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# **WEBINAR: Building a European Health Union: preparedness and resilience for cross-border health threats**

29 October 2020, 15.00 – 16.30 CET, BRUSSELS TIME

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The Coronavirus outbreak has demonstrated the need to reinforce substantially the preparedness of our health systems, which underpin the good performance of our societies and economies.

The gaps we have seen over the last months in Member State and EU level capacities to respond to major health crisis call for a more consistent and coordinated approach to prepare for and manage health crisis in the EU.

As announced in the State of the Union speech of President von der Leyen, the Commission intends to adopt proposals to strengthen the EU health security framework in November 2020. The aim is to allow for better EU coordination of preparedness and response. The proposals will include modifications of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) mandates to be better equipped in case of crises, as well as a revamped cross-border health threat legal framework.

In this context, the Commission would like to invite stakeholders to a webinar, to exchange views and ideas on which changes, including legal, are needed to improve EU crisis preparedness and response capacity. This webinar will be a key contribution to shaping a European Health Union: preparedness and resilience for cross-border health threats.

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| <b>15.00 – 15.05</b> | <b>Welcome</b><br>John F. Ryan, Director Public Health, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission                                        |
| <b>15.05 – 15.20</b> | <b>Why a revised health security framework</b><br>Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety                                                       |
| <b>15.20 – 15.35</b> | <b>Presentation of the main elements of the European Health Union response</b><br>Sandra Gallina, Director-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission |
| <b>15.35 – 16.15</b> | <b>Q&amp;A - discussion</b>                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>16:15 – 16:30</b> | <b>Conclusion</b><br>John F. Ryan, Director Public Health, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission                                     |

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