

"What have we learned from the pandemic: The Quality Charter of the Vaccination Services"

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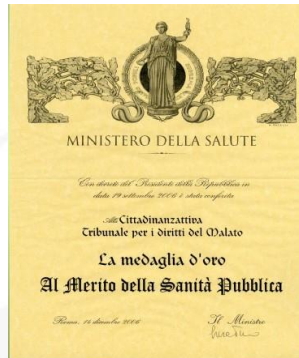
Cittadinanzattiva/Active Citizenship Network: a short introduction

Cittadinanzattiva

Italian NGO founded in Italy in 1978.

More than 30.000 members, 250 local assemblies and 84 Citizen Advisory Centres.

Mission: promote active participation of citizens and protection of their rights.



Active Citizenship Network

The European branch of Cittadinanzattiva, established in 2001.

One of the most widespread & informal network, able to involve in its initiatives 206 civic, patient & user organizations coming from 34 Countries, plus 22 European/Global networks/umbrella organizations.

Promote the point of view of European citizens in all public policies areas, focusing on healthcare, consumers and corporate social responsibility issues.

Vaccination: our commitment at the national & at the EU level

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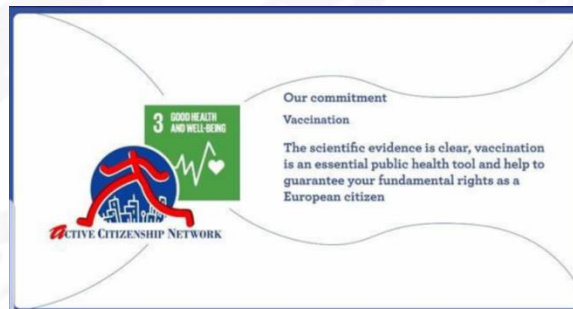
to bring
the citizens'
perspectives

to shift to a common
knowledge linked to a
life-course vaccination
culture

to increase the
constituency of actors involved in the
struggle against the climate of vaccine
hesitancy

to improve the
awareness on the
importance of
vaccination across
Europe

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Monitoring activity

Charter of rights



CHARTER OF RIGHTS



Civic evaluation

“Civic evaluation” may be defined as *“the capacity for organized citizens to produce and use information to promote their own policies and participate in public policymaking”*.

Different **tools** for detection of data, depending on the goal and on the scope of the survey:

