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to the Commission**

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Subject: European approach to health

The health crisis we are facing cannot be resolved without joint efforts and solidarity among the Member States. Inconsistencies in the approaches and methods used by different Member States to address the current pandemic can sometimes harm the common goal of the European Union as a whole, which is to resolve the crisis in the most effective way possible. Rule 168 The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union limits the powers of the European Union because the Member States have primary competence in managing health policy. However, within its competencies, the European Union can still do much to ensure equal standards of health care for all citizens.

How can a stronger, better and more universal 'European approach to health' be formulated?

How can common health protocols be established and how can the EU better serve its citizens in protecting their own health?