

ACTIVE CITIZENS ON VACCINATION



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A CURRENT ISSUE

Announcement: We have just decided that the term anti-vaxxer will no longer be used. Those who oppose vaccinations will now be called pro-plagues.

5 Star 'very surprised' by EU health chief's jab at Italy on vaccination

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European Union Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis during a press conference at the European Parliament. [EPA-EFE/LECOQ]




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✓ Passport ✓ Sleep mask ✓ TBE vaccine

Help protect yourself against tick-borne encephalitis, TBE.
Tick-borne encephalitis is a disease that can cause severe symptoms and, in some cases, permanent detriment. TBE can be caught in certain parts of Europe and Asia. There is no cure but vaccination can help protect. To find out more speak to your doctor today. Take care!

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CITTADINANZATTIVA/ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP NETWORK: A SHORT INTRODUCTION

Cittadinanzattiva

Italian NGO founded in Italy in 1978.

More than 30.000 members, 250 local assemblies and 84 Citizen Advisory Centres.

Mission: promote active participation of citizens and protection of their rights.



Active Citizenship Network

The European branch of Cittadinanzattiva, established in 2001.

One of the most widespread network, with more the 100 civic, patients and users organisations.

Promote the point of view of European citizens in all public policies areas, focusing on healthcare, consumers and corporate social responsibility issues.

WHAT WE DO AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL



Tribunal for Patients' Rights (+250 local point & 10,000 volunteers).



84 PIT-Citizen Advisory Centres + a back office at the national level and front line in 84 cities.

Each year, all claims & requests of information (average 25,000/year) are included in a National Report submitted to the authorities.



National Coalition of Associations for Patients suffering Chronic Diseases (CnAMC). From 2000, it publishes a National Annual Report on chronic policies and manages a dedicated website.



AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL



Active Citizenship Network (ACN), is member of:

- [EU Health Policy Platform](#) (DG Santé)
- [Active Citizenship Structured Dialogue Group](#) (DG Home)
- [European Consumer Consultative Group \(ECCG\)](#) (DG Justice and Consumers)

Our main instruments at the EU level:

- **European Charter of Patients' Rights** (2002): 14 rights
- **European Patients' Rights Day** (since 2007) celebrated every year on April 18th with local, national and EU events across Europe
- [**MEPs Interest Group "European Patients' Rights and Cross-border Healthcare"**](#) (2015)



VACCINATION: OUR COMMITMENT



OUR COMMITMENT IN ITALY IN 2018 (I)

- Daily activity since 1980: with our **Tribunal for Patients' Rights and Citizen Advisory Centres on Health**, we provide information, advices and assistance.
- **#Rompilatrasmisione** (break the broadcasting): information campaign on vaccination



ROMPI LA TRASMISSIONE
guida utile sui vaccini

Questa guida ti aiuta a conoscere i tuoi diritti e responsabilità sui vaccini introdotti dalle nuove leggi. Consulta il calendario vaccinale su:
www.cittadinanzattiva.it/rompilatrasmisione

I vaccini ti permettono di prenderti cura della tua salute e di quella dei tuoi cari. Sono il tuo strumento di **PREVENZIONE** ad ogni età.

Resta informato e rivolgiti i tuoi dubbi al medico o pediatra di famiglia e alla tua Azienda Sanitaria Locale (ASL) di riferimento.

CITTADINANZA ATTIVA



Consulta il nostro
Calendario Vaccinale
su
www.cittadinanzattiva.it/rompilatrasmisione

ROMPI LA TRASMISSIONE

Nel primo anno di vita:
Difterite, Tetano, Pertosse, Poliomielite, Epatite B, Haemophilus influenzae tipo B (ESAVALENTE), Morbillo, Parotite, Rosolia, Varicella
OBBLIGATORI E GRATUITI

Meningococco B, Meningococco C, Pneumococco e Rotavirus
RACCOMANDATI E GRATUITI



Donna in gravidanza

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| Difterite Tetano Pertosse | Raccomandato dalla 27ª alla 37ª settimana (preferibilmente alla 28ª) |
| Morbillo Parotite Rosolia Varicella | Raccomandato in età fertile, se non immuni. Se non possibile, è da fare immediatamente dopo il parto, prima di lasciare l'ospedale o in occasione della prima vaccinazione del bambino |
| Antinfluenzale | Gratuito nel secondo o terzo trimestre di gravidanza all'inizio della stagione influenzale |

#ROMPIATRASMISIONE



Vaccinazione Antinfluenzale

Dal 15 Ottobre a fine Dicembre

- 2° o 3° trimestre di gravidanza
- Over 65
- Categorie a rischio

GRATUITI

#ROMPIATRASMISIONE

OUR COMMITMENT IN ITALY (II)

- Vaccination training tour 2018



Training seminars opened to Cittadinanzattiva's volunteers to provide correct information on the rights and duties in the field of vaccination; give concrete answers to citizens' questions; implement more direct communication and information initiatives; safeguard and monitor the application of the rules.

OUR COMMITMENT IN ITALY (III)

- Open Day



On November 16th, an "Open day" was organized in 37 cities of 11 Italian regions: Cittadinanzattiva - Tribunal for Patients' Rights local offices opened to give information on vaccines and help citizens face any critical issues in this area.

Activists and experts met citizens to promote proximity information, distribute useful material, and collect reports in order to offer tools and support to protect them.

