



## **CoR INTERREGIONAL GROUP ON HEALTH & WELL-BEING**

Topic – “Towards a European Health Union: the contribution of the European Committee of the Regions. State of the art and future perspectives”

Chair Birgitta Sacrédeus (EPP)  
Moderator Nick Batey (Chair, EUREGHA)  
Date 26/11/2020 14:30- 16:30

### **Background note**

Today’s challenge is to guarantee universal access and quality health care for all. These principles lay at the heart of the European cohesion and public health authorities must protect them. Now more than ever, we need to invest in health promotion, reinforcing our health systems preparedness, responsiveness and resilience, ensuring cross-border cooperation across Europe, while ensuring solidarity and equity.

Even though healthcare in the European Union is predominantly a competence of the Member States, regional and local authorities share responsibilities and competencies in the sector as some countries in Europe are organized in a decentralized management system. The European Committee of the Regions must play a crucial role, then, in shaping the future of EU Health policies, contributing to the European Health Union and embedding the regional dimension in this debate.

The next meeting of the Interregional Group on Health and Wellbeing will take place on 26 November. During this virtual gathering, CoR rapporteurs on health dossiers will be invited to discuss their opinions. The objective is to share information and knowledge among the CoR members, health stakeholders, regional representatives and developing a common consistent vision on health-related topics.

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## Agenda

**14.30 Welcome and introduction by the Chair, Birgitta Sacrédeus**

**14.35 Introduction rapporteurs: moderated by EUREGHA Chair, Nick Batey**

1. **Opinion on "EU4Health Programme"**  
*Nicolas Lété (Political Advisor PES Group CoR) on behalf of Rapporteur  
Nathalie Sarrabezolles (FR/PES)*
2. **Opinion on “an EU Health Emergency Mechanism” and “Pharmaceutical Strategy/New Mandate EMA”**  
*By Rapporteur Birgitta Sacrédeus (SV/EPP)*
3. **Opinion on “Cross-border healthcare”**  
*By Rapporteur Karsten Uno Petersen (SV/EPP)*
4. **Opinion on “Lessons learned because of the COVID-19 Pandemic”**  
*By Rapporteur Joke Schauvliege (BE, EPP)*
5. **Opinion on "European Health Union"**  
*by Rapporteur Roberto Ciambetti (IT/ECR))*
6. **Opinion on “Cross-border health Threats/New mandate for ECDC”**  
*By Rapporteur Olgierd Geblewicz (PL/EPP) - TBC*

**15:35 Open dialogue with the CoR members**

**15:55 Q&A with the Stakeholders**

**16:20 Conclusions by the Moderator, Nick Batey**