

Patient Access Partnership

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Patient Access Partnership (PACT)



The Patient Access Partnership is a **patient-led multi-stakeholder network** bringing together patients, the medical and public health community, industry and the European and member states policy makers and institutions, in order to develop and move forward on innovative solutions **to reduce inequities in access to quality healthcare in the European Union.**



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Key objectives:

- To facilitate the **dialogue** between European and national health stakeholders according to the mission
- To identify key **hurdles in access** to healthcare for patients in a holistic way
- To assess **gaps in access** to quality healthcare within EU member states
- To **collaborate** with relevant EU-led or national initiatives
- To develop innovative and sustainable **solutions**



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Health professionals

(CPME, PGEU, Hospital Pharmacists, EPHA)

Health advocates

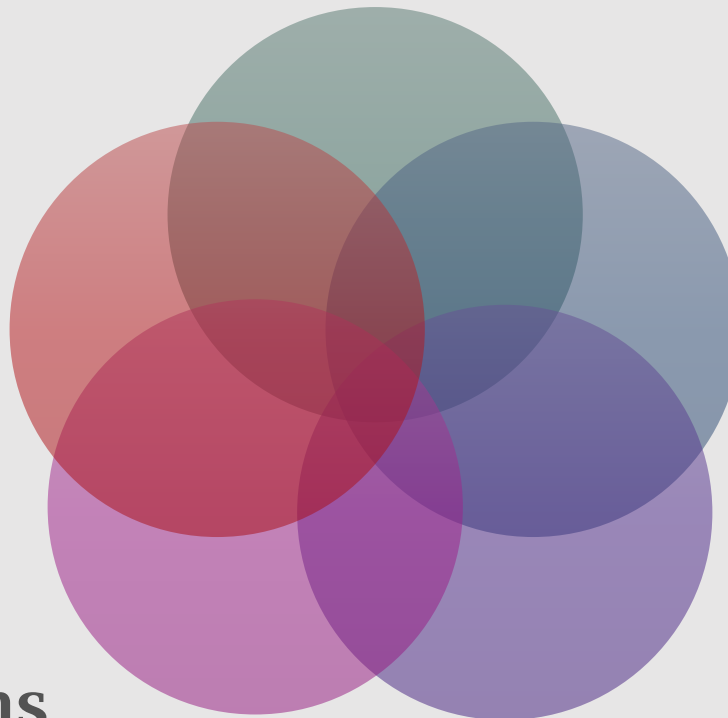
Industry

(COCIR, EFPIA, ME, MedTech Europe, EUCOPE)

Patient organizations

Policy-makers

(MEPs, DG SANTE)



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ACCESS

1. Improving awareness on available mechanisms and innovative approaches for improving access at the national level
 - 1.1. Country round-tables
2. Explore new approaches for improving access across the EU-27
 - 2.1. PACT Expert Group on universal access to healthcare
 - 2.2. Advance the measurement tool (5As of Access)
3. Promoting the work of PACT by applying for a Pilot Project
 - 3.1. Submit a tender proposal for an access measurement tool
4. Supporting the efforts in maintaining access high on the agenda
 - 4.1. Support the work of the MEP Interest Group (events, etc)

Priority 1:

Improving awareness on available mechanisms for improving access



• What?

- ✓ Round-table “Patient-Centred Roundtable on Working Together for Accessible Health”

• When?

- ✓ June 8, Lithuanian Parliament (Vilnius)

• Who?

- ✓ Lithuanian Cancer Patient Coalition (POLA) in cooperation with PACT, EPF, Committee on Health Affairs of Lithuanian Parliament, Lithuanian Patients' Forum

• Endorsements

- ✓ Under the auspices of the Lithuanian Minister of Health, Prof. Dr. Aurelijus Veryga

• Objectives:

- ✓ To increase cooperation between policy-makers and the healthcare community
- ✓ To explore opportunities for effective engagement on healthcare policies
- ✓ To improve access to quality healthcare for patients

- **Agreement** between stakeholders to work together for better healthcare
- Key **priority** areas for action identified:
 - Best-practice exchange
 - Improve cooperation between social, health and economic sectors
 - Increase transparency
 - Improve e-health infrastructure
 - Combat corruption
 - Unleashing potential of Life Sciences sector in LT



