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Dear 5.1.2e,

I hope this email finds you well.

I was wondering whether I could tempt you to join us for Friends of Europe's online debate "The ticking time bomb: Cardiovascular diseases" on Thursday 28 May from 18:00 to 19:00.

COVID-19 is straining health systems, but the impact extends far beyond the direct effects of the disease. Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) cause 36% of deaths in the EU and not all patients are now currently receiving the care they need. How can the EU prevent this to cause an unprecedented burden on our healthcare systems, economies and societies during and after the COVID-19 crisis? Should our health systems be redesigned ?

Brando Benifei, Co-Chair of the European Parliament MEP Heart Group; Barbara Casadei, President of the European Society of Cardiology; Jean-Luc Lemerrier, Corporate Vice President EMEA, Canada and Latin America of Edwards Lifesciences and Andrzej Rys, European Commission Director for Health Systems, Medical Products and Innovation will share their views. They will be joined by some 60 senior stakeholders (list attached) and I'd be glad if you would accept to join us on this occasion.

During the debate, you will be able to interact with the speakers directly and will be visible on the remote platform itself.

Could you please let me know whether you'll join so that I may have the details of the connection sent to you? You will find attached the programme of the event.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best,

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