

## Press Release on the Representativeness of the European Social Partner Organisations: Human Health Sector

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HOSPEEM welcomes the findings of the Eurofound [representativeness study for the human health sector](#).

HOSPEEM calls for political support by the European Union and the Member States to promote social dialogue at the national level and to create an enabling environment for sectoral social partners in fostering capacity building processes.

HOSPEEM continues to be the most representative European hospital employers' association, a leading voice in the EU sectoral social dialogue also initiating Council decision's<sup>1</sup>. HOSPEEM's members facilitate the most efficient provision of services while ensuring healthcare professionals and patients' safety alike. Unlike any other sector, the COVID-19 pandemic is massively impacting the hospital sector, ranging from reorganising healthcare services and putting mental and physical strains on the health workforce and hospital employers, as highlighted in [HOSPEEM's statement on COVID-19](#). The European Social Dialogue Committee for the Hospital Sector (SSDC HS) continues to be the primary European forum for sectoral social partners to address these and other relevant and challenging topics on both national and EU health agendas.

HOSPEEM believes that the political support by European institutions and Members States is needed to deliver on the [envisaged Action Plan on the European Pillar of Social Rights](#), in particular, the capacity building of social partners to promote social dialogue as well as on the Country-Specific Recommendations of the [European Semester](#).

The European Commission and European Parliament indeed recognise the increasing importance of health, by proposing to build a [European Health Union](#), to include health services in the [European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection](#) and the [Critical Infrastructure Directive](#). Together with the European Council, the institutions also agreed on a [EUR 5.07 billion EU4Health budget](#)<sup>2</sup>.

The role and active involvement of sectoral social partners at EU level are therefore essential to ensure that their voice is heard.

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<sup>1</sup> Eurofound (2020) European sectoral social partner organisations and their representativeness <https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/fr/observatories/eurwork/representativeness-studies>

<sup>2</sup> Amount in 2018 prices