

# TAKING ACTION A ROADMAP TO ACHIEVING UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL BY 2030



## Why we developed this Roadmap?

While **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)** is a well-recognised goal for all healthcare systems in the EU, this **basic right** is regrettably **not yet a reality for all patients** in the EU.

## What does this Roadmap aim to achieve?

This roadmap, in line with EPF's 2017 **Campaign on Access to Healthcare**, aims to provide national and EU decision makers with **recommended actions** that need to urgently be considered to **achieve UHC for all patients in the EU by 2030**. It calls on Member States and the EU to **commit to a long-term vision where equity of access and UHC is a reality for all** – a target of the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) on ensuring health lives.

**Universal health coverage is a human right.**

*Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,  
WHO Director General*



**Universal health coverage is where “everyone has access to quality health services that they need without risking financial hardship from paying for them”.**

*World Health Organisation (WHO)*



**The EU and its national governments need to take urgent action to respond to increasing health inequalities within and between EU countries and unacceptable access to healthcare barriers and unmet needs faced by patients in Europe.**

*Nicola Bedlington, EPF Secretary General*

## How to use this Roadmap?

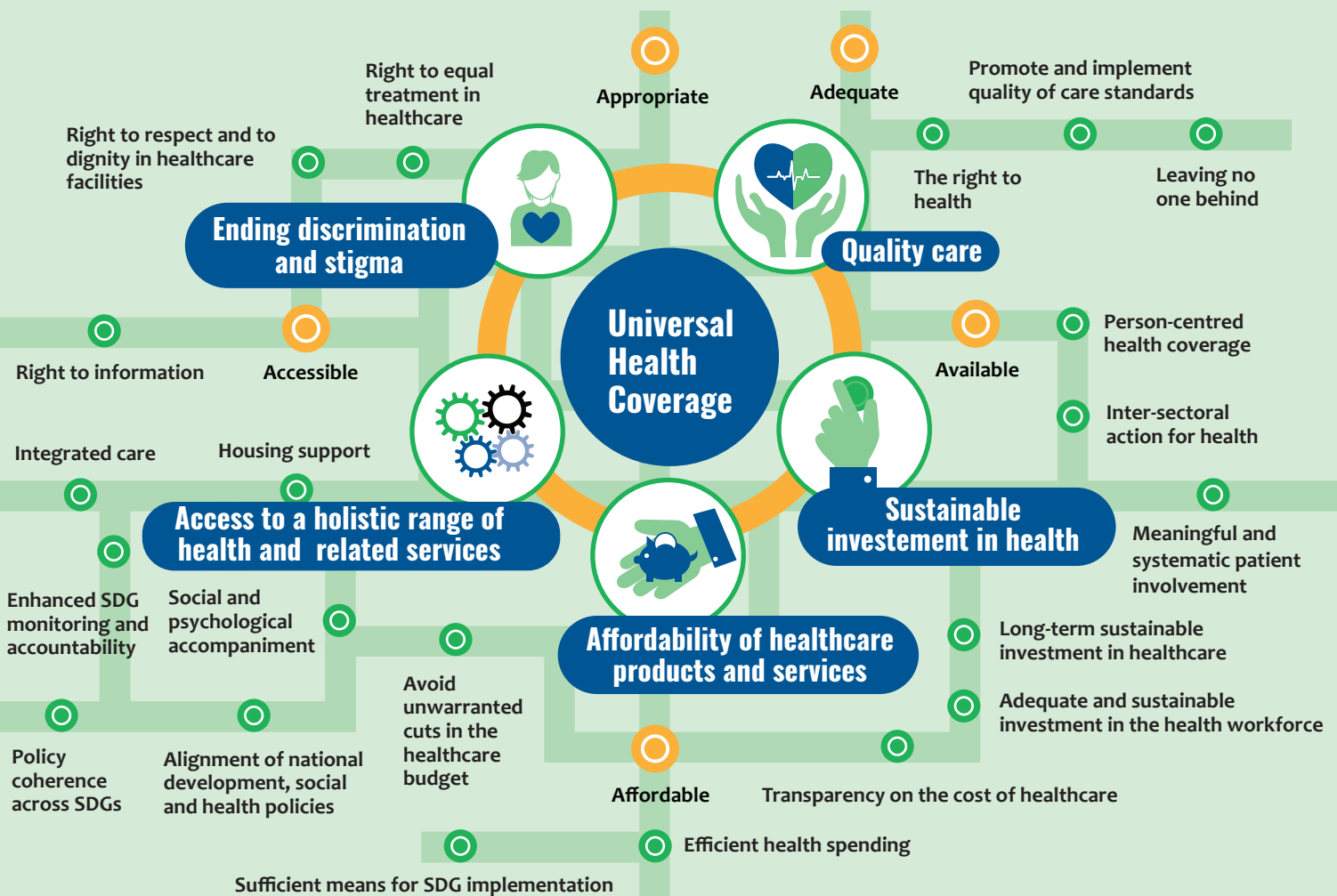
The roadmap serves as a guide to outstanding challenges, patients' concerns, unmet needs and recommended actions to achieve UHC for all patients.

- EPF will use this roadmap as a reference document for all our activities on access to health.
- EPF invites **EU and Member State decision makers** to consider this roadmap and its recommendations when developing related policies and UN SDG implementation strategies.
- EPF urges **patient organisations and civil society** to use this roadmap to engage with their governments, holding them to account for the implementation of UHC.

# What is EPF advocating for?

- ✓ A transparent, inclusive and collaborative working process for the implementation of UHC and the UN SDGs.
- ✓ Intersectoral action for health to achieve UHC and significantly improve quality of life and care for patients.
- ✓ Key elements and actions, to be considered by decision makers, which reflect in their entirety the needs that are considered by patients to be essential in attaining UHC.

The illustration below depicts 5 goals as well as complementary and interconnected key actions to accomplish in order to achieve UHC. These recommendations are described in further detail in the Roadmap.



## Conclusion

In the light of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, there has never been a stronger case, or a more vital moment for **Europe to work together to protect our health**, and for this reason it is essential that this is not only maintained, but continuously improved. Health protection and improvement is a great success story of the European Union and **closer cooperation and collaboration** between Member States will empower and equip countries with the necessary tools and peer support to achieve EPF's vision of a Europe where all patients with chronic conditions have equal access to high quality, patient-centred health and related care.

For EPF's Roadmap entitled 'Taking Action – A Roadmap to Achieving Universal Health Coverage for All by 2030', please use the QR code.



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