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To: SANCO REFLECTION HEALTH STRATEGY

Subject: Enabling Good health for all

Dear Mr Byrne,

My compliments with you short but very clear and readable paper on the reflection process for a new EU Health Strategy.
The strategy is in line with the WHO publications on this subject which is very positive.

My only, personal suggestion might make the paper even more up-to-date. I refer to chapter two: Good Health as a shared responsibility.
There is increasing evidence on the negative effects of outdoor air pollution on health.; more specific on the negative health effects of traffic related pollution.
(years of publications on mortality rising in lung and cardial diseased persons and recently an alarming publication in the NEJM, sept 2004 by W. James Gauderman, on pollution impact on developing lungs in children, 10 to 18 years of age)

This type of pollution needs more attention as well and the approach should be similar as described in your paper.

I hope this can add to your excellent paper.

Yours sincerely

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