[Media coverage: I diritti del malato in un open day a Cisanello con Cittadinanzattiva](#)

[Asti, venerdì il primo Open day del Tribunale per i diritti del malato](#)

[SIENA: OPEN DAY DEL TRIBUNALE PER I DIRITTI DEL MALATO](#)

[Ariano: Vaccini, primo Open Day Tribunale Diritti Malato-Cittadinanzattiva](#)

[Vaccini: facciamo chiarezza. Cittadinanzattiva: "Open day" informativo](#)

[Vaccinazioni diritti e doveri oggi in Italia](#)

OUR COMMITMENT IN EUROPE

- Member of the Technical Advisory Group dealing with vaccine coverage



European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

An agency of the European Union

- Member of the Joint Action For Vaccination



- Member of the Coalition for Vaccination (European Commission)



OUR CORE MESSAGES

**Long-term
Strategy**

**Citizens
Perspectives**

**Life-course
Vaccination
Culture**

... which we have been disseminating through:

- Political initiatives at the European level
- National and European awareness campaigns
- Training initiatives

- **Civic organizations**
- **Advocacy patients groups**
- **Experts**
- **Private and public actors**
- ...

AWARENESS-RAISING EVENT AT THE EP

- The challenges of life-course vaccination to enhance public health protection in Europe: a multi-stakeholder approach - 28 Feb. 2018
- “Active citizens in Europe advocate for vaccination – Public event ” - 07 Nov. 2018



WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK, 24-30 APRIL 2018

Vaccination is a right

and an extraordinary instrument of public health, which must be known, valued, disseminated and used well in the interest of individuals and the community. The scientific evidence is clear, vaccination is an essential public health tool and help to guarantee your fundamental rights as a European citizen. We all have a duty and a responsibility to ensure we are vaccinated:

be active on vaccines!

Vaccination saves
2 to 3 million
lives worldwide
every year.



Immunization for all throughout life

Equitable access to effective vaccination programmes provide all citizens with the opportunity to live long and healthier lives regardless of gender, age, and social groups. Addressing changes in the demographic structure of the EU's population requires a shift of national immunisation programmes to reflect a life-course approach to vaccination. As we age, we increase our risk of contracting vaccine-preventable diseases like pneumococcal diseases, herpes zoster (shingles), and influenza, among others. Immunization throughout the life-course enables adults to age with reduced risk to such vaccine-preventable diseases.

Seasonal influenza vaccination prevents around 2 million cases each year in Europe

Take action: advocate for correct information on vaccination!

Write to Active Citizenship Network to join the European Immunization Week (EIW) of the World Health Organization regional office of EU to raise awareness of the importance of immunization among parents and caregivers, health care professionals, policy and decision-makers, and the media.

Active Citizenship Network encourages immunization stakeholders at national and local levels to get involved in EIW by joining or organizing campaigns. Write to us to more information.

We will promote your initiatives, share what is being planned near you and connect with other EIW stakeholders.

For more information please contact mail@activecitizenship.net or visit the website: www.activecitizenship.net

Protected Together

#VACCINESWORK

Keep your attention high!

The continued spread of measles across Europe is due to suboptimal vaccination coverage: of all measles cases reported during 2017 with known vaccination status, 87% were in unvaccinated individuals.

There is only one way to keep the numbers of measles cases down: vaccinate.

Are you and your family covered? Check your vaccination status with your healthcare provider!

MEASLES

2016
4.643 cases

2017
14.451 cases

cases reported by 30 EU/EEA countries



Do you know what vaccines you need and when?

The WHO recommend routine immunizations for all age groups - children, adolescents, adults, older adults, international travelers, health workers.

Did you know that polio, measles, diphtheria and tetanus are dangerous at any age? All adults are advised to get vaccination.

If your children are 9-18 years old, they may be eligible for a number of vaccines: missed routine vaccine doses for diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis booster shot, the HPV vaccine and other vaccines if they are in a high risk category.

Travel vaccines are recommended if planning to visit or stay in high-risk area

Staying up to date with vaccinations protects you and those around you from serious and potentially fatal diseases. Ask your healthcare provider for advice on which vaccines are right for you.

Myths and facts about immunization: consult the right sources!

There is a lot of conflicting information out there about vaccines. Question what you read and hear, understand the facts:

- Vaccines are safe and effective
- Vaccines prevent deadly illnesses
- Vaccines provide better immunity than natural infection
- Combined vaccines are safe and beneficial

will return

...and consult the official sources to be correctly informed!

European, National and local institutions:



On vaccine safety: www.vaccinesafetynet.org



TRAINING INITIATIVES – 06 NOV. 2018

- “Active citizens in Europe advocate for vaccination – Training seminar”



FROM ADVANCE TO VAC4EU: CITIZENS' PERSPECTIVES

- **Discrepancy** between a research project developed without representatives of the civic society and the birth of a non-for-profit civic actor. What's the experts and promoters' experience in leading and managing a non-for-profit?
- The question is not between placing civic organizations within the Executive Board and the Strategic Advisory group, but whether or not you want to take into consideration the **perspective of citizens**. If yes, they have to take part in the decision-making process.
- The **membership** of VAC4EU should not be based only on a fee, but also on the importance of strategic alliances, synergies, partnerships, etc.



THANK YOU!

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