



The new mandate of the MEP Interest Group on Equitable Access to Healthcare

**The State of Health in the EU – persistent gaps in access – where do we go from here?**

04 March 2020, 14:30 – 16:30, room JAN 6Q1, European Parliament

<b>Agenda</b>
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**14:30 – 15:00**    **Setting the scene, reestablishing the Interest Group on Equitable Access, collaboration and ambition**

*Speakers:*

- *Co-Chairs of the MEP Interest Group on Equitable Access - outlining the new mandate and scope of the Interest Group*
- *PACT Chairperson Susanna Palkonen - how we move the Patient Access Partnership to the next level – our focus during the next 5 years*

**15:00 – 15:30**    **Presentation: The new ‘State of Health in the EU’ reports**

*Presenters:*

- *Mr. Sylvain Giraud, Head of Unit - Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety*
- *Mr. Jon Cylus - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies*

**15:30 – 15:45**    **High level keynote speaker: Mr. Martin Seychell, Deputy Director-General (DG SANTE, European Commission) - the ambition of the new Commission in the health arena**

**15:45 – 16:20**    **Stakeholder debate: Gaps in healthcare accessibility are still very much a reality – what role for the interest group, what role for PACT partners?**

- *Moderator: Ms. Katie Gallagher, Senior Policy Adviser - European Patients' Forum (EPF)*
- *Panelists:*
  - *Mr. Jon Cylus - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies*

- *Mr. Freek Spinnewijn, Director - European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)*
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**16:20 – 16:30**    **Closing remarks**