Priority 2:

Explore new approaches for improving access across the EU-27



Objective

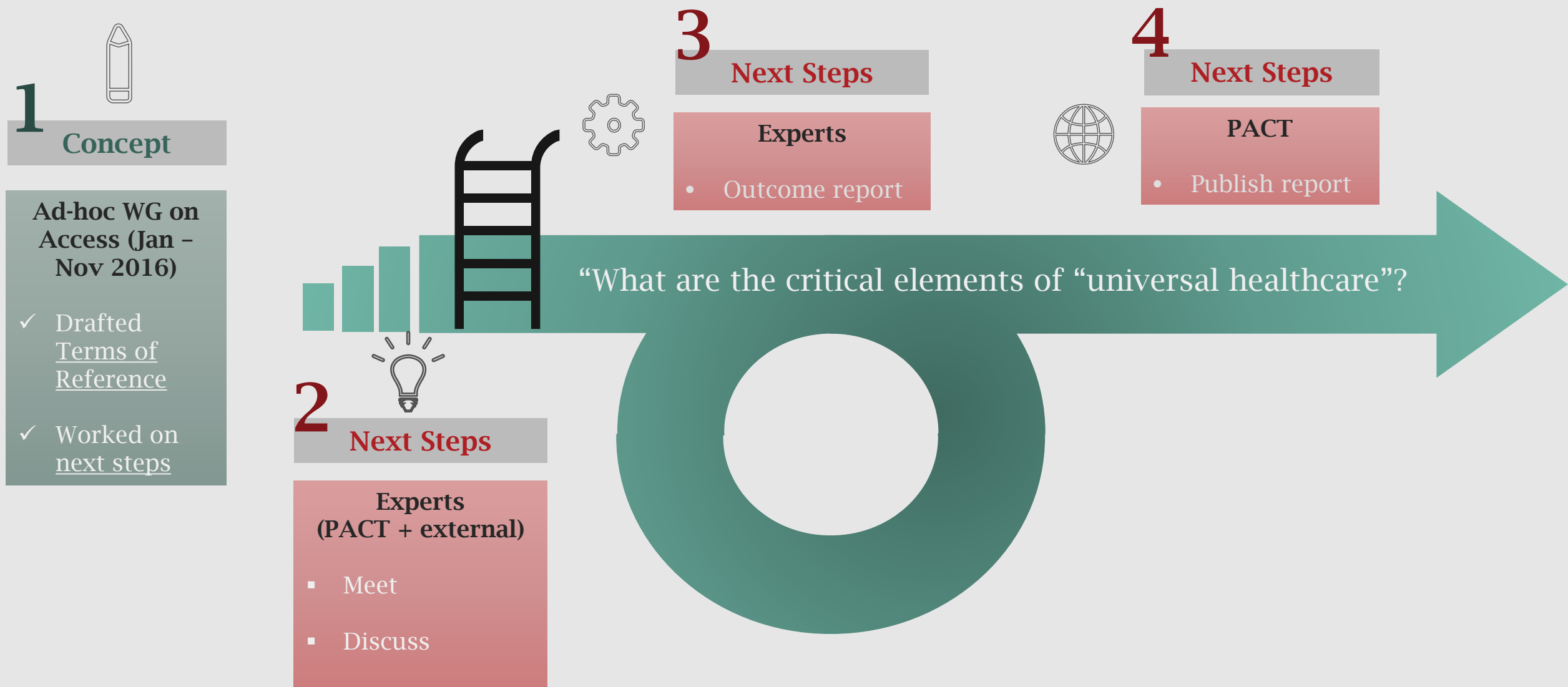
- To validate the PACT 5As **concept**: to improve existing access indicators or develop a new set of indicators

Milestones

- i) Extensive **literature review** of the existing measures assessing access,
- ii) Development of comprehensive **tool** for measuring healthcare access
- iii) **Pilot-test** of the new tool to each group of stakeholders
- iv) **Validation** study in Greece, Bulgaria and Cyprus
- v) **Comparison of the current situation in healthcare access** between the three European countries.

