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"Empowered patients are an asset to society"

European Commission's perspective

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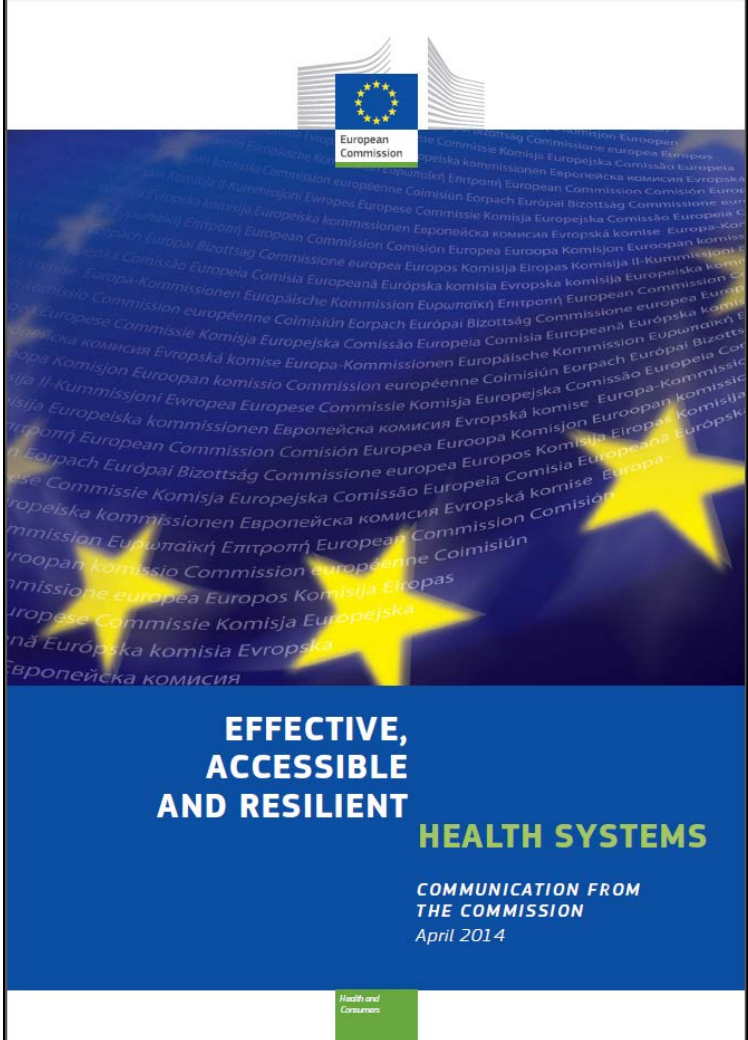
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EU agenda for effective, accessible and resilient health systems

Strengthening effectiveness

Health systems
performance assessment

Patient safety and quality
of care

Integration of care

Increasing accessibility

Planning of EU health
workforce

Cost-effective use of
medicines

Optimal implementation of
Directive 2011/24

Improving resilience

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Health information
system

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Patient Safety and Quality of Care

Background

EU action: help Member States to coordinate their efforts to protect public health by:

- Classifying and measuring patient safety *e.g.*
 - ✓ Co-financing of the Health Care Quality Indicators Project led by OECD
 - ✓ Agreement with WHO on delivering EU patient safety taxonomy

- Sharing knowledge and experience *e.g.*
 - ✓ EU patient safety and quality of care expert group
 - ✓ Co-financing of the EU network on patient safety and quality of care

- Co-financing of projects (Health Programme, Research programme) *e.g.*
 - ✓ EMPATHiE study on "Empowering patients in the management of chronic diseases"

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Background

- 2nd Commission report on the implementation of the Recommendation 2009/C 151/01.
- Council Conclusions on Patient Safety and Quality of Care of 1 December 2014
- European Union Network for Patient Safety and Quality of Care, PaSQ Joint Action
- European Parliament ENVI report on “safer healthcare in Europe: improving patient safety and fighting antimicrobial resistance”, voted in ENVI Committee on 14 April 2015

Patient Safety and Quality of Care

Next steps

Develop a framework for a sustainable EU collaboration on patient safety and quality of care in order to:

- facilitate the mutual learning and the exchange of good practices and strategies between Member States
- better coordinate patient-related policies
- facilitate the move from policies to implementation
- incorporate grass-root knowledge for evidence-based policy making.



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Directive on patients' rights in cross-border healthcare (2011/24/EU)

- Transposition check
- Low level of awareness (recent Eurobarometer study)
- Evaluative study on the Directive (expected to be published soon)
- Report on implementation of the Directive by October 2015
- Mapping study on patients' rights in EU (final report expected by October 2015)

Thank you for your attention !

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