

To the Members of the European Parliament

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Time to stand up for health - Reverse cuts to health in 2021-2027 MFF!

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

In the coming weeks, the European Parliament will have the opportunity to shape the next long-term EU budget, the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).

Amid the recently proposed reduction of the health budget and following the disappointment for the "<u>massive cuts to the grant components</u>" expressed by the European Parliament, the European medical community is counting on you to defend much needed additional resources for strengthening the EU health security and preparedness for future health crises during the ongoing negotiations between the Parliament, Commission and Council.

The last months have taught us how fragile health is. The European Union must consider the protection of the health of its citizens as a priority and put it before industrial and commercial interests. We therefore call on you to intervene and to stand up for health

Sincerely,

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The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe. We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU institutions and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.

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