

Committee on Public Health
The Chair

To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Subject: Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) on "Citizens' access to cross-border healthcare"

Dear Chair,

With the aim of discussing key policies in the field of cross-border healthcare, the European Parliament's Committee on Public Health (SANT) will hold an Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) on "Citizens' access to cross-border healthcare".

On behalf of the SANT Committee, I would like to invite you to attend this ICM, which will be held at the European Parliament in Brussels on **Thursday, 2 December 2025 from 15.00 to 18.30**.

The event is organised not only to assess current policies but also with a forward-looking perspective. Considering the ongoing work of the SANT Committee on patients' rights in cross-border healthcare, the event seeks to facilitate a constructive discussion that anticipates legislative developments, ensuring that future policies are well-adapted to the evolving needs and challenges of European citizens when seeking healthcare beyond the border of their Member States.

This meeting will bring together representatives from the European Parliament, national parliaments, EU institutions, and relevant officials to explore two key thematic areas:

1. Evaluating the existing policy framework; drawing both on the lessons learned and the challenges that lay ahead;
2. Analysing the citizens' perspective; assessing patients' rights, access and equity.

By fostering direct exchanges between policymakers and experts, this event will serve as a high-level forum for dialogue, enabling participants to assess the current policy framework and its impact, and explore key complexities of cross-border healthcare provision within the EU.

I would thus like to cordially invite up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from each national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity to hold an exchange of views between Members of European Parliament and Members of national Parliaments from various European Member States, further contributing to informed decision-making in shaping future policy in the field of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare.

In this discussion, the role of national parliaments is crucial. Therefore, I sincerely hope you will take part and share your valuable insights on these important topics.

Please find enclosed the preliminary draft agenda. A final copy will be circulated closer to the date of the meeting. Practical details regarding the meeting will be provided at a later stage. I look forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 2 December.

Yours sincerely,

Adam JARUBAS

Annex: Draft programme

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA

COMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH (SANT)

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING

“Citizen’s access to cross-border healthcare”

2 December 2025

15:00-18:30

European Parliament - ANTALL 4Q1 (BRU)

14:30 *Welcome coffee*

- 15:00 **Opening and keynote speeches**
- Mr Adam Jarubas, Chair of the Committee on Public Health of the European Parliament
 - Video message by the Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare, Olivér Várhelyi (tbc)
 - Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union (tbc)

15:30 - 17:00 **Session I - Existing policy framework: lessons learned and challenges ahead**

Interventions by

- Representative of DG SANTE, European Commission (tbc)
- Members of National Parliaments (2) - tbc
- Dr. Andre den Exter, Associate Professor at Erasmus University Rotterdam(tbc)
- Monica Althamer, former State Secretary in the Ministry of Health of Romania (tbc)

Joint debate with Members of national Parliaments and the European Parliament

17:00 - 18:25 **Session II - Citizens’ Perspective: Patients’ Rights, Access, and Equity**

Interventions by

- European Ombudsman (tbc)
- Members of National Parliaments (2) - tbc
- Stephan Meyer, County Mayor (Landrat) of Görlitz (tbc)

- Dr Ghirlanda, President of the National Association of Italian Dentists (ANDI) (tbc)

Joint debate with Members of national Parliaments and the European Parliament

18:25 – 18:30 Closing remarks by
Mr Adam Jarubas, Chair of the Committee on Public Health
of the European Parliament

18:30 ***Reception (venue tbd)***