



Working Group on Health

Lunch Debate, Tuesday, 28 January 2025 from 13:00 until 14:30 hrs
European Parliament, Altiero-Spinelli-Building - Salon, Members Restaurant

“Preventive Health as strategic investment for Europe”

A new economic governance framework was implemented on April 30, 2024, following a comprehensive reform of the EU's economic governance rules. The primary objective of this framework is to improve the sustainability of Member States' debt while promoting sustainable and inclusive growth across all Member States through strategic reforms and targeted investments. Priority public reforms and investments should align with the EU's common goals of advancing green and digital transitions, strengthening economic and social resilience, and enhancing energy security and defense capabilities. Member States that carry out these reforms and investments may benefit from an extended fiscal adjustment period of up to seven years. Investing in prevention, which offers a high return on investment, has the potential to be prioritized in EU Member States' national medium-term fiscal-structural plans as a priority investment aimed at achieving the common goal of enhancing economic and social resilience.

Welcome and Introduction:

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Speakers:

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