



**To the Ministers of Health of the
European Union**
via e-mail

Lisbon, 7 January 2021

Dear Colleagues,

The ongoing vaccination campaigns taking place across the Member-States are of the utmost importance in the European Union's collective fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

In light of the very fruitful discussions which we shared at the Informal Minister's Meetings organized by our German colleagues, I am pleased to invite you to a virtual Informal Meeting of Health Ministers, to take place on 13 January 2021.

The meeting will be held virtually (WebEx) and in English only. It will start on 13 January 2021 at 09:30 (GMT) and finish at around 11:30 (GMT).

The purpose of the meeting is to have an informal exchange of information and views regarding the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination plans in each Member-State, as well as share any lessons learned from the start of the vaccination process. The European Commission, the ECDC and the EMA are also invited to the meeting.

If you accept the invitation, I kindly invite you to inform the EU Presidency Task Force of the Ministry of Health by 11 January 2021, 18:00 (GMT), at: 5.1.2e@ms.gov.pt

Technical details will be sent to you following registration.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you to this informal Health Minister's meeting under the Portuguese Presidency and wish for a fruitful and productive discussion on 13 January 2021.

Yours truly,

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