



The Youth Vision for European Health

European Medical and Dental Students Call For Action At The European Elections

The European Dental Students' Association (EDSA) and the European Medical Students' Association (EMSA) have both released manifestos for the upcoming European elections, calling on European institutions to improve the health of citizens across Europe and facilitate the improvement of healthcare education.

As healthcare students' associations, EDSA and EMSA demand that health be put high on the agenda of the next European Parliament. Therefore, climate change and its health-related impacts must be considered by the next leaders of the European Union. We ask for the development of an overarching EU strategy for climate protection as well as concrete policies obliging Member States to (1) comply with the Paris Agreement and (2) assure a sustainable and green transition of the energy, transport and service sectors towards UN 2030 Goals.

Medical and dental students recognise that care should be patient-centric, and as such requires the collaboration of multiple professionals. We call on the Parliament to ensure sufficient evidence-based training of healthcare students in the roles and responsibilities of different healthcare workers, as well as interprofessional experience in undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing professional education.

As the representative bodies of students across Europe, we strongly advocate for mobility of students for, and during, their studies. In light of the United Kingdom's Brexit vote, we call on both sides to work towards a deal which allows movement of EU27 students to UK universities and vice versa for the purpose of study, noting recent calls from academics across the EU highlighting the benefits of such migration.

Finally, EMSA and EDSA highlight the importance of youth participation in political programmes and policy making at the European and national level, and call on the next European leaders to ensure sustained youth engagement throughout the process. We stand ready to work with the Parliament to contribute to the pressing issues facing healthcare across the EU.

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