



European Union

Health Policy Forum

Open Letter on Economic Crisis and Health

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Drafting Group

- Aids Action Europe
- Assembly of European Regions
- Association Internationale de la Mutualité
- Association of Schools of Public health in the European Regions
- European Consumer's Organisation
- Council of European Dentists
- European AIDS Treatment Group
- European Committee for Homeopathy
- European Cancer Patient Coalition
- European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases
- European Federation of Nurses Associations
- European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations
- European Health Management Association
- European Heart Network
- European Midwives Association
- European Patient's Forum
- European Public Health Alliance
- European Social Insurance Platform
- European Union of Medical Specialists
- European Public Health Association
- EuroHealthNet
- European Breast Cancer Coalition
- European organisation for Rare Diseases
- The European Association of Pharmaceutical Full-line Wholesalers
- Health Action International Europe
- European Hospital and Healthcare Federation
- European Hospital and Healthcare Federation
- International Alliance of Patient's Organisations
- International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network
- Mental Health Europe
- Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union
- World Confederation for Physical Therapy (European Region)



Process

- Proposal drafted by EUHPF members at the meeting on 21 January 2009
- 3 rounds of written consultation with EUHPF members
- comments from 26 organisations received
- Final text agreed at the beginning of March



Who received the Open Letter on Economic Crisis and Health

Distributed before the Spring Summit :

- **European Commission** - Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou, director general Robert Madelin
- **27 Member States** – Ambassadors/EU Permanent Representatives with a copy to Health attaches
- **European Parliament** – 68 members of ENVI committee, chairpersons and secretariats of political groups
- **Economic and Social Committee** (president, secretary general, chairmen of the SOC section)
- **Committee of Region** (president, deputy president, secretary general)
- all organisations of **EUHPF** for distribution through their membership networks



Response to the Open Letter on Economic Crisis and Health

From:

EUHPF members

- Text distributed or discussed with member organisations (EFN, PGEU, EFA, etc.)
- Press release (EFN, EPHA)
- Presented text or message from the text at various fora (IPPF, EPHA, CPME, etc.)

Economic and Social Committee - invitation by president of the EESC SOC Section for a meeting on 6/4/2009 attended by EPHA and DG SANCO

EU Permanent Representation - positive response from some Health attaches

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