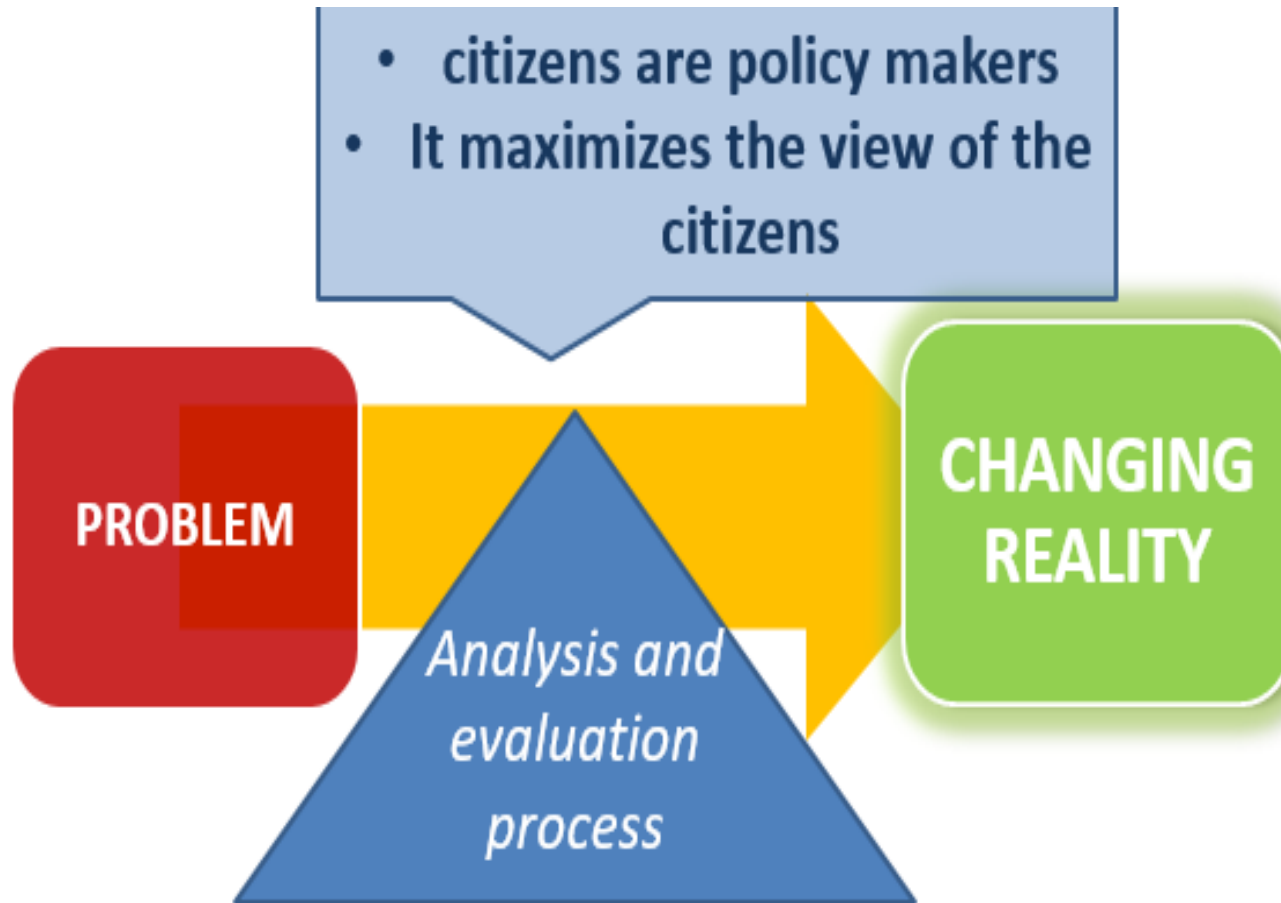


- Questionnaires to directors of hospitals or health companies
- Direct observation
- Questionnaires to patient associations
- Direct surveys about patients’ pathways and experiences

The active role of citizens in the evaluation process: methods, impact and prospects of Civic Evaluation in Italy

Civic evaluation

The goal: **evaluate** “quality” from the specific point of view of citizens/patients.



It can be defined as:

- an action-research
- performed by citizens
- for assessing from their own p.o.v.
- through the use of established and verifiable methods
- to issue reasoned judgements on realities
- that are significant for the protection of rights and QoL.

A Charter of Rights

A document containing a set of rights which express ways to protect the more general right to health - unknown or violated.

What makes a Charter of rights different?

- based on **civic participation** and advocacy
- **not legal or technical**, but it comes from citizens' reports and complaints about violations or inefficiencies of the national/international systems
- a **grass root initiative**
- **enables the concrete applications of rights** with specific actions and interventions.



CHARTER
OF RIGHTS

Active citizens in Europe advocate for vaccination: an example

Carta della Qualità dei Servizi Vaccinali

Una carta della qualità dei modelli organizzativi in Italia per supportare, in ottica civica, istituzioni e operatori nella definizione di standard e percorsi condivisi, richiamando l'attenzione sull'importanza delle vaccinazioni ordinarie.

3 marzo ore 10.30

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I step: Monitoring

- Regional Health Departments **8**
- Vaccination centers **147** of 13 regions
- Family doctors **212** of 7 regions
- Primary care pediatricians **270** of all regions



Multistakeholder expert working table

- D.G. Prevenzione Min. della Salute
- SITI
- Università Cattolica
- Associazioni AIL, BPCO, UNIAMO-FIMR
- FIMMG, SIMG
- FIMP, SIP
- Assofarm, Federfarma, FOFI, SIFO
- CARD Italia

Different **targets** (children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly)

All non-Covid vaccinations: Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis, Poliomyelitis, Hepatitis B, Haemophilus influenzae type B, Measles-mumps-rubella, Chickenpox, Meningococcal B, Meningococcal ACWY, Rotavirus, Papillomavirus, Pneumococcus, Herpes Zoster, Influenza.

The primary objective: a 360-degree view on the vaccination services observed from operators' point of view.

