

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

We are writing you on behalf of the **European Network against the Privatization and Commercialization of Health and Social Protection**.*

On Tuesday 2 April 2019, the European Network organized the [European Day of Action "Our Health is Not for Sale"](#). 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 of our [Pledge](#) by MEPs and/or candidates in the European Parliament elections.

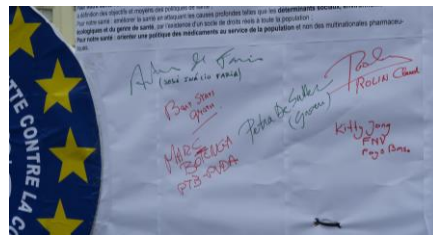
Throughout the first week of April, actions were organized all over Europe to challenge politicians and show our opposition to the commodification of health ([#health4all](#)).

By signing the Pledge, [more than seventy elected and outgoing MEPS, as well as non-elected candidates](#) to the last EP election have already committed themselves *to oppose the dismantling of universal health and social protection systems*.

The new European Parliament has been formed and we are continuing our search for political support. **We therefore ask you in concrete terms:**

- to commit yourself, by **signing this Pledge**, to the right to health for all;
- to submit it to the parliamentarians in your group and inform us if he/she wishes to support the Pledge;
- to draw up a **roadmap by 7 April 2020**, explaining **how you personally and/or with your political group will support** our demands during this European legislature. On April 7, European Day of Action against the Commercialization of Health, mobilization and awareness actions will take place around Europe. You will be invited to join us and present your commitments.

We thank you in advance for your consideration 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, patient organisations and researchers from various European countries.*

Information can be found on <http://europe-health-network.net> – Please contact our office at sarah.melsens@gezondheid-solidariteit.be or +32499 42 44 48 if you need any more information regarding your commitment to the Pledge and the roadmap.

Our Health and social protection are not for sale !





OUR HEALTH IS NOT FOR SALE

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 of the European Network Against the Privatization and Commercialization of Health and Social Protection

By signing the Pledge, (re)elected and outgoing MEPs, non-elected candidates in the last EP elections, and Members of Parliament at national level, undertake to defend and generalize health and social protection systems which ensures accessible, reliable, quality and non-commercial services for the entire population, with sufficient and solidarity-based funding, towards a truly social Europe.

The elected Members of the 9th legislature of the European Parliament:

- 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/EPP)
- Benifei, Brando (Italy, Partito Democratico, MEP - European Socialists & Democrats)
- Botenga, Marc (Belgium, PTB/PVDA, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Bricmont, Saskia (Belgium, Ecolo, MEP - European Greens/EFA)
- Chaibi, Laïla (France, France Insoumise, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- De Sutter, Petra (Belgium, Groen – MEP – European Greens/EFA)
- Giegold, Sven (Germany, Die Grünen, MEP – European Greens/EFA)
- Jongerius, Agnes (The Netherlands, PVDA, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Kouloglou, Stelios (Greece, Syriza, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Lamberts, Philippe (Belgium, Ecolo, MEP – European Greens/EFA)
- Lenaers, Jeroen (The Netherlands, CDA, MEP – The Christian Democrats/EPP)
- Majorino, Pierfrancesco (Italy, Partito Democratico, MEP - European Socialists & Democrats)
- Metz, Tilly (Luxembourg, Dei Gréng, MEP - European Greens/EFA)
- Papadimoulis, Dimitrios (Greece, Syriza, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Pelletier, Anne-Sophie (France, La France Insoumise, MEP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Reintke, Terry (Germany, Die Grünen, MEP – European Greens/EFA)
- Rodriguez-Pinero Fernandez, Inmaculada (Spain, Partido Socialista Obrero Español, MEP - European Socialists & Democrats)
- Tang, Paul (The Netherlands, PVDA, MEP - European Socialists & Democrats)
- Tarabella, Marc (Belgium, PS, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Urtasum, Ernest (Spain, Iniciativa per Catalunya Verds, MEP – European Greens/EFA)
- Vana, Monika (Austria, Die Grünen, MEP – European Greens/EFA)
- Van Brempt, Kathleen (Belgium, SPA, MEP – European Socialists & Democrats)

Outgoing MEPs:

- Bayet, Hugues (Belgium, PS – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Cofferati, Sergio (Italy, Sinistra Italiana – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Dimech, Francis Zammit (Malta, Partit Nazzjonalista - The Christian Democrats/EPP)
- Faria, José Inacio (Portugal, Partido da Terra, The Christian Democrats/EPP)
- Fiat, Caroline (France, France Insoumise - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Forenza, Eleonora (Italy, Lista Tsipras L'Altra Europa - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Jallamion, Michel (France, PCF - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Journiac, Marianne (France, PCF - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Lambert, Jean (UK, Green party – European Greens/EFA)
- Le Hyaric, Patrick (France, Front de Gauche - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Manscour, Louis-Joseph (France, PS – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Maurin, Karine Gloanec (France, PS – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Revault D'Allones Bonnefoy, Christine (France, PS – European Socialists & Democrats)

- Rolin, Claude (Belgium, CDH - The Christian Democrats/EPP)
- Staes, Bart (Belgium, Groen – European Greens/EFA)
- Sylkiotis, Neoklis (Cyprus, Progressive Party of Working People - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Thomas, Isabelle (France, Generation.s – European Socialists & Democrats)
- Tremosa, Ramon (Spain, Partit Demòcrata Europeu i Català - Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe)
- Vallina De la Noval, Angela Rosa (Spain, Izquierda Xunida - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Vieu, Marie-Pierre (France, PC – European United Left GUE/NGL)

Non-elected candidates in the European Parliament elections of 26 May 2019:

- Ben Madhkour, Iman (Belgium, PVDA - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Besancenot, Olivier (France, NPA)
- Cué, Nico (Belgium, European Left (EL) - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Danhieux, Toon (Belgium, PVDA - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Decoene, Aurélie (Belgium, PVDA - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Dentico, Nicoletta (Italy, Europa Verde - European Greens/EFA)
- De Schutter, Olivier (Belgium, Ecolo - European Greens/EFA)
- Dewandre, Nicole (Belgium, Ecolo – European Greens/EFA)
- Du Monceau, Cedric (Belgium, CDH – The Christian Democrats/EPP)
- Hoekstra, Arnout (The Netherlands, SP - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Huytebroeck, Evelyne (Belgium, Ecolo - European Greens/EFA)
- Koch, Dirk Jan (The Netherlands, GroenLinks - European Greens/EFA)
- Kosadinos, Emmanuel Manolis (Greece, Laïki Enotita – European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Lambert, Arthur (Belgium, Ecolo – European Greens/EFA)
- Lepczynski, Stéphanie (Belgium, Ecolo – European Greens/EFA)
- Magnette, Paul (Belgium, PS - European Socialists & Democrats)
- Niyonzima, Haridi (Belgium, PS - European Socialists & Democrats)
- Padoan, Daniela (Italy, La Sinistra - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Ronse, Janneke (Belgium, PVDA - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Salhi, Mehdi (Belgium, PTB - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Steendam, Julie (Belgium, PVDA - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Stocker, Naomi (Belgium, PVDA - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Vandenhoeck, Luk (Belgium, PVDA - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Vanhooydonck, Herlinde (Belgium, Groen – European Greens EFA)
- Verbauwhede, Michael (Belgium, PTB - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Vermeersch, Hendrik (Belgium, PVDA - European United Left GUE/NGL)
- Zrihen, Olga (Belgium, PS - European Socialists & Democrats)