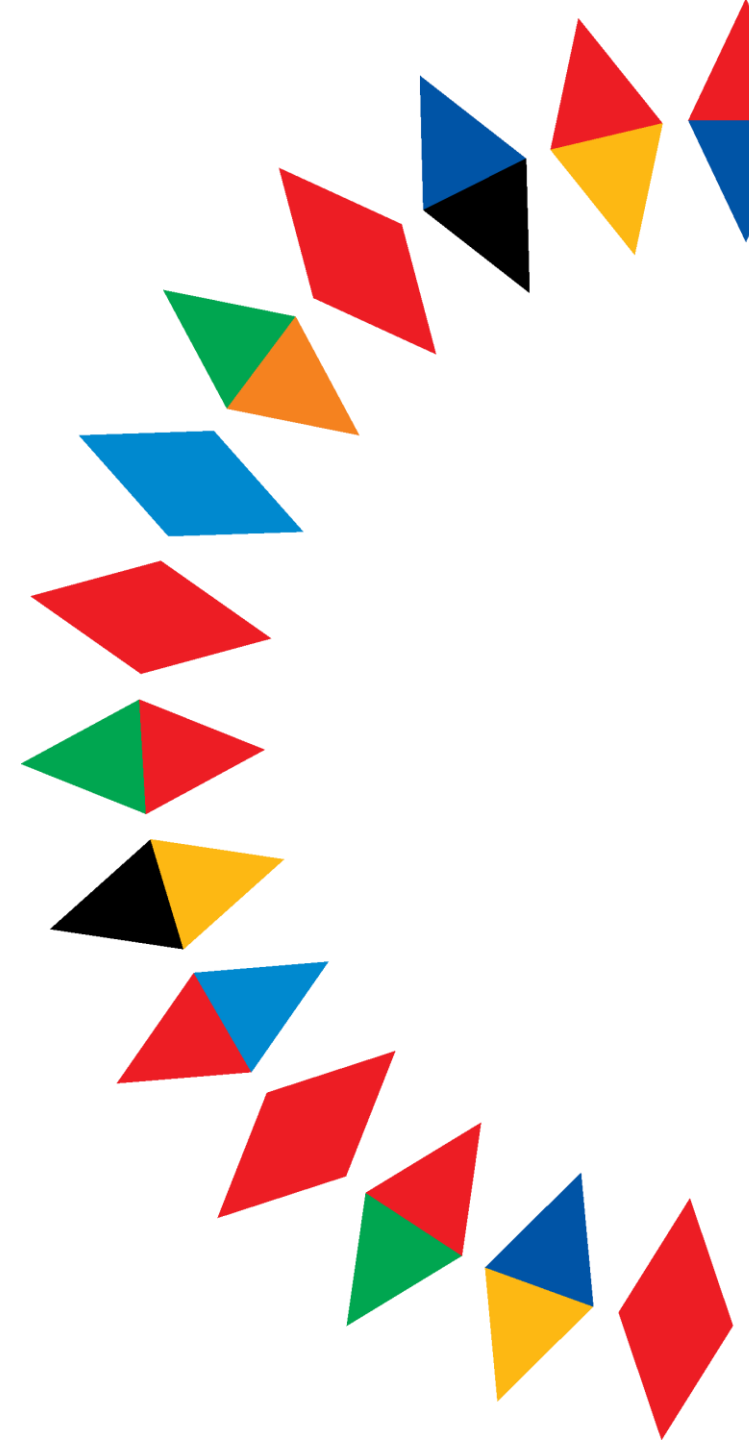


Fulfilling priorities MZCR during CZ PRES



Legislative proposals

Regulation on the European Health Data Space (EHDS)

- The Regulation aims to:
 - to establish a single European area for sharing health data
 - Set the legal framework and support the construction of health data exchange infrastructure for primary use (*use for healthcare delivery*) as well as for secondary use (*use for research, innovation, policy making, personalised care, etc.*)
 - improving individuals' access to their health data, including strengthening control over its use
- CZ PRES has prepared a compromise text of Chapters II and III
- **Presidency objective:** to present a progress report to the EPSCO Council

