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Meeting with Union of Private hospitals in Europe - [REDACTED]

At the meeting, there were representatives of private hospitals at EU level and in several MS (FR, PL, RO) They presented their model, underlining that there was a need for private care (eg long term care); they claim that private hospitals are more efficient than the public ones; their profit margin is very low (2%) and it is re-invested in development; many hospitals were discriminated against compared to the state system (RO), but others underlined the complementarity and equal treatment with the public system (FR). The insurance model is mixed, in some countries private hospitals are reimbursed based on the normal insurance of the patient (FR), in others patients need a separate subscription (eg RO), but in this case, people without revenues could not benefit from healthcare in these hospitals. Some of the private hospitals participate in ERNs, but the participants did not have exact figures. The representatives of private hospitals inquired whether the EU foresees an EU passport dedicated to healthcare. They also acknowledged the challenges raised by lack of healthcare professionals (especially nurses), also exacerbated by migration (PL, RO) and gave the examples of trainings organised by the private hospitals (eg RO). The situation of access of private hospitals to EU funds is uneven, varying between MS.

The Commissioner underlined that healthcare is a national competence; in this context, he mentioned the work of different expert panels in the health care and requested feed-back on this work; he explained the scope of the Cross Border Healthcare Directive for cross border mobility of patients. He was very interested about ways to address social and health inequality, out of pocket, health insurance, rural areas etc in the business model of private hospitals, underlining the specificities of EU system compared to others (eg US). He also inquired about the business model of private hospitals and their cooperation with the public sector. The Commissioner wanted to find out more about the participation of hospitals in ERNs and their cooperation with university hospitals. The crisis of professionals in healthcare system was underlined (eg 4 mil nurses needed and the average age of general practitioners is 58-62 year) and the Commissioner stressed that IT tools could support the work and supplement for the lack of healthcare providers in some areas, but there may be a need to strengthen the direct link between start ups and hospitals. He also inquired about the MFF and the possibility of private hospitals to access EU funds. He also launched an appeal to use at the maximum the next MFF in order to strengthen the healthcare systems, including in a context of lack of healthcare force.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Hi [REDACTED],

Do you have any notes of that meeting?

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Could you send me the report for the meeting with the European Union of Private Hospitals you attended on 29/01. So, I can upload it in Basis.

Many thanks in advance.

*Best regards,*

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