

Call for Action: **Life Course Immunisation Strategy** – A Seamless Approach to Protection Across All Ages and Risk Groups

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INFLUENZA AND
OTHER ACUTE
RESPIRATORY VIRUSES

Signatories representing clinicians, nurses, pharmacists, scientists Public Health Advocates



Adult Immunization Board, AIB

Coalition for Life Course Immunisation, CLCI

European Association of Hospital Pharmacists, EAHP

European Interdisciplinary Council on Ageing, EICA

European Society for Clinical Virology, ESCV

European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases, ESPID

European Specialist Nurses Organisation, ESNO

European Scientific Working Group on Influenza, ESWI

European Geriatric Medicine Society, EUGMS

International Pharmaceutical Federation, FIP

All agreed that:

Vaccination serves as the most effective and foundational pillar of infection prevention at all life stages

Recommendation

EU institutions and Member States
to adopt a coordinated
European Life Course Immunisation
Strategy that unites policies across ages,
risk groups and health systems

A Strategy for Europe, by 2027, should include

Vaccination coverage against:

- Respiratory infections such as Influenza, RSV, COVID-19
- Pneumococcal invasive disease
- Meningococcal invasive diseases
- Pertussis

Concrete targets for:

- Maternal immunisation and their infant protection
- Adolescents
- All individuals in clinical groups at risk
- Older adults

The signatories urge the European Union

To extend **collaboration beyond its borders**,
engaging with non-EU Member States in Europe and
European Economic Association (EEA) partners.

By **fostering cross-border cooperation** and **aligning
immunisation standards** across the wider European
continent, in order **prevent regional disparities** and
accelerate the uptake of life-saving vaccines for all
Europeans

Not an easy task

Achieving this requires a whole-of-society effort, engaging not only **healthcare professionals** but also

- **patients,**
- **caregivers,**
- **civil society,**
- **social and long-term care sectors and**
- **local communities**

The time to act is now

Europe has the **knowledge**,
the **tools**

and the **responsibility**

to deliver **lifelong protection for all**