



RESOLUTION:

MIGRANT CRISIS: VACCINATION SCHEDULES AND PROGRAMMES MUST BE URGENTLY RE-EVALUATED

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Recognising:

- The European Union has recently experienced large migratory flows.
- Many of the migrants and asylum seekers are arriving from regions, which are largely affected by infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and polio.

Acknowledging:

- For a long time e.g. tuberculosis and polio were rarely seen in large parts of the European Union. National vaccination programmes and schedules were adapted, and in certain Member States, vaccinations of tuberculosis and the re-vaccinations of polio in adults aren't recommended anymore.
- Small epidemic outbreaks of infectious diseases have been reported within the European Union in recent time; in certain cases migrants or asylum seekers were the source. Infectious diseases, such as tuberculosis, have frequently been diagnosed in arriving migrants and asylum seekers.

Yepp calls on:

- The Member States and Commission to re-evaluate vaccination programmes and schedules for tuberculosis and polio, among other diseases, to prevent epidemic and pandemic situations.
- The Member States, the Commission and other institutions to create effective vaccination programmes a priority and especially strengthen programmes for migrants and asylum seekers.