

European Movement International

Conference on the Future of Europe: The European Movement International's recommendations for the Working Group on Health

[European citizens' recommendations](#) from the panel "Climate change and the environment / Health" seek better ways of living and a stronger healthcare system that provides for its citizens. Echoing that sentiment, and in line with the [Policy Positions](#) adopted by a diverse set of organisations that comprise the European Movement International network¹, we call for the Conference to promote a Europe that protects citizens' safety and actively supports policies that benefit the health and well-being of all citizens.

These are our recommendations:

- The EU must work closely with Member States to **bring national health systems to a comparable level**, while increasing investment in healthcare and research and ensuring that best practices, intelligence, technologies and stocks of health equipment are shared (Recommendation 42).
- The EU needs to support international efforts of **monitoring health threats**, while taking a leading role in the global fight against the pandemic through increased investment in research, medical equipment, treatments and vaccines.
- Enhancing investment in the health care sector and health workers will not only save lives and protect citizens but can **make our healthcare systems more resilient** while allowing us to better prepare for future waves of infections (Recommendation 43).
- To succeed in overcoming the health and economic crises, authorities and organisations and all levels must **coordinate and communicate** their

¹ The European Movement is the largest pan-European network of pro-European organisations. It is present in over 30 countries and encompasses 38 pan-European networks, bringing together European civil society, employers, trade unions, NGOs, political parties, local authorities and academia.

actions effectively, with each other and with citizens, to avoid misconceptions (Recommendation 47).

- The EU should promote a regular dialogue between Member States and actively **support policies that benefit the health and well-being of all citizens** (Recommendation 35).
- **Citizens need to be involved in the responses to a health crisis**, and their perspectives must be heard in debates that shape Europe's recovery (Recommendation 49).