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to the Commission**

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Subject: Reducing health inequalities in the EU

As underlined by the expert panel on effective ways of investing in health (EXPH)<sup>1</sup>, the EU should contribute to the reduction of health inequalities in the EU.

- When will the Commission develop a set of indicators on access to healthcare facilities, goods and services, including sexual and reproductive healthcare facilities, goods and services, in the EU in respect of national competences in order to create a clear oversight of the existing healthcare inequalities in and between the Member States?
- Does the Commission agree that a set of indicators on access to healthcare facilities, goods and services would be an important instrument in addressing and combating evidence-based inequalities, for example, via the next EU public health strategy?
- What is the Commission doing to develop initiatives and the sharing of best practice between the Member States in order to address the gaps shown in the 2015 Barometer on access to modern contraceptive needs?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/health/expert\\_panel/opinions/docs/009\\_crossborder\\_cooperation\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/expert_panel/opinions/docs/009_crossborder_cooperation_en.pdf)