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## AEIP JOINT STATEMENT

### **Enabling Good Health for all**

### **“A reflection process for a new EU Health Strategy”**

AEIP, the European Association of Paritarian Institutions of Social Protection has studied with interest the reflections of the late Commissioner David Byrne on the European Health Strategy.

AEIP's member are active amongst others in the area of health insurance, provident benefits (covering against occupational injury, disability and death risks), as well as in the area of rehabilitation and long-term care.

AEIP fully supports the European Health Strategy and underlines the importance of respecting the principle of subsidiarity, and the responsibility of Member States for managing their health systems.

AEIP stresses the fact that health is more than a “source of economic growth” within a market and that the priority objective must remain the protection and the well-being of the individuals. This means that the principle of solidarity must not be held in check by other logics.

AEIP promotes the paritarian model of social protection which means that institutions of social protection are managed by social partners and that schemes are based on collective agreements. Thus, AEIP would like recall the advantages of a balanced management of social protection institutions by employers and employees. This increases transparency and fosters solidarity. In this respect AEIP would like to remind the importance of considering the specificities of the Paritarian model in the discussions on the European Health Strategy.

In its working groups, AEIP is currently preparing a study on solidarity in the actual social protection systems facing the competition rules of the Internal Market. Therefore AEIP would like to stress the value of solidarity-based systems, as an important element of the European social model.

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AEIP agrees with the significance that prevention, the maintaining of high quality of health and the access to these high quality health services have to take in the future health strategy.

The further promotion of the Member States' cooperation within the framework of the Open Method of Coordination in order to share of experiences and information is an idea that AEIP strongly supports. The role of the European Commission in this respect is to enhance this cooperation

Therefore AEIP favours a European platform on health which should also serve the purpose of fostering the share of information and exchange of best practice examples. AEIP is ready to give its expertise on all the relevant matters.

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## **AEIP at a glance...**

### **Aims and activities**

To promote the paritarian management of social protection at EU-level... this is the key objective of AEIP, the European Association of Paritarian Institutions that was established in 1996.

The values supported by AEIP are based on a balanced representation of employers and employees and include joint management, solidarity and transparency, as well as social policy emanating from collective bargaining. This approach is complementary to that applied within the social economy.

Ultimately, its aim is the recognition of the status of the European Paritarian Institution of Social Protection, as the only structure that enables joint negotiation and management of cross-border collective agreements on pensions, health and providence.

Three areas of implementation of paritarism are at the heart of AEIP's concerns:

- health and provident benefits,
- coordinated pension schemes,
- pension funds.

The main activities of AEIP are the study and dissemination of paritarism in the field of social protection through conferences, seminars and publications and representation at EU-level through close contacts and cooperation with the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee.

### **Membership**

AEIP has twenty one members:

- Ten associates
  - B INTEGRALE
  - D BKK BV – SOKA-BAU
  - F AGIRC – ARRCO – CTIP
  - IT ASSOPREVIDENZA
  - SF TELA
  - CH BCV – Fondation 2<sup>ème</sup> pilier -  
Fondation de Prévoyance  
Lombard Odier Darier  
Hentsch & Cie
  - NL VB
- Six correspondents
  - GR Hellenic Bank Association
  - ESP CNEPS
  - UK UPS Ltd
  - BG Central Union of Workers'  
Productive Cooperatives
  - H Országos Nyugdíjbiztosítási  
Főigazgatóság
  - PL Dolnoslaska Regionalka Kasa  
Chorych
- Five observers
  - IRL CFOPS
  - B Artésia
  - UK B&CE
  - A BUAK

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