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Subject: EU CSF on HIV, TB and Hep reaction to EC SDG reflection paper

Dear Ms Von Lingen,

Thank you for sharing with us the EU HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and Tuberculosis Civil Society Forum's feedback on the Reflection Paper 'Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030' and for acknowledging the Commission's long-lasting input to support the EU Member States and neighbouring countries while tackling these three epidemics.

Regarding the points you have evoked, the Commission has put together an ambitious Agenda 2030 strongly underlining the social dimension of sustainable development, aiming at reducing social inequalities and promoting sustainable and fair health systems accessible for all. This is also coherent with the Commission's proposal for the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027, including a Health strand in the European Social Fund Plus. The coherence between EU policies and programmes will be boosted by new governance mechanisms proposed in the mentioned multiannual budgetary proposal. The monitoring of progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals with comprehensive sets of indicators is already available in the Surveillance and Monitoring Reports prepared jointly by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and the WHO. Therefore, I understand that you do refer to the Commission's monitoring report of SDGs, which is a high level document and therefore can only include a limited number of indicators for each SDG. Nonetheless, we welcome your upcoming suggestions for a set of indicators for this report, which we will share with colleagues in charge. Lastly, collaboration with the third countries will be further continued within the scope of the relevant policies and instruments.

As you know, the Paper has put forward three scenarios to stimulate the discussion on how to follow up on the Sustainable Development Goals within the EU aiming to offer different ideas and spur debate and thinking. Therefore, we are truly looking forward to learning more about and discussing the civil society's concrete suggestions for action at the upcoming EU Civil Society Forum and Think Tank meetings in June.

Best regards,



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