



# Solving Europe -Health & Disease

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### **Political Problems Today**

- Export bans on Medical Goods
- One-sided closure of borders
- Illogical citizen health measures

### Economic situation today in EU

- Growth : decrease of 6.8%
- Debt: 118,2% of GDP
- Unemployment: 7.5% of the labor force



#### €524 bn

National measures taken under the flexibility of EU budgetary rules (general escape clause)



€100 bn

SURE - EU funding for short-time work schemes (LE)

E70 bn Direct EU budget support



€2,553 bn National liquidity

measures



€240 bn

European Stability Mechanism Pandemic Crisis Support for Member States



#### €200 bn

EIB - European Investment Bank Group financing for businesses

Key data of the current economic recovery of the European Union because of the health crisis

## Environmental situation today In EU

- Reduction of greenhouse gases
- Improve of air quality

#### **1.** Current situation

- Healthcare in Europe is run at individual national levels
- No European Health Union

Pandemic showed us that there is a lot to improve

- Resilient health systems
- Eu needs better capacity to respond collectively

### **Changes in Politics**

Solutions to crises must be solved together, within and outside the borders of the EU.

A complete restructure of the EU and how it functions.

A more democratic political union.

#### Potential economic solutions

- Stimulate the economic activity by decreasing the interest rate : role of the central bank
- Reviving the tourism industry by being more flexible with rules of entry: role of the UE and the member states
- Supporting businesses and maintaining employment: role of the member states and companies

#### 2. Ideal solution: The European Health Union

- Solidarity within and between member states
- Promotion of healthy living and working standards
- People-centred policies to prevent disease and protect health
- Accessible for every citizen of the EU

#### European Commission taking first steps

"Our aim is to protect the health of all European citizens. The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the need for more coordination in the EU, more resilient health systems, and better preparation for future crises. We are changing the way we address cross-border health threats. Today, we start building a European Health Union, to protect citizens with high quality care in a crisis, and equip the Union and its Member States to prevent and manage health emergencies that affect the whole of Europe."

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

#### **3.** Consequences

- Supranationalism
- What will happen to the private health insurance companies?

### Conclusion

Politically the EU were not prepared in terms of a health and disease crises and a democratic restructure now could help for a more organised and prepared continent in the future.