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Monitoring's results: data (I)

- Indirectly, in the early phases of the pandemic, with many vaccination centres closed and the routine vaccination plans suspended, a totally wrong message was sent that routine vaccination was not essential.
- According to our survey carried out in Italy with 2990 chronic patients interviewed, and presented last 14 Dec. 2021:
 - 29,7% of them have denounced difficulty to access adult routine vaccinations during the first wave of the pandemic, and 19% of them also at the end of 2021.
 - 33,9% of them have denounced difficulty to access vaccinations for minors during the first wave of the pandemic, and 16,5% of them also at the end of 2021.
- Data justified by the fact that in Italy between March 2020 and the end of 2021, over 40% of vaccination centers suffered a reduction in staff and opening hours; one in ten had even been closed.
- At the end of 2021 all the centers were reopened, in 80% of cases the timetables were restored, while the staffing level returned to the level before the pandemic in only 47% of the Centers.

Vaccination Centres & the need to overcome the situation lived during the pandemic

Monitoring's results: data (II)

- In the definition of primary target groups for covid-19 vaccination, not all the same chronic diseases were included across Europe for the covid-19 vaccination;
- Talking about routine vaccination, in Italy, for instance, from an organizational point of view, regional agreements with the categories of GPs & pediatricians on the possibility of carrying out vaccinations in their clinic/setting are often lacking.
- Where the regional agreement exists, not all the planned vaccinations are administered by them.
- In terms of vaccinations recommended for the same target (eg Meningococcal and HPV in the adolescent population, or Pneumococcus and Zoster in the adult / elderly population) free of charge is guaranteed when carried out in the recommended age range, while if you go beyond that range, in some cases you have to pay, in others no.
- In some local health authorities or health districts it takes up to three months between the booking and the actual administration of mandatory non-covid vaccinations (such as diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, polio) and recommended vaccinations (such as flu, HPV, ACWY meningitis, herpes zoster, pneumococcal).
- In the monitoring of the routine vaccination coverage, only for the flu vaccination data are collected regularly.
- Vaccination is also guaranteed in the afternoon in 79.5% of vaccination centres, by 84% of GPs & 75% of paediatricians interviewed. BUT on Saturdays, vaccination is guaranteed in only 2% of vaccination centres, by almost 39% of GPs & by 25% of paediatricians.

To sum up, there is an urgent need to achieve greater uniformity in vaccinations, as the differences highlighted create inequity and risk to reduce trust in health institutions.

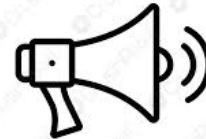
Reduce health inequalities in the area of vaccination

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Monitoring's results: key messages

- Lack of coordinated direction between the various organizational levels
- **Vaccination Centers:** free of charge? opening hours? booking systems?
- Scarce and incomplete information to the citizen
- Huge discrepancies in the registration and transmission of vaccination data
- Informed consent procedure & certificate of vaccination
- Achieving vaccination coverage/Motivating people



Need for more **training**

Vaccine supply

COVID IMPACT



II step: The Charter

Carta della Qualità dei Servizi Vaccinali

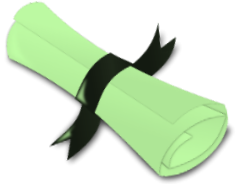


1. Guarantee uniform access throughout the territory
2. Information, communication and transparency
3. Training and updating
4. Digitalisation and simplification
5. Strategies for achieving vaccination prevention targets and coverage
6. Continuous improvement and quality assessment

[For the download, click here \(IT\)](#)



A concrete tool of action



That should be:

- Publicly proclaimed at the level of different citizen organizations and institutions with the purpose of recognizing and improving the local context.
- Subscribed and officially adopted.
- Promoted among institutions, public and private actors of the health system, professionals in the sector and their associations, citizens and their associations.

Empowerment tool: *knowing the rights!*

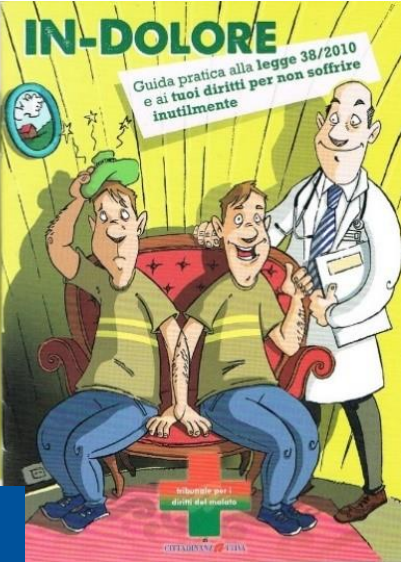
Evaluation/participation instrument

Legal instrument



From the Charter to the Charters...

