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20 March 2024 European Parliament, Brussels: Celebration of the XVIII European Patients' Rights Day »

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Active Citizenship Network is happy to invite you to the 18th European Patients' Rights Day, which will be held at the European Parliament in Brussels on 20 March, from 16:30 to 18:30 CET, kindly hosted by MEP Brando Benifei (S&D) and organised with the support of the MEPs Interest Group "European Patients' Rights & Cross-Border Healthcare". To attend the event, please register here (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejxHhBmTMNuWomFMjNtC-DyWlQpQKkr20jP-LGUbfIf0PBTA/viewform>). Due to the upcoming European elections in 2024, the conference will be earlier than the official date of 18 April and, as always, the European Patients' Rights Day has at its heart the theme of recognizing and strengthening patients' rights as set out in the European Charter of Patients' Rights. In particular, the 18th edition will be dedicated to the key role of healthcare professionals in protecting patients' rights and how this is affected by skills shortages, medical desertification and job strain. Indeed, neglecting the health workforce crisis jeopardizes current and future preventive and care options for citizens. Doctors, nurses, and all the health workforce are essential within healthcare systems, as they ensure the well-being of citizens and promote trust in the system. Their support is crucial. Just as it is crucial to identify, given the European elections, which priority measures should be taken to address this situation. This urgency/emergency undermines the possibilities of protection and care for European citizens and patients and, for this reason, the discussion will not only focus on the shortage of health professionals but also on the need to keep them well-informed, trained, updated and ready for the next challenges, following a strong demand for investment in training, support, proximity, new communication tools and more, coming from European citizens, patients and all stakeholders, including health professionals and those investing in innovation. The 2024 conference