



European Health Union – How could it help the Hungarian healthcare to catch-up?

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The COVID-19 pandemic facilitated a long-expected paradigm shift in the European Union's perception on health and healthcare. It has been proved that health policy decisions cannot be kept within a nation-state framework only, and that a new vision and strengthened community competences are needed to cope with public health crises. At the pioneering initiative of the S&D Group, the European Parliament, the Commission, and the European Council adopted the concept and the first measures of the European Health Union, including the strengthening of the European Centre of Disease Control and the European Medicines Agency.

Creating a European Health Union can also contribute to catching up of the ailing Hungarian healthcare. Therefore, it seemed worthwhile to examine the opinion of the Hungarian population, professional organizations, and local governments on this project. Based on the responses to a questionnaire, as well as a representative poll through telephone and online consultations, it has been found that the majority of the Hungarian society is open to the European Health Union.

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