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**ITALIAN
URBAN
DIABETES
CHARTER**

**Carta dei diritti
del paziente cefalalgico**
Preparata sulla base dei suggerimenti della Task Force dell'IHS e della piattaforma per la Carta Europea dei Diritti del Malato, presentata a Bruxelles nel novembre 2002 da Cittadinanzattiva - Active Citizenship Network.



Other examples on collecting data & producing evidences trough civic consultations

<p>GRUPO DE TRABAJO: LA VACUNACIÓN A LO LARGO DE TODA LA VIDA</p>	<p>Fókusz Csoport: Védőoltások az egész életre szóló immunitás megközelítésben</p>	<p>Grupa Fokusowa na temat strategii szczepień w okresie całego życia</p>
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Spain

Hungary

Poland

Actors involved:

- Civic organizations
- Advocacy patients groups
- Experts
- Private and public actors
- Health care professionals

Vaccinazione pneumococcica nell'adulto: proposte per un accesso equo e consapevole

**27 maggio 2022
11.00-13.00**

Montecitorio Meeting Centre
Via della Colonna Antonina 52 - Roma



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Pneumococcal vaccination survey

Focus group virtuale - Italia

La società civile promuove la vaccinazione lungo tutto l'arco della vita

[25 Ottobre 2023, 15:00 -17:00]



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Spain

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Groupe de discussion virtuel - France

La société civile encourage la vaccination tout au long de la vie.

[27 septembre 15-16h30 CET]



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Publications on Vaccination (I)

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COMMUNITY HEALTH CASE REPORT

Addressing the Life-Course Approach in Vaccination Policy across Europe: The Case History of Spain

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WHY WE MUST ADDRESS VACCINE-PREVENTABLE LUNG INFECTIONS THIS WINTER

Mariano Votta
August 25th, 2022

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'Italy's experience with pneumococcal vaccination points the way forward in fighting respiratory illnesses'

In the current transition to a new phase of the pandemic, it is crucial to act fast and together, and to use the summer window to prepare for possible future pandemic surges next autumn/winter and beyond.

We no longer have only the flu to consider. In fact, we have a trio of vaccine-preventable respiratory diseases (VPRDs), and we need to ensure that pneumococcal pneumonia, Covid-19 and influenza are all on the radar of health institutions.

These diseases place a burden on health systems: every year, VPRDs result in significant illnesses and high levels of hospitalisations in vulnerable populations, putting additional pressure on already strained healthcare systems^[1,2,3].

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Research Article

Influenza vaccination at the time of Covid-19: From the Italian case history to the "EU Flu Day"

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ABSTRACT

Seasonal influenza poses a significant but often under-recognized challenge to national health systems across Europe. Despite influenza vaccines being available for decades, influenza still has one of the highest and recurring impacts on incidence and mortality among vaccine-preventable diseases. It is estimated to cause up to 70,000 deaths in the EU each year, particularly among older adults and other at-risk groups [1].

The Covid-19 pandemic during influenza seasons highly threatened healthcare systems, also due to clogged hospitals, shortage of doses, and lack of transparency. In this regard, what about the situation across Europe? How did the Italian Regions equip themselves? To make a point of the situation of how the Italian Regions equipped themselves, a civic survey on the supply of flu vaccine doses across the country, which collected information from ten Italian Regions, was promoted by Cittadinanzattiva. The results emerged from the survey show more than ever the importance of involving EU and national policymakers to address the challenges European and national health authorities face in view of the Covid-19 pandemic's spill-over effect on routine vaccination. This is the primary goal of the EU Flu Day 2021, celebrated on the 14th of October 2021 with the event titled "One voice to protect populations from flu in the age of COVID-19", with the ambition of being able to establish itself on the European agenda as a fixed appointment.

