

Dear Minister,

"12" June 2024, Budapest

I am delighted to invite you and your delegation to the informal meeting of health ministers taking place in Budapest on 24 and 25 July, 2024. You and your delegation are cordially invited to a social event in the evening of the 24th, at the Royal Riding Hall in the Buda Palace.

The agenda of the meeting will be focusing on the prevailing health issues of common EU concern and the potential European actions to address them.

The first session therefore will address cardiovascular health as one of the Hungarian Presidency's priorities. Governments and healthcare experts, stakeholders and representatives of the academic sector are all aware of the prevalence of cardiovascular diseases among the leading causes of death today. This is the reason why we find it timely to discuss how to tackle the multiple consequences of cardiovascular diseases in the framework of and EU level concerted action.

The afternoon working session will be devoted to our second priority because during and after COVID-19 pandemic the organ donation and transplantation in Europe needs new impetus. As taking a step forward, outlooks of European organ donation and transplantation are worth to discuss thoroughly and to find consensus toward European level actions expectations.

The subject of the ministerial meeting's lunch debate will be the national challenges identified in the process of preparation for the implementation of the Regulation on the European Health Data Space. The ministerial interventions may be perceived as one of the stages all Member States have to go through in order to implement and make meaningful the recently adopted Regulation.

The Practical Information Note attached to this invitation letter contains the provisional programme of the informal ministerial meeting, and all practical information facilitating your smooth preparation for your Budapest visit, stay and participation in the high-level meeting. Session notes will be circulated in due time.

My colleagues are pleased to reply to any questions and requests you may have until our meet. To this end, please consult the e-mail address HUPRES HC SOC@bm.gov.hu.

I look forward to welcoming you in Budapest.

Yours faithfully,

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