EPF 2017 ACCESS CAMPAIGN 'UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL'

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UN SDGs - The road to universal access in the EU by 2030



 Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



 Key target: achieve universal health coverage by 2030, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all

However we still have some way to go... whether it is: the population covered, the type of services, or the proportion of costs that patients' pay. Many unmet needs and unequal experiences still exist.







Campaign's Strategic Objective





Campaign's strategic objective: The EPF Access campaign will contribute to making universal access a reality for EU patients by 2030, through defining and promoting concrete actions, in concert with the health community, to which decision makers need to commit, to ensure we achieve the Health SDG by 2030

Under the tagline 'Universal Health Coverage For All', The campaign is an opportunity to:

- raise awareness about the barriers patients face in accessing healthcare
- to build on current political momentum, including the UN sustainable development goal for health
- to **foster more EU cooperation** on access to healthcare
- to overturn the current trends and change the focus of politicians from short sighted cuts and decisions on investment to a real commitment to long term vision where equity of access is a reality











Providing access to quality of care

Committing to sustainable investment in health

Encouraging affordability of healthcare products and services







Ending discrimination and stigma patients are facing in healthcare





- 1. The safety and quality of healthcare in the EU is unequal, and key aspects of patient centered healthcare are not implemented
- Almost 48% of respondents indicated 'sometimes', 'rarely' or 'never' receiving quality care according to standards/guidelines or best practices available for their condition





2. There is a lack of appropriate resources being efficiently invested in healthcare

 A large share of respondents indicated insufficient and inadequate investment as a fundamental issue and in response to significant waiting times, called for appropriate resources to be allocated to hire and retain HCPs. Respondents also advised to improve the management of healthcare financing.

"We have a two tier system that is very unfair. Those who have the resources have access to quality, timely healthcare. Those in public system have access to quality care but it is not timely and it can be haphazard." - A patient from Ireland





3. Too many patients in the EU are confronted to **financial hardship** as a result of healthcare costs

 41% reported reducing household spending on essential needs, such as food or clothing to be able to cover healthcare costs and 40% of respondents reported forgoing or postponing healthcare visits due to costs at least 1 time in the past 12 months

"I am a relatively mid-class person, having a good private company insurance from my employer, so I am an exception. Definitely there is no access to healthcare for people without a good insurance programme (run by a private insurance company) [...] Also many people cannot afford dental care, it is crazy expensive." - A family carer from Latvia



4. Organisational changes are needed to ensure the package of services covered by the healthcare system is tailored to the needs of patients and to promote better **coordination of care**

 A good share of respondents mentioned better access to specialists, better coordination of care and less bureaucracy as a priority for policy makers in their country

"eliminate co-payments or adapt it balancing income/work status/ cost of the treatment. Providing mental health care beyond diagnostics and prescription. Facilitating access across autonomous regions." - A patient from Spain



5. A majority of patients and informal carers are reporting **experience of stigma** while seeking or receiving healthcare

"We should focus more on the education of medical staff to communicate with the different patients so they will not feel threatened, unsafe or misunderstood." - A patient from Latvia

 Respondents highlighted very important gaps when asked about appropriateness of healthcare (whether it is responsive to the needs of different groups). In most cases, respondents highlighted the negative attitudes of healthcare staff.

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-a means to achieve objectives

-membership and stakeholder involvement



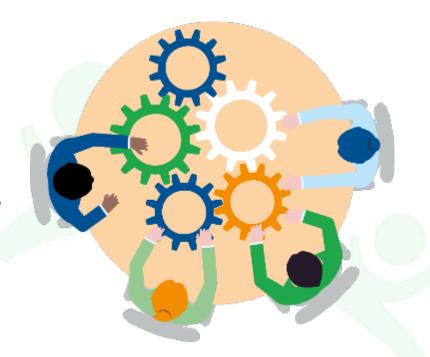
Achieve Political Commitment



Pledge Signature

Bilateral Meetings

5 Champion MEPs





Involvement & Social Engagement



-Membership

-Stakeholders

- Public







Conclusion



EPF's Campaign aims to contribute to making universal access for all a reality by 2030 by calling on the EU and Member States for meaningful commitment and an ambitious action plan



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