

PROTECTING OUR HEALTH

25 years of European
health policy



MILESTONES:

1965 First EU pharmaceutical legislation

1992 | Treaty of Maastricht
"The Community shall contribute towards ensuring a high level of human health protection"

1995 | Establishment of the European Medicines Agency (EMA)

1999 | Establishment of the Commission's Health Directorate

2003 | Start of the first EU Health Programme

2004 | Establishment of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

2003 / 2014 | EU tobacco legislation: Advertising Directive, Products Directive

2002 / 2004 / 2010 | EU legislation on blood, tissues and cells and organ transplantation

2011 | EU Directive on cross-border health care

2013 | EU Decision on serious cross-border health threats

2017 | Start of the first 24 European Reference Networks for rare and complex diseases
Launch of the new action plan on Antimicrobial Resistance



A FEW KEY CHALLENGES TOWARDS 2020:

Guarantee **accessible, efficient and resilient healthcare**

Invest more in **innovation, research and eHealth**

Tackle antimicrobial resistance

Promote innovative **health products and technologies**

Prepare for new global health threats

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Financing local and cross-border health projects



Promoting investments in innovation, research and training

Access to health services throughout Europe

Crisis prevention and protection against pandemics

Medical staff mobility



Preventing cancer and other chronic diseases

Promoting healthy living and well-being

Fighting antibiotic resistance and developing new treatments



Safe and effective medicines

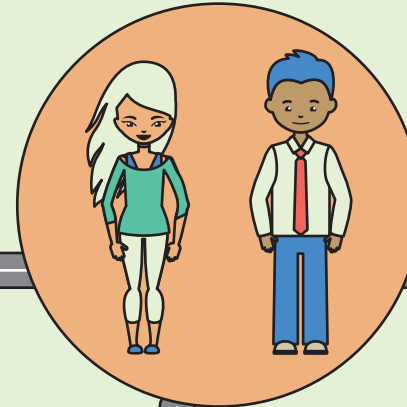


Safe blood transfusions and transplantations of tissues, cells and organs

Online e-health tools for better care

European networks of specialists in rare and complex diseases

Patient safety and prevention of hospital infections



Helping national governments to make healthcare more accessible and efficient

Providing scientific advice and data



Strict rules on tobacco products and advertising



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