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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission coordinates internally on all policy and initiatives. With respect to key cross-cutting initiatives, the President of the Commission has decided to set up project groups. She may decide to renew them or set other project groups.
2. The composition of the project group on Preparedness Union reflects the approach in addressing the policy challenge at hand – developing a more integrated, anticipatory and proactive crisis management mode at EU level. Other Members of the College may participate in relevant meetings of the group and contribute to its work.
3. The Political Guidelines for 2024-2029¹ and the mission letter of Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare² set out the priorities on health policy. These include work to complete the European Health Union, by further diversifying supply chains, improving access to the most advanced treatments, boosting the competitiveness, resilience and security of health systems and working on strategic inventories. The Commission is working on a Proposal for a Critical Medicines Act to address shortages of medicines and reduce dependencies relating to critical medicines and ingredients, as well as to ensure the security of supply of medicines. The Commission will also step up work on preventive health, in particular for mental health, including at work, and cardiovascular diseases. On all these aspects, it will ensure internal coordination by relying on the processes that are best suited to each situation.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf

² https://commission.europa.eu/about/organisation/college-commissioners/oliver-varhelyi_en