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Europe for Patients

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Overview of presentation

- General overview of the role of the European Commission in relation to Health
 - What can we do?
- The Europe for Patients campaign
 - 10 initiatives from the Commission on Healthcare related policies

Institutions of the European Union

Institutional Triangle: Decision Makers

**European
Commission**

Council of the EU

**European
Parliament**

European Council

Advisory Committees

**Economic &
Social Committee**

**Committee of the
Regions**

**European Court
of Justice**

**European Court
of Auditors**



EU Policies

Communication... Enterprise & Industry... Transport...
Justice, Freedom & Security... Information Society
& Media... Environment... Economic & Monetary
Affairs... Regional Policy... Fisheries/Maritime...
Science & Research... Education Training & Culture

Health & Consumer Protection...

Enlargement...

Development & Humanitarian Aid...

Taxation & Customs Union... Competition...

Agriculture & Rural Development...

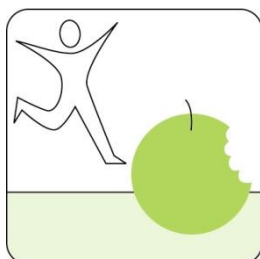
External Relations... Internal Market...

Employment & Social Affairs... Trade... Energy...

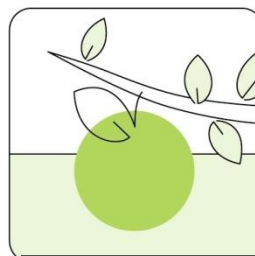
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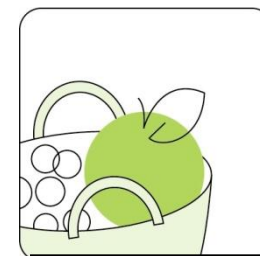
Europe working for healthier, safer,
more confident citizens



Public Health



Food safety



Consumer Affairs

Evolution of health policy: **Treaty of Amsterdam**



- **Art. 152: "a high level of human health protection shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all Community policies and activities"**



TREATY PROVISIONS

Article 152 public health

1. High level of health protection in all Community policies
2. Cooperation, coordination between MS
3. Cooperation with third countries and international organisations
4. Set quality and safety standards for human substances
5. Incentive measures (health programmes)
6. Respect MS responsibilities for organisation and delivery of health care

Europe for Patients campaign



Europe for Patients

- What is done at the EU level related to improving healthcare for all in Europe

A book with many chapters



- Let us take the analogy of a book:
- The Europe for Patients Campaign is the title of the book
- Each of the initiatives are chapters in the book

The different 'chapters' of the Europe for Patients 'book' are:



- Directive on the application of patients' rights in the **cross-border healthcare**. (Adopted 2 July 2008)
- Commission Communication and Council Recommendation on a European action in the field of **rare diseases** (Adopted 11 November 2008)
- Green paper on the **European Workforce for Health (Dec 08)**



- Commission Communication and Council Recommendation on **patient safety** including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections. (Dec 08)
- Proposal for a directive setting standards of **quality and safety of human organs** intended for transplantation and a Communication on an **Action Plan on Organ Donation and Transplantation (2009-2015)** - Strengthened Cooperation between Member States (end Nov/Dec 08)



- **Action against cancer:** European Platform and Report on implementation of the Cancer Screening Recommendation of 2003.
- Commission proposal for a Council Recommendation on **seasonal flu vaccination**



- **Prudent use of antibiotics** - 2nd report from the Commission on the implementation of the Council recommendation.
- **European Antibiotic Awareness Day, 18 November 2008.** Managed by ECDC
- Conferences on priority areas from **the mental health pact**
- Council recommendation on cross-border aspects of **childhood immunisation**

Involvement of stakeholders

- Directly in the EFP campaign
 - Launch of the campaign 30 September
 - Linking with EPF's manifesto
- Involvement in the different initiatives
 - Ex. Patient Safety



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