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The European Public Health Alliance welcomes the European Commission's commitment to advance Europe's social and economic development by proposing an action plan aiming to strengthen the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

The unprecedented crisis caused by the pandemic has had disproportionate effects on vulnerable population groups and marginalized communities, including Roma, homeless people, persons with disabilities, migrants and people with a migrant background; LGBTIQ who are already experiencing greater exposure to ill physical and mental health, but also poverty and exclusion. The pandemic worsened social and health inequalities which remain a severe barrier for the optimal economic and social participation of entire population groups as well as Europe's sustainable development.

Therefore, we welcome the adoption of the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021 putting the Social Pillar at the heart of Europe's recovery, digitalization and climate transition and call on the European Commission to implement a number of measures to strengthen the health, social and economic protection of vulnerable groups through the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights. The Pillar's action plan must safeguard that disadvantaged individuals and communities are provided with equal opportunities to mitigate the social and economic impact of COVID-19. Furthermore, it must tackle the adverse effects of health, social and gender inequalities whilst promoting social and economic development across Europe. Those measures must include:

-developing a comprehensive action plan to effectively close health and social gaps between vulnerable groups and the general population

-strengthening the implementation of the action plan through monitoring mechanisms including measurable