



Recommendation 2020 (2013)¹

Final version

Equal access to health care

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its [Resolution 1946 \(2013\)](#) on equal access to health care.
2. The Assembly welcomes the recent work of the Committee of Ministers in the health field, resulting in particular in the adoption of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)6 on good governance in health systems, Recommendation CM/Rec(2011)13 on mobility, migration and access to health care, the 2011 Committee of Ministers' Guidelines on child-friendly health care and Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)8 on the implementation of good governance principles in health systems.
3. The Assembly regrets, however, that since 2012 the Council of Europe has been without an intergovernmental committee specifically responsible for facilitating policy development and exchange of good practices in the health field.
4. Having regard to the Council of Europe's principles and values, it is of paramount importance to continue to protect the right to health enshrined in Article 11 of the European Social Charter (revised) (ETS No. 163) and to enhance the role of the European Committee of Social Rights so that it can perform this task as effectively as possible.
5. In the light of the foregoing, the Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers:
 - 5.1. urge those member States which have not yet done so to sign and ratify the European Social Charter (revised) and the protocols thereto;
 - 5.2. take measures to ensure rapid progress towards implementation of the Charter in line with the conclusions and decisions of the European Committee of Social Rights;
 - 5.3. encourage other sectors of the Council of Europe to include health-related issues in their work, based on a cross-sectoral approach.

1. *Assembly debate* on 26 June 2013 (24th Sitting) (see [Doc. 13225](#), report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, rapporteur: Mr Lorrain; and [Doc. 13249](#), opinion of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, rapporteur: Mr Cederbratt). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 26 June 2013 (24th Sitting).

