



Lisbon, 10 March 2021

Dear Colleague,

We have the pleasure to invite you to the conference Health impact and social effects of COVID-19, which will be held in line with the work programme of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU).

We would have liked to welcome you personally in Lisbon, but unfortunately, due to the current situation of the pandemic, it is still not possible to hold an in-person meeting. Nevertheless, we are looking forward to your participation in the meeting, set to take place on Tuesday, 13 April 2021 in the form of a videoconference.

Now, more than ever, it is important for Parliamentarians to contribute through a common approach to strengthen the role of the EU as a democratic global partner in overcoming the challenges ahead. I am convinced that your participation in this event will significantly contribute to the debate, especially in the discussion of ensuring the access to care, reducing the damage of future pandemics, and tackling common challenges, which are in line with the priorities of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the EU.

Please find attached the draft programme of the conference. You will receive additional technical information, along with other relevant details, in advance of the conference.

Kindly note that the deadline to register for this event is 7 of April 2021. Up to four Members from each Parliament may be designated as active participants in the conference.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of the Health Committee of the Assembleia da República Chair of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee of the Assembleia da República

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