Dear Member of the European Parliament and/or candidate for the European elections,

We are addressing you on behalf of the **European Network against the Privatisation and Commercialisation of Health and Social Protection.**

On Tuesday 2 April, the European Network organized a **European action day "Our health is not for sale".** During the day, hundreds of European citizens took part in a demonstration in Brussels, followed by a conference in the European Parliament. The highlight of the day was the signing session of our **Pledge** by MEPs and/or candidates in the European elections.

More broadly, throughout this first week of April, actions were organized throughout Europe to challenge politicians and show our opposition to the commodification of health (#health4all).

By signing this Pledge, **more than 35 MEPs and candidates** have already committed themselves to oppose the dismantling of universal health and social protection systems by defending a health system and a social protection that ensures accessible, reliable, quality and non-commercial services for the entire population, with sufficient and solidarity based funding, towards a truly social Europe.

**In this period of the election campaign, we are trying to get as much political support as possible and are asking you in concrete terms:**

- to commit yourself, by **signing this Pledge**, to the right to health for all;
- to submit it to the parliamentarians and candidates in your group and inform us if he/she wishes to support the Pledge.

It would be an honour for all of us to add your name to the list of signatories.

We thank you in advance for your answer and hope that together we can build a more social and united Europe.

* The European Network brings together trade unions, health centres, associations, groups of doctors and health workers, NGOs and patient organisations from various European countries.

Information can be found on [http://europe-health-network.net](http://europe-health-network.net) – Contact sarah.melsens@gezondheid-solidariteit.be for questions regarding the signature of the Pledge – P. +32 499424448
WITH THIS DECLARATION WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO DEFEND AND GENERALIZE

A HEALTH SYSTEM AND A SOCIAL PROTECTION THAT ENSURES ACCESSIBLE, RELIABLE, QUALITY AND NON-COMMERCIAL SERVICES FOR THE ENTIRE POPULATION

WITH SUFFICIENT AND SOLIDARITY BASED FUNDING TOWARDS A TRULY SOCIAL EUROPE

The principles we stand for

Health is a state of physical, mental, social, cultural and ecological well-being, not just the absence of disease or infirmity.

Health and social protection are universal human rights that must be considered in its broadest and most comprehensive aspects, including the determinants of health.

Therefore, the right to health and social protection requires action not only by the health sector, but also by many other social, environmental and economic sectors.

Political choices, whether European or national, must be made to ensure that the entire population, whatever their geographical area, has access to accessible, reliable, high-quality, non-commercial and democratic local services financed by a system of solidarity.

That is why, in my role as an elected member of the European Parliament, representing European citizens, I undertake to oppose the dismantling of health and universal social protection systems through the following axes:

1. For our health: ensure adequate funding for public and non-commercial health services in the Member States, guaranteeing a system of social protection that is inclusive, public and universal and offers accessible, high-quality services;
2. For our health: protect the population against commercial abuses, because health and social protection are common goods and are not for sale;
3. For our health: guarantee financial, geographical, temporal and cultural accessibility to health for all populations, without restriction of any kind, taking into account local realities;
4. For our health: boost health democracy by involving civil society, workers and beneficiaries in defining the objectives and means of health policies;
5. For our Health: improve health by addressing root causes such as the social, environmental, ecological and gender determinants of health;
6. For our health: orient medicine policy at the service of the population and not of multinational pharmaceutical companies.

Name & signature
Signatories of the **Pledge** (Update of 24.05.2019) of the European Network Against the Privatization and Commercialization of Health and Social Protection

By the signature of this Pledge, MEPs and candidates for the European elections, national political representatives and candidates for local elections commit themselves to defend and generalize a health system and social protection that ensures accessible, reliable, quality and non-commercial services for the entire population; with sufficient and solidarity based funding, towards a truly social Europe.

