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In the spotlight

A Pharmaceutical Strategy: the right prescription for a strong European Union of Health

Sandra Gallina, Director-General of DG SANTE, talks about the new EU Pharmaceutical Strategy, adopted on 24 November. Its goal is to give the EU's pharmaceutical policy a long-term vision: to ensure it is crisis-resilient and sustainable, and to reinforce our position as a global leader in this critical area while ensuring access to affordable medicines for patients.

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Headlines

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- [ESVAC report: veterinary antibiotics sales continue to fall](#)
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Commissioner's corner

"2020 will forever be remembered as the year the worst global health crisis in modern times broke out. But I would also like it to be remembered as the year where we listened and lived up to the citizens demands for more Europe in the area of public health." (Commissioner Stella Kyriakides at the press conference on Building a European Health Union, 11 Nov. 2020).

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In numbers

Share of citizens who want more EU action in health crises

Source: European Parliament - Public opinion in the EU in time of coronavirus crisis

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Top tweets

— EU_HEALTH (@EU_Health) November 11, 2020

Today, we're proposing the first building blocks of a more secure, better-prepared and more resilient EU in the area of health. #HealthUnion
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— EU_HEALTH (@EU_Health) November 10, 2020

Healthcare professionals provide accurate information about vaccination through interactions with patients. This social media toolkit offers support as the conversation moves online & helps bring science-based prevention to a wider public #VaccinesWork

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Upcoming Events

1 December 2020

[World Aids Day](#)

2 December 2020

[Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council](#)

15-16 December 2020

[AGRIFISH Council](#)

Get involved

Commission launches a public consultation on Preliminary Opinion on the safety of breast implants in relation to anaplastic large cell lymphoma (BIA-ALCL)



Deadline

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Commission launches a public consultation on preliminary Opinion on the safety of presence of BPA in clothing articles



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