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Directors-General of the Health  
Ministries of the Member States

**Subject: Information on the new EU Health Academy**

Dear Director-General,

I am delighted to announce the launch of the EU Health Academy by the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission. The Academy's aim is to further strengthen the network of EU health policy experts across Member States, providing a platform for learning and exchange, active contribution to EU policies, and capacity building in navigating the EU health policy landscape.

The new EU Health Academy will feature a Health Policy Fellowship Programme including face-to-face and online training workshops, with a focus on EU health policy priorities (such as digital health, prevention, pharma legislation, health security) and the opportunity for networking. In addition, fellows can engage in collaborative EU health policy projects, an online community platform, and an annual forum that brings together health policy experts beyond the fellowship programme. The first cohort, which also serves as a "pilot" for this programme (designed to be long-term), will consist of 27 fellows, one from each Member State, and will be trained from January to September 2025. In subsequent years, we expect cohorts of 54 fellows (two fellows per Member State) to be trained for 12 months. This one-year fellowship programme is primarily aimed at mid-career professionals from Ministries of Health or other administrations at national, regional and local levels who are involved in EU health policy.

I believe this Academy and its unique fellowship programme will be vital for further strengthening the European Health Union and enhancing mutual learning between the Member States and the Commission. Over time, the fellows and their mentors will form a robust and growing pan-EU community, embedded in an active alumni network. Through this network, Member States will be better equipped to play a more active role in EU health policies, make effective use of EU instruments, and benefit from the best practices and experiences of other Member States.

You will find in annex further information on the Academy and the fellowship programme, including invitations for your team to attend a validation workshop, information sessions and the necessary forms to designate participants from your country. I would be grateful if

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you could nominate a single point of contact point for the fellowship programme and a participant for the validation workshop by CoB on Wednesday 16 October. In addition, we kindly request you to nominate a mentor (please note that the single point of contact and the mentor can be the same person) and provide a ranked list of up to three potential fellows by CoB on Monday 18 November. Our team can be reached at [SANTE-HEALTH-ACADEMY@ec.europa.eu](mailto:SANTE-HEALTH-ACADEMY@ec.europa.eu) for additional information.

I look forward to working closely together, especially during this pilot phase, in order to build an impactful programme that responds to EU health policy needs and addresses the major health challenges of our time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large loop followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Sandra GALLINA

Enclosure:     Academy programme info package  
                    Fellow and mentor nomination process  
                    Suggested CV template for fellows and mentors

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                    Health Attachés