



**European Committee
of the Regions**

CoR INTERREGIONAL GROUP ON HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Topic – “Addressing medicines shortages in the EU”

Chair	Birgitta Sacrédeus (EPP)
Moderator	Jean-Luc Vanraes (RENEW)
Venue	Committee of the Regions (Room JDE 70)
Date	18/04/2024 13:30 - 14:30 CET

The first public meeting of the European CoR Interregional Group on Health & Well-Being of 2024 will be dedicated to discussing the recent European CoR Opinion on “Addressing medicine shortages”, which has been object of expert consultation and discussion in the framework of the CoR Commission for Natural Resources. The opinion’s key points will be presented by the Rapporteur Erika Von Kalben and commented by key stakeholders, Gloria Ghéquièrre, Advisor at the Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health, Belgium and Ylva Reinsert, Senior EU policy advisor, Region Skåne Brussels Office (Sweden), who will further add their expertise and point of views on crucial related initiatives such as the Critical Medicines Act and the Swedish region’s perspective. An open debate and Q&A with the audience will follow.

Agenda

13:30 Welcome and introduction by the Moderator

- **Jean-Luc Vanraes**, Municipality Council of Uccle – European CoR member (Renew, Belgium), Member of the European CoR Interregional Group on Health and Wellbeing

13:35 Presentation of the CoR’s Opinion on “Addressing medicines shortages”

- **Erika Von Kalben**, Vice-President of the State Parliament of Schleswig-Holstein, European CoR Member (Greens, Germany) and Rapporteur of the European CoR’s Opinion on “Addressing medicines shortages”

13:45 Stakeholders’ views on medicines shortages – with focus on the role of regions

- **Gloria Ghéquièrre**, Advisor at the Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health, Belgium
- **Ylva Reinsert**, Senior EU policy advisor, Region Skåne Brussels Office

14:00 Open debate and Q&A

14.30 Close of meeting

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