

Open Letter to

Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament

Charles Michel, President of the European Council

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

Your excellencies,

We, Centre for Innovation in Medicine, a not-for-profit civil society organization highly involved in health system transformation and the reduction of inequalities through the access and adoption of health innovations, at European, Regional and National level,

In the context of the **war in Ukraine** and the humanitarian and health crisis in neighbouring countries (**Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia**)

Knowing the fact that more than **3 million people migrated from Ukraine** and the number of migrants is expected to increase in the weeks to come

Assessing the health(care) indicators from Ukraine and neighbouring countries in relation to COVID-19 management and COVID-19 vaccination (death rate is higher than the EU average in all the countries as the Covid-19 vaccination rate is lower in all these countries than EU average vaccination rate)

Having knowledge about the early signs of a potential **new COVID-19 wave** in Western European countries

Knowing the under EU average performance of the public health and healthcare systems from Ukraine and neighbouring countries (according to State of the Health in the EU 2021 and other official reports)

We, Centre for Innovation in Medicine,

Are calling for **urgent measures to be implemented** in order to prevent the collapse of the public health systems and healthcare systems from Ukraine and neighbouring countries.

We, Centre for Innovation in Medicine, are calling for:

Prioritisation of funding for CEE Member States and Eastern Partnership countries in the ongoing Funding programs: EU4Health, Horizon Europe, Digital Europe, NextGenerationEU, as well in context of Beating Europe Cancer Plan and Mission on Cancer

The establishment of a public health program, in coordination with ECDC, with a focus on **vaccination** and **genomic and syndromic surveillance** of pathogens (SARS-CoV-2, but as well pathogens involved in tuberculosis, poliomyelitis etc) for the migrants,

The immediate start of the process to define a mechanism to provide access to healthcare for migrants, when temporary protection mechanism will end, coordinated at the EU level

The establishment of a working group designed to **re-think** and help the **post-war transformation** of the public health system and the healthcare system in Ukraine

We, Centre for Innovation in Medicine,

Based on our local knowledge, expertise and network could help the European Commission services in the implementation of this recommendations.

Sincerely,

Marius Geantă,

President of the Centre for Innovation in Medicine

