

HEALTH INSURANCE FUNDS AND HEALTH MUTUALS WELCOME THE COMMISSION'S REFLECTIONS ON A STRONG SOCIAL EUROPE

AIM is the umbrella organization of health insurance funds and health mutuals, providing health coverage to around 240 million people, as well as services relating to compulsory and/or supplementary health insurance.

AIM subscribes to a strong social Europe

The Association Internationale de la Mutualité (AIM) welcomes the first reflections of the European Commission on building a strong social Europe. AIM is ready to contribute to the further implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Social Protection standards need to be adjusted to a changing labour environment

Securing a high level of social protection and adjusting social protection standards to new forms of work in a changing environment is highly supported by the members of AIM. Social Rights should be Europe's most important targets. They do not only contribute to the economic growth but are core values of the European project.

"A strong compulsory health insurance and private-not-for profit insurances based on solidarity and democracy is indispensable in a modern society like ours", says Christian Zahn, President of AIM. "AIM members will help ensuring the implementation of the recommendations on access to social protection."

AIM is ready to contribute to the Platform Work Summit

AIM is willing to contribute to the planned Platform Work Summit and provide input with regards to the challenges of not for profit health care and social benefit insurance. When it comes to digitalization and new technologies, AIM members are in favor of reviewing the occupational safety and health strategy to address new risks at accidents of work. They have long been working on measures to ensure the safety at work and are prepared to share their experiences.

The European cancer plan should guarantee the best quality of care

AIM members welcome the plans of the Commission to launch an ambitious "Europe's Cancer Plan" guaranteeing the best quality of care for people suffering from this disease. Members of AIM stand for good accessible health care for everybody. They promote healthy lifestyles and develop better

preventive measures as well as patient-centered healthcare. Hence, they think that it is important to fight cancer as one of the biggest health concerns.

Addressing the challenges of an ageing society is important

AIM emphasizes that access to affordable and quality long term care in an ageing society is as important as access to health care. A Report on the impact of demographic change and a Green paper on ageing to launch a debate on long-term care impacts regarding care are of utmost importance. AIM will contribute to the works of the European Commission. AIM members welcome the efforts of the European Commission on fighting poverty and exclusion.

An Action Plan for the Social Economy

Mutuals are social economy organizations, as such they welcome the plans of the European Commission to launch an Action Plan for the Social Economy in 2021. AIM looks forward to supporting the European Commission fulfilling this crucial task.



AIM Healthcare and social benefits for all

The International Association of Mutual Benefit Societies is an international umbrella organisation of federations of health mutuals and other non-profit healthcare payers. It has 57 members from 29 countries in Europe, Latin America and Africa and the Middle East. 33 of its members, from 20 countries, are based in the European Union. AIM members provide compulsory and/or supplementary health coverage to

around 240 million people around the world, including close to 200 million people in Europe, on a not-for-profit basis. Some AIM members also manage health and social services. Collectively, they have a turnover of almost €300 billion.

AIM members are either mutual or health insurance fund. They are: private or public legal entities; solidarity based; not-for-profit oriented organisations: surpluses are used to benefit the members; democratically-elected members play a role in the governance of the organisation.

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