

Update – Hearings of the Commissioners-designate

CNA meeting
07 November 2024

New College of Commissioners 2024-2029

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Returning
Commissioner



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Management – Equality



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- **Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030**
- **Health topics**
 - ✓ **Health preparedness**
 - ✓ **Stockpiling**
 - ✓ **Pharmaceutical industry .**
 - ✓ **Budget for EU4health:**
 - ✓ **Antimicrobial Resistance**

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- **Multiannual Financial Framework**
- **Budget for Horizon Europe programme**
- **Reducing bureaucracy**
- **Safeguarding research freedom**
- **Ensuring that talents remained in the EU**
- **Stressed a lot the importance of the Draghi's report**

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- Access to medicines and EU joint procurements for Rare Disease treatments
- CVDs plan (and not a rare disease plan)
- Medical device regulation (a point on orphan medical device)
- Drug shortages and EU production of medicines
- EU competitiveness in pharma sector
- EMA work and vaccines
- Cross border healthcare directive and funding for the ERNs
- Women health and Reproductive rights ❌

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Agenda

Confirmation hearings for the European Commission
4th - 12th November

Second round of questions to be sent and answered by the Commissioner-designate for Health
TBC for the deadline

Still a possibility to have a vote of the whole college of Commissioners during
the plenary session 25-28 November

With a new European Commission starting in December ??? To be continued ...

TBC

