It provides and sets standards in clinical practice and education and training, conducts assessments and examinations, quality assures external audit programmes, supports doctors in their practice of medicine, and advises UK and international policy-makers, public and the profession on health care issues.
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