SPECIAL FOCUS: VACCINES

The involvement of civil society actors in discussions around vaccination is crucial. Cittadinanzattiva's Mariano Votta and Daniela Quaggia outline their work in this area

Vaccination: the pathway for concrete citizens' engagement


Vaccine hesitancy – the reluctance or refusal to vaccinate despite the availability of vaccines – threatens to reverse the progress that has been made in tackling vaccine-preventable diseases. For this reason, vaccine hesitancy has been identified by the World Health Organization (WHO) as being among the 10 issues that will demand worldwide attention in the coming years. Mainly to address these and other threats, 2019 saw the start of the

vaccine culture and, indeed, to ensure rigour and transparency, which will result in the confidence in science that seems to have been lost.

Cittadinanzattiva – Active Citizenship Network (ACN)² is deeply committed to raising awareness around the importance of vaccination in Italy and across Europe³: immunisation is vital to preventing diseases and protecting life.

ACN's commitment has been appreciated by the



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Editorial

Addressing the Burden of the Vaccine-Preventable Respiratory Diseases: From the Pneumococcal Vaccination Case Study in Italy to the EU Council Conclusion on (adult) Vaccination

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INTRODUCTION

In the current transition to a new phase of the pandemic, it is crucial to act fast and together, and to use the summer window to prepare for possible future pandemic surges next autumn/winter and beyond. In particular, one aspect worth raising is that we no longer have only flu to consider, we have a trio of Vaccine-Preventable Respiratory Diseases (VPRDs), and we need to ensure that pneumococcal pneumonia, Covid-19 and flu are all in the radar of Health Institutions given the burden that each can place on the health systems: every year, VPRDs result in significant illnesses and high levels of hospitalizations in vulnerable populations, putting additional pressure on already strained healthcare systems [1-3].

For example, Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP) is a leading cause of hospitalization in adults, with the average estimated hospital stay due to the condition at over 12 days, according to a pre-pandemic study across 10 European markets [4]. Alongside the immediate impact on hospital bed capacity, VPRDs can cause ongoing complications: an episode of CAP has been reported by patients to worsen existing health conditions such as COPD, asthma, and high blood pressure [5], and may put patients at risk of serious cardiac events [6]. And long-term sequelae of VPRDs, including pneumonia and flu, have also become increasingly scrutinized as a result of 'long-COVID' symptoms following COVID-19 infection. Extra-pulmonary complications, including cardio- and cerebrovascular events, represent a potential long-term burden of disease following flu infection [7].

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Publications on Vaccination (II)

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Addressing the Life-Course Approach in Vaccination Policy across Europe: The Case History of Poland

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Hungary: Addressing the Life-Course Immunization Approach in the National Vaccination Policy

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Active Citizenship Network's Mariano Votta and Maira Cardillo detail the impact of Covid-19 on immunisation efforts across Italy

“For vaccination? Come back...I can't tell you when”

The situation is fraught: even within the same regional territory, very different protocols are in place regarding infection prevention policies, both in facilitating access to vaccines and in conducting screenings. This is the picture emerging from a civic survey¹ conducted in Italy by the civic participation NGO Cittadinanzattiva to mark the annual European Immunisation Week, which ran from 20 April to 26 April 2020.

The possibility of booster doses expected beyond that age group – although Sardegna also permits vaccinations for certain vulnerable populations. Emilia Romagna also presents a very uneven situation: while in Ferrara patients can receive any vaccination, Bologna has only suspended those for travel-related needs; Imola will only allow paediatric vaccinations; Parma has suspended all HPV vaccinations aside from those which were already scheduled in the Marche and Trentino, the

conditions, it is not acceptable to respond to the immediate needs of citizens in the face of Covid-19 simply by closing services. Alternative organisational solutions are therefore needed to guarantee continuity in the service; and in doing so to resume vaccination campaigns, which are extremely important even at this stage.

A fundamental component of healthcare

ARE WE DOING ENOUGH FOR ADULT IMMUNISATION?



Mariano Votta and Daniela Quaggia from the Active Citizenship Network outline the importance of strengthening adult immunisations across Europe

The pandemic has made it clearer than ever that immunisation must be considered a key pillar of any modern and resilient EU healthcare system. Vaccinations are effective and important at any age: they protect individuals, families, communities, and health systems. Diseases such as meningitis, diphtheria, herpes zoster, pneumococcal disease, influenza, pertussis, and other vaccine-preventable diseases can have serious and potentially long-term consequences at various stages of life.

