



## The Steering Group on Influenza Vaccination convened in November 2017

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### Our response to the burden of influenza in Europe

We, the Steering Group on Influenza Vaccination, together with other signatories of this declaration, call for more action to increase seasonal influenza coverage rates in Europe to reduce the burden of this disease, and therefore improve citizens' health outcomes and quality of life.

Burden of influenza

Influenza Awareness and Public Trust

Good practices and Access

11 high-level policy recommendations addressed to both EU and national policy-makers, respective communities and organisations



# Official launch of the Manifesto the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018, the European Immunisation Week

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#### High-level panel discussion:

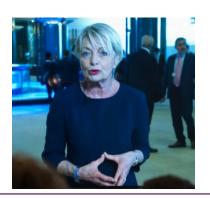
- Mr Kostas Aligiannis, Policy Officer, European Patients' Forum
- Prof Mike Catchpole, Chief Scientist, The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- Prof Susanna Esposito, President, The World Association for Infectious Diseases and Immunological Disorders (WAidid)
- Ms Pamela Logan, Director of Pharmacy Services, The Irish Pharmacy Union
- · Mr Ber Oomen, Executive Secretary, The European Specialist Nurses Organisations
- Prof Thomas Szucs, Co-chair of the Steering Group on Influenza Vaccination
- Dr Wim van der Hoek, Medical epidemiologist (MD, PhD), Member of the World Medical Association



#### **Xavier Prats Monné**

Director-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission

"We engage with the healthcare workers and then we promote better access and best practice. This is exactly what the Manifesto is proposing, this is actually why it is so good and important."



#### Françoise Grossetête

Co-chair of the Steering Group on Influenza
Vaccination

"As a policymaker I believe that the Manifesto we have developed together outlines the main actions we should undertake jointly at the European and national level to address influenza challenges and increase influenza vaccination coverage rates."











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The European Parliament resolution of 19 April 2018 on vaccine hesitancy and the drop in vaccination rates in Europe: "(...) calls on the Commission to establish targeted vaccination initiatives, such as a 'European influenza vaccination day', which could be used each year to launch the vaccination campaign in line with the 75 % coverage target laid down in the Council recommendations on seasonal influenza"

In 2019, we call European Institutions for the establishment of:

# THE ANNUAL EUROPEAN INFLUENZA VACCINATION DAY

Read our concept paper on our website: www.eufightingflu.com/datacenter







The Steering Group on Influenza Vaccination is honoured to be officially invited by the European Commission to join the meeting for the creation of a **Coalition for Vaccination** on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

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