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CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF A HEALTHY EUROPE Taking part in the decision-making process on health priorities 20 – 21 April 2022 | 14:30 – 16:00 CEST Digital Conference

SESSION 2

The health mission within the National Recovery and Resilience Plans

Moderator: Brian Maguire – EURACTIV

- brief introduction thanking people for auditing and summarizing the main topics of discussions and outcomes of the previous webinar on April 20th, 2022
- highlights the fact that the session offers the opportunity to assess the Mission of Health in the provided by the National Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRPs) starting from Italy, the country that has received the greatest resources from the Next Generation EU, and to the French. Then he introduced the survey conducted by Active Citizenship Network in 18 European countries.

14:30 – 14:40 Opening remarks & keynote speech

Brando Benifei – Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), Italy

- highlight of the fact that it is important to invest in the social system to defend it from external attacks;
- The gaps are: waiting times, old tools unsuitable for the health risks caused by climate change;
- there is a need for changes and NRRPs are a tool to improve accessibility;
- brief European overview of the use of resources allocated to health:

Germany: more modern hospitals;

France: more clinics;

Spain: digitalization;

Italy: for the mission 6 investments in care communities and facilities to avoid hospitalizations where possible, strengthening telemedicine.

14:40 – 15:00 National case histories

Gisèle Diallo - Policy officer, International and European Affairs Division (DACI), Directorate of Social Security, French Ministry of Solidarities and Health

- illustration of the key points of the French NRRP which envisaged a massive investment in healthcare in particular in two sectors: digitalization and local autonomies.

- more specifically, they will try to modernize hospitals and facilities, strengthening cooperation between city hospitals in the regions, a strengthening of the private sector is also envisaged in parallel with a strengthening of the public sector
- great importance was also given to mental health, also providing the creation of an active prevention line 24 hours a day.
- Investments were also planned for the renewal of medical equipment, for an innovative response to demographic change, and for home care services.
- the French reform follows two pillars: the digital health shift to improve the exchange of data and the interoperability of technological devices supplied to French healthcare, the second pillar is the defense of the most fragile and vulnerable people without forgetting above all those who have lost or are at risk of losing autonomy for age or health problems.

Paul Garassus – President, European Union of Private Hospitals (UEHP); Vice-President, French Health Economics Society (SFES)

- he stresses the great crisis and the difficulties that hospitals are experiencing at the moment;
- stresses the fact that free access and quality of care are important for patients and that these are the two key aspects to monitor in the future,
- a reform of payments is needed to reduce inequalities;
- NRRPs can reduce inequalities if supported by constant analysis of data and information;
- Importance of sharing best practices.

Antonio Gaudio - Head of the Technical Secretariat of the Minister of Health, Italian Ministry of Health

- the program that the Italian Ministry of Health is implementing is based on two pillars: investing and reforming;
- during the Covid19 pandemic it has been demonstrated that there was little outside the hospitals, therefore it was unclashed in the creation of networking between community hospitals and community housing by investing European and national funds;
- in three years, 14 billion more have been invested than in 2019 and has been done following two paths: local services for health and research and innovations by strengthening the creation of networks including universities, industries, and the public sector;
- Another issue that is at the heart of the Italian health department is the sharing of data, in particular, they want to return the data to patients;
- To summarize an important investment and a significant strategy change was made.

Anna Lisa Mandorino – Secretary General, Cittadinanzattiva

- The importance that the PNRR assumes for Italy is under everyone's eyes: it's the country that has received the most funds and that, more than the others, has decided to allocate them to different and transversal policies, from the digital transition to the environmental one, from social to health; moreover, the Italian Plan combines investments and reforms, some of which have been expected for years
- the level of participation of citizens and communities in the same is lacking. As a Civic Observatory on NRRPs - of which Cittadinanzattiva is one of the promoting organizations - they have demanded greater spaces and forms of participation, as well as greater transparency of data and information, also obtaining important openings in this sense.
- about the reform of territorial assistance, envisaged at Mission 6, up to now no public consultation has been launched by the central government and many Regions have decided where to place the Community Houses without having field paths of public debate with the communities, sometimes foreseeing the houses next to the hospitals while the logic from which they arise is to foresee a capillary diffusion on the territory.