- Andrieu, Eric (France, PS, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Arena, Maria (Belgium, PS, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Arimont, Pascal (Belgium, Christlich Soziale Partei, MEP - The Christian Democrats (European People's Party))
- Bayet, Hugues (Belgium, PS, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Ben Madhkour, Iman (Belgium, PVDA candidate - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Besancenot, Olivier (France, NPA)
- Botenga, Marc (Belgium, PTB/PVDA, candidate - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Cofferati, Sergio (Italy, Sinistra Italiana, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Cué, Nico (Belgium, European Left (EL), candidate for the presidency of the European Commission - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Danhieux, Toon (Belgium, PVDA, candidate - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Decoene, Aurélie (Belgium, PVDA, candidate - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Dentico, Nicoletta (Italy, Europa Verde, candidate - European Greens/EFA)
- De Schutter, Olivier (Belgium, Ecolo – candidate - European Greens/EFA)
- De Sutter, Petra (Belgium, Groen – candidate – European Greens/EFA)
- Dewandre, Nicole (Belgium, Ecolo – candidate – European Greens/EFA)
- Dimech, Francis Zammit (Malta, Partit Nazzjonlista, MEP - The Christian Democrats (European People's Party))
- Du Monceau, Cedric (Belgium, CDH, candidate – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Faria, José Inacio (Portugal, Partido da Terra, MEP - The Christian Democrats (European People's Party))
- Fiat, Caroline (France, France Insoumise, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Forenza, Eleonora (Italy, Lista Tsipras L'Altra Europa, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Giegold, Sven (Germany, Die Grünen, MEP – European Greens/EFA)
- Hoekstra, Arnout (The Netherlands, SP, candidate – European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Huytebroeck, Evelyne (Belgium, Ecolo, candidate – European Greens/EFA)
- Jallamion, Michel (France, PCF, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Jongerius, Agnes (The Netherlands, PVDA, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Journiac, Marianne (France, PCF, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Koch, Dirk Jan (The Netherlands, GroenLinks, candidate – European Greens/EFA)
- Kosadinos, Emmanuel Manolis (Greece, Laïki Enotita, candidate – European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Kouloglou, Stelios (Greece, Syriza, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Lambert, Arthur (Belgium, Ecolo, candidate – European Greens/EFA)
- Lambert, Jean (United Kingdom, Green party, MEP – European Greens/EFA)
- Lamberts, Philippe (Belgium, Ecolo, MEP – co-président of the European Greens/EFA)
- Le Hyaric, Patrick (France, Front de Gauche, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Lenaers, Jeroen (The Netherlands, CDA, MEP – The Christian Democrats (European People’s Party))
- Magnette, Paul (Belgium, PS, candidate – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Manscour, Louis-Joseph (France, PS, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Maurin, Karine Gloanec (France, PS, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Niyzonzima, Haridi (Belgium, PS – candidate – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Padoan, Daniela (Italy, La Sinistra, candidate – European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Papadimoulis, Dimitrios (Greece, Syriza, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Reintke, Terry (Germany, Die Grünen, MEP – European Greens/EFA)
- Revault D’Allones Bonnefoy, Christine (France, PS, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Rodriguez-Pinero Fernandez, Inmaculada (Spain, Partido Socialista Obrero Español, MEP - European Socialists & Democrats)
- Rolin, Claude (Belgium, CDH, former MEP for the Christian Democrats (European People’s Party))
- Ronse, Janneke (Belgium, PVDA, candidate - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Salhi, Mehdi (Belgium, PTB, candidate - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Staes, Bart (Belgium, Groen, MEP – European Greens/EFA)
- Steendam, Julie (Belgium, PVDA, candidate - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Stocker, Naomi (Belgium, PVDA, candidate - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Sylikiotis, Neoklis (Cyprus, Progressive Party of Working People, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Tang, Paul (The Netherlands, PVDA, MEP - European Socialists & Democrats)
- Tarabella, Marc (Belgium, PS, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Thomas, Isabelle (France, Generation.s, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Tremosa, Ramon (Spain, Partit Demòcrata Europeu i Català, MEP - Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe)
- Vana, Monika (Austria, Die Grünen, MEP – European Greens/EFA)
- Vandenhoecck, Luk (Belgium, PVDA, candidate - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Vanhoooydonck, Herlinde (Belgium, Groen, candidate – European Greens EFA)
- Van Brempt, Kathleen (Belgium, SP.A, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Verbauwhede, Michael (Belgium, PTB, candidate - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Vermeersch, Hendrik (Belgium, PVDA, candidate - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Vieu, Marie-Pierre (France, PC, MEP – European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Zrihen, Olga (Belgium, PS, candidate – European Socialists & Democrats)