



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Director-General

Brussels,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Invitation to provide input to the Chronic Disease reflection process

The European Commission and EU Member States have recently launched a reflection process to respond to the growing challenge of chronic diseases. This was called for in the Council conclusions on “Innovative approaches for chronic diseases in public health and healthcare systems” of December 2010¹. In addition, the UN High Level Meeting on non-communicable diseases in New York in 2011 confirmed that addressing chronic diseases has now become a global priority.

As part of this reflection process, we are inviting stakeholders, including patient organisations, health professionals and healthcare providers working on chronic diseases for their views.

In this context, I would be grateful for your comments on the enclosed discussion document which poses some questions on the response to the different challenges of chronic diseases.

Please send your responses to the functional mailbox: sanco-chronic-disease-reflection@ec.europa.eu by the 15th of April 2012.

For any queries or clarifications, please contact Wolfgang Philipp (wolfgang.philipp@ec.europa.eu) or Albrecht Werner (albrecht.werner@ec.europa.eu).

Your responses will feed into the conclusions of the EU reflection process on chronic diseases. Please note that the EU Health Policy Forum has already developed a joint position of key health stakeholders².

¹ http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/lsa/118282.pdf

² http://cpme.dyndns.org:591/database/2012/EU.HPF.Answer.to.Consult.on.CDs_Jan13.pdf

I look forward to your input.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paola Testori Coggi', written in a cursive style.

Paola Testori Coggi

Encl.: Questionnaire to Stakeholders, List of Stakeholders

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