In the EU, routine lifelong immunisation could protect the population against 20 life-threatening infectious diseases, yet there is a significant discrepancy in the vaccinations offered to European citizens, ranging from eight to 17 publicly funded vaccines depending on the country.¹

The impact of COVID-19 on vaccination rates

The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns have led to a decline in routine immunisations in all age groups; data on vaccination coverage in adults and at-risk groups are often not collected systematically or in a timely manner, unlike for paediatric and adolescent

vaccinations, as well as COVID and, to some extent, influenza vaccinations.

Vaccinations are not just for children and teenagers, but also adults. With the ageing of the population in the European Union, where the proportion of the population aged 50 and over is expected to reach 50% by 2025, it is increasingly necessary to prioritise adult vaccination at the same level as paediatric vaccination. Older adults are at greater risk of vaccine-preventable diseases due to age-related immune system decline and existing chronic conditions. Harmonisation and planned monitoring of vaccination coverage in adults should be widespread and considered a necessity in Europe, potentially building from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control's COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker.

EU health ministers met late last year, under the Czech Presidency of the European Council, to discuss European Institutions' commitment to vaccination. The expert meeting on vaccination was an excellent opportunity to ensure that vaccines are seen as a lifelong saving rather than a cost. There is a clear need to consider life-course vaccination in these policy discussions.



Publications on Vaccination (III)

Opinion



Active citizens in Europe advocate for vaccination

Opinion

Last January, 28th 2020, the second term (2019-2024) of the MEPs Interest Group on “European Patients’ Rights & Cross-Border Healthcare” was launched at the EU Parliament. Promoted by Cittadinanzattiva-Active Citizenship Network, with the endorsement of almost 100 associations across Europe, the Interest Group renews its commitment to be an opportunity for the development of the policy making process on healthcare at the EU level: civic participation in healthcare policies should be considered not only as a praiseworthy civic act, but also as a strategic source to safeguard the public healthcare system. A principle theorized forty years ago by the World Health Organization in the Declaration of Alma-Ata,¹ and then repeatedly affirmed internationally over the years.²

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Life course immunization approach across Europe: Focus on Hungary, Poland and Spain

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Abstract: In April 2019, the Italian NGO Cittadinanzattiva, through its international branch Active Citizenship Network (ACN) launched, during the European immunization week, a new project called “European Active Citizens for Vaccination”. The aim was to improve the awareness on the importance of vaccination across Europe: the scientific evidence is clear, vaccination is an essential public health tool and helps to guarantee our fundamental rights as a European citizen. ACN realized a social media communication campaign supporting and spreading awareness on the topic of life-course vaccination: videos were made in all the national languages of the involved countries (Italy, Hungary, Poland, Ireland and Spain) and then produced, shared and customized for each country. Moreover, an informative leaflet in different languages has been produced. Civic consultations on the National Immunization Plan in the countries involved were held in: Hungary, Poland and Spain. The focus group meetings took place in Budapest, Warsaw and Madrid between November and December 2019. This article describes the main results of the three focus group on the topic of vaccination and its related policies. It also includes some advises, opinions, recommendations on how to remove those barriers to a life-long immunization approach in the national vaccination plans. These recommendations are offered to the policy makers and to the stakeholders as a contribution from the civil society engaged in the safeguard of health as a common good.

Keywords: life-course vaccination, immunization, vaccination policy, civic activism, Poland, Hungary, Spain

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No entanto, em Portugal, segundo sondagem publicada, hoje mesmo, haverá 61% de pessoas que querem vaci-



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lhorar a sensibilização para a importância da vacinação entre os cidadãos da UE.

Segundo o mesmo estudo: “A vacinação é um direito e um extraordinário instrumento de saúde pública, que deve ser conhecido, valorizado, difundido e utilizado no interesse das pessoas e da comunidade. Porém, é preciso trabalhar e contribuir para uma cultura adequada sobre vacinas e garantir rigor e transparência para recuperar a confiança na ciência”.

Os nossos cientistas têm-se redobrado em informação sobre a necessidade, a segurança, a eficácia da vacina contra

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Este contributo da Cittadinanzattiva-Rede de Cidadania Ativa, ACN para o reforço da mensagem ligada à Semana Europeia de Imunização anual, tem em consideração as relações entre as redes sociais e as notícias falsas e divulgou uma mensagem que “... juntos, podemos nos proteger: sermos os campeões do nosso futuro!”. Pelo menos há quatro etapas necessárias para enfatizar o papel decisivo da

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