15:00 - 15:55 Roundtable discussion: The involvement of stakeholders in the definition of priorities and in the implementation of the Plans

Francesca Colombo - Head of the Health Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

- the pandemic has made it clear that healthcare expenditures are an investment;
- citizen involvement in public health decision making was important before the pandemic but now it is even more important
- healthcare in the past has been characterized by many wastes that can be avoided with correct measurements, data analysis, and monitoring

Laura Cande - Policy and Projects Consultant, European Health Management Association (EHMA)

- The work of the EHMA is focusing on three key aspects:
- best qualities that can be had collecting data keeping patients in mind first of all;
- requiring that investments be more flexible;
- a health path care that measures the active participation of patients and citizens.

Ilaria Passarani - Secretary General, Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU)

- Covid has demonstrated the strengths and weaknesses of European health systems;
- pharmacies that have remained open throughout the pandemic have been included in the investment plans, especially in the areas where there are not enough of them;
- PGEU wants to make their expertise available to European institutions;
- in the future, multi-professional networking is required to ensure continuity even for those suffering from chronic diseases.

Marc Lange - Secretary General, European eHealth Stakeholder Platform (EHTEL)

- In light of the fact that 25% of the investment in healthcare will be dedicated to digitalization, the collaboration of all stakeholders on this issue is fundamental;
- just as the theme of data sharing is fundamental.

Giovanni Gorgoni - Chair, European Regional and Local Health Authorities (EUREGHA)

- EUREGHA is working on two sources: communities and well-being which are two words disruptive and inclusive, these are the two directions that local plans are taking;
- the concept of community is close to the concept of regions in order to build a dialogue with citizens, patients, and industries;
- EUREGHA is aware of the need for social inclusion;
- Covid19 was a global war fought with local weapons and fighters.

Miriam Gargesi - Senior Director, Government Affairs EMEA, Illumina

- stresses the lack of clear regulation on the use of data in clinical trials.
- reports the growing need for technological innovation at the medical level

Gábor Pogány – Coordinator, Hungarian Patient Forum; member, Hungarian Alliance of Patients' Organisations (HAPO); President, Hungarian Federation of People with Rare and Congenital Diseases Network (HUFERDIS - RIROSZ); member, Advisory Board of Orphanet

- focuses on how digitalization and interoperability can be linked at the European level in the future.
- In the field of rare diseases, data sharing is crucial and has always been a complicated issue.

Roundtable Discussion:

Ilaria Passarani: it's necessary to strengthen the presence of pharmacies, especially where they are lacking, we are moving towards the road of selling drugs that at the moment are only administered in hospitals and

towards the optimization of the dispensing of medicine; all this is the demonstration of the added value of the involvement of all the stakeholders.

Brian's question about space for improvement in NRRPs

Giovanni Gorgoni: there are many opportunities, what is being built is the skeleton of an eco system that can guarantee well-being.

We are surrounded by patterns and digital platforms such as Amazon, META, we must also build at the public health level but to do so we need new skills for healthcare professionals.

Laura Cande: the need for adaptability and flexibility is shared by all as well as the fact that patients must be at the center.

Marc Lange: in Estonia, the government recently launched a public consultation and hundreds of people responded by providing numerous examples, the problem at this point is how to manage all the information you receive from the social society.

Giovanni Gorgoni: says he is a bit skeptical seeing the confusion that has been created by the general data protection, stating that if the citizens give their consent, the data breach can be avoided. It is also very important to harmonize the rules relating to the secondary use of data in the health sector.

Ilaria Passarani: she is not skeptical but it is important that the data are used for the health of the citizens and not for commercial purposes.

Francesca Colombo: harmonization at the European level of the use of data is important without forgetting the issue of cyber security.

15:55 – 16:00 Final remarks

- [Mariano Votta](#) - Responsible for EU Affairs, Cittadinanzattiva-Active Citizenship Network

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