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Subject: RE: Consultation regarding Community action on health services - Reaction from Belgium

Dear Mrs Banfai,

Thank you for sending me the link to the new Commission consultation regarding "Community Action on health services".

This is for me a useful, but limited feedback on the health data the Federal Public Service on Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment - DG1 - Datamanagement sent to Eurostat.

[Here my comments:](#)

When I had a quick look at the International Compendium of Health Indicators with a special focus on the items "Health Intervention: health services" and on the variables "hospital beds", "hospital in-patient discharges, limited diagnoses", "Average length of stay, limited diagnoses", "Surgeries: PTCA, Hip, cataract" etc... I noticed that there are still many missing items for Belgium and for the years 1999 - 2004.

As a matter of fact I have already sent to Eurostat the appropriate Belgian Health Data for the hereabove mentioned variables on September 1st through the channel of Mr. D. Moens - Belgian representative to Eurostat .

I hope that that our recently sent data will soon appear in the ICHI so that Belgium can be compared with the other European countries?

When do you think it will be possible to see the Belgian up to date (until 2004) health data in the ICHI?

With kind regards,

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