Legislative proposals

Draft Blood, Tissues and Cells (BTC) Regulation

- The Regulation aims to:
 - to cover the whole BTC area, which has been newly expanded to include other parts such as breast milk or medically assisted reproduction
 - strengthen security for BTC donors and recipients
 - to strengthen the resilience of the sector on the basis of more room for innovation
- CZ PRES discussed a list of 70 definitions, to which it prepared a compromise proposal
- **Presidency objective:** to present a progress report to the EPSCO Council



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Legislative proposals

Revision of the Directive on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work

- The revision of the Directive aims to:
 - reduce the asbestos exposure limit values by a factor of ten, i.e. to 0.01 fibres per cm³
 - ensure the availability of up-to-date and scientifically proven methods for measuring airborne fibre concentrations
 - to clarify the definition of asbestos as a fibrous silicate classified as a carcinogen in order to avoid confusion and divergent interpretations of the Directive and the Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (1272/2008)
- **Presidency objective:** adoption of a general approach at the EPSCO Council (*employment and social policy part*)



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Non-legislative proposals and priorities

Revision of the Council Recommendation on cancer screening

- The revision of the recommendations aims to:
 - adjusting the age categories of the three existing screening programmes (breast, cervical and colon cancer screening)
 - addition of three new screening programmes (prostate, lung and stomach cancer screening)
 - reflection of the latest scientific findings and methods of investigation
- **Presidency objective:** approval by the EPSCO Council



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Non-legislative proposals and priorities

Strengthening the EU's role in international health

- During the CZ PRES, negotiations began on a new international instrument for pandemic prevention and response, the so-called **Pandemic Convention**, as well as on amendments to the **International Health Regulations (2005)**
- CZ PRES advocates the establishment of an Informal Cooperation Mechanism (ICM) between groups of health diplomats based at the **WHO in Geneva** and **at the EU in Brussels** and the headquarters of the Member States, as well as with the EU institutions, in order to effectively exchange information in real time
- **Presidency goal:** CZ PRES and the EC will inform the EPSCO Council meeting on 9 December about the negotiations in the context of the **Pandemic Convention** and the amendments to the **International Health Regulations (2005)**. Alternatively, the EC will provide information on the **revision of the EU Global Health Strategy**, which it will issue in the form of a Communication. The materialization of the Strategy of Council Conclusions to be negotiated by SE PRES



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Non-legislative proposals and priorities

Council conclusions on vaccination

- CZ PRES drafted the Council conclusions on vaccination as the most effective tool for prevention
- The Council conclusions stress the importance of communication and the need to use the lessons learned from the covid-19 pandemic
- **Presidency objective:** adoption by the EPSCO Council

Negotiations at ministerial level

Informal meeting of Ministers for Health

- Held on 6 - 7 September in Prague
- Topics:
 - Helping the health system in Ukraine
 - Debate on the future of vaccination
 - Debate on oncology and the way forward for the European Cancer Plan
 - Negotiations with manufacturers of vaccines against covid-19 and monkeypox (organised by the EC on the sidelines of the informal ministerial meeting)

EPSCO Health Council

- 9 December in Brussels
- All legislative and non-legislative material



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Conference I.

Oncology Conference " Modern Cancer Control: Saving Lives through Smart Solutions"

- 13 - 14 July in Brno
- Call for accelerated implementation of the European Cancer Plan is approved



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Conference II.

Conference on access to treatment for rare diseases: 'Towards a New European Policy Framework: building the Future Together for Rare Diseases'

- 25 - 26 October in Prague
- Objective: to agree on future priorities for rare diseases and call for a European Action Plan

Vaccination Conference: 'Vaccination: Building Public Trust as a Pathway to Vaccine Acceptance'

- 21 - 22 November in Prague
- Aim: to assess the lessons learned during the covid-19 pandemic; vaccine refusal and the impact of misinformation; research and development of new vaccines



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Events under the auspices of CZ PRES

Other health conferences organised under the auspices of the Czech Presidency and the Ministry of Health

- Conference on newborn screening (Brno) 23.
- Mental Health Conference (Brussels) 14 Nov.
- [Conference on prostate cancer screening \(Prague\) 24. 11.](#)
- Brain Health (Brussels) 8. 12.

+ many more

Information about the accompanying events is available on the official CZ PRES website: eu2022.cz



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