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Explore new approaches for improving access across the EU-27



Priority 3:

Promoting the work of PACT by applying for a Pilot Project

Pilot Project “Towards a fairer and more effective **measurement of access** to healthcare across the EU in order to enhance cooperation and know-how transfer”

PACT's application

Objectives

- Addresses the need for **comparable and timely data on access** in EU through
 - improvement of existing indicators
 - piloting of a new set of measurements
- Affirms the importance of a **credible and comparable tool for measuring access**

Priority 4:

Supporting the efforts in maintaining access high on the agenda



Interest Group on Access to Healthcare

**[Better Access, Better Outcomes -
Shared Vision, Shared Responsibility]**

29 June 2016 16:30 - 18:30 room ASP 3E2 European Parliament

Opening remarks

Co-Chairs of the MEP Interest Group on Patient Access to Healthcare

EU action on improving access to medicines - state of play and way forward. What the EU can do

Andrzej Rys,

Director for Health Systems, Medical Products and Innovation,
DG SANTE, European Commission

Christian Siebert,

Head of Unit, Biotechnology and Food Supply Chain, DG GROW,
European Commission

Insights into Presidency-related activities

Marcel van Raaij,

Director, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports, The Netherlands

EU options for improving access to medicines

Soledad Cabezon Ruiz,

Rapporteur in the ENVI Committee

Stakeholder debate

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Jun 29
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The revamped Health at a Glance: Europe report is the first deliverable of the two-year "State of Health in the EU" cycle. The new publication is more closely aligned with the European Commission Communication adopted in 2014, which defined 'increasing accessibility to health care' as one of the three pillars for an EU agenda for health systems.

The main findings of the "Health at a Glance: Europe 2016" report will be presented by **Gaetan LAFORTUNE** (Senior Economist in the OECD Health Division). Deputy Director-General of DG SANTE **Martin SEYCHELL** will elaborate on the objectives of the "State of Health in the EU" cycle, its subsequent deliverables, as well as the broader effort of the European Commission to strengthen country knowledge and boost analytical capacity.

The presentations will be followed by a debate with decision-makers and stakeholders on the contribution of the exercise to identifying policy measures to address barriers to access.

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European health systems are struggling to respond to the pressing challenges of ageing populations, cuts in health budgets and rising levels of health inequalities.

At the same time, the EU is facing a critical moment and looking to define its future direction and regain citizens' trust.

While there is an impetus to rethink EU health policy, there is little consensus over the shape or direction it should take.

Against this background, the Interest Group on Patient Access to Healthcare is bringing together a panel of distinguished speakers, decision-makers and a wide variety of stakeholders to discuss from various perspectives the European added value in the area of health and possible future avenues for cooperation in view of the recent dynamics and future challenges.

What should be the future role of the EU in healthcare? Can the EU meet the expectations of its citizens regarding its engagement in the area of health? What actions are required to ensure that citizens across the EU enjoy equality of opportunity to access quality health care and services in their country?

Speakers:

Robert Madelin	Fipra International
Andrzej Rys	DG SANTE
Justina Januševičienė	Ministry of Health of Lithuania
Sandra Garcia-Armesto	Institute of Health Sciences in Aragon
Yann le Cam	EURORDIS
Stanimir Hasardzhiev	PACT

Nov 28
2016

Jun 27
2017

PACT provides:

- A unique multi-stakeholder platform with all concerned stakeholders on various issues
- An opportunity to engage with high-level actions (*MEP Interest Group*)
- A platform for local-level activities (e.g. *PACT Regional Conference*)
- Valuable input in line with EPF's efforts to expand access (e.g. *EPF WG on Access*)
- An opportunity for collaboration on specific projects (e.g. *EPF Access Campaign*)
- Support for patient advocacy activities (e.g. *5As' modeling for disease-specific areas*)

EPF Access Campaign

“ A STRONG PATIENTS’ VOICE TO
DRIVE BETTER HEALTH IN EUROPE ”

UN SDGs - The road to universal access in the EU by 2030

- **Goal 3:** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- **Key target:** achieve **universal health coverage by 2030**, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all



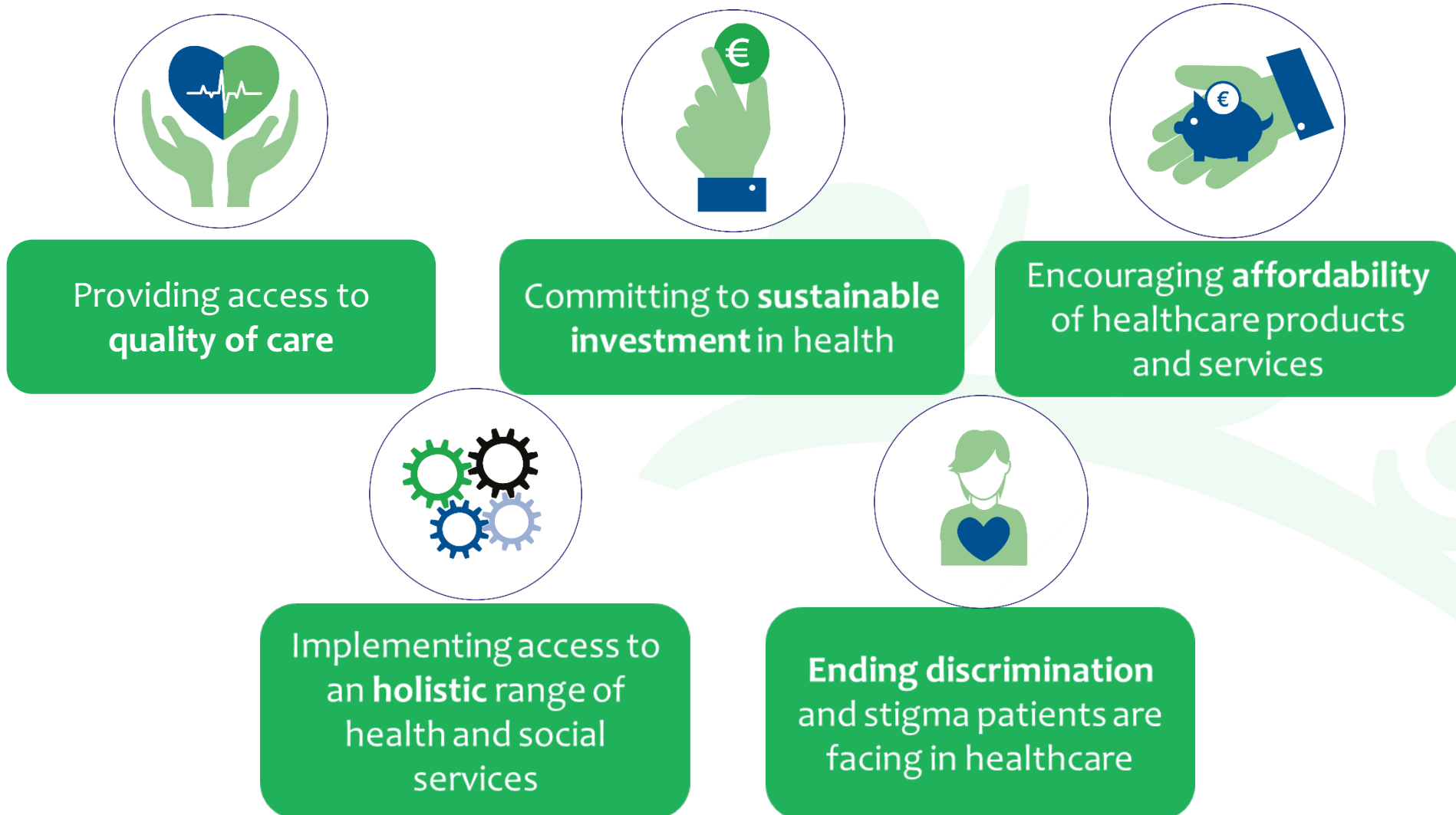
However we still have some way to go... whether it is: the population covered, the type of services, or the proportion of costs that patients' pay. Many unmet needs and unequal experiences still exist.





Campaign's strategic objective: The EPF Access campaign will contribute to making **universal access a reality for EU patients by 2030**, through defining and promoting concrete actions, in concert with the health community, to which decision makers need to commit, to ensure we achieve the Health SDG by 2030

5 Areas for Action



- A comprehensive document which will identify and **propose key political steps, actions and recommendations** that EU decision makers and member states need to take in order to achieve or tend to universal health coverage for all patients in the EU.
- The EPF working group on access will have a leading role in the reflection process and drafting of the roadmap.

THANK YOU!