Stakeholder Consultation Committee

Policy Objective 4: A more Social Europe – Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

Health

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Demographics

Current Situation:

- Increasing life expectancy (higher than the EU-28 reaching 82.4 years in 2017 compared to 80.9 years for the EU-28);
- An ageing population (increasing dependency ratio from 26.1 to 28 in 2018 with EU-28 ration at 30.5);
- Large net migration inflows (10% population growth between 2014-2018);
- Highest within the EU projected increase in public health expenditure to GDP ratio by 2070 (ratio to GDP will increase by 2.7 pp compared to 0.9 for EU 28 by 2070).

Investment Needs:

- A continuous commitment and pledge to provide the best possible level of health service through the optimal use of all available resources.

The Health System

Current Situation:

- Demand and supply constraints experienced at various levels, primarily at the outpatients department;
- Health inequality concerns coupled with high out of pocket expenditure;
- Patient flow in the care pathway needs to improve.

Investment Needs:

- Investment in the primary health care for improved service delivery;
- Improved and holistic health coordination;
- Improved infrastructure and equipment to ensure sufficient capacity and provide quality services;
- Population screening (including genetics) to determine trends and needs.

Main Determinants of Health

Current Situation:

- Behavioural risk factors: obesity (concerns 1 in 4 adults), smoking (reducing rates) and alcohol consumption (linked to 1 in every 7 deaths in males, and 1 in every 13 in females);
- Main causes of death in-line with population developments.

Investment Needs:

- Investment in prevention to address causes of main health detriments and death;
- Continuous investment in oncology-related services and equipment, including preventive measures;
- Continuous investment in medical equipment (incl. robotics) for better service delivery
- Investment to provide better quality and targeted health service provision, such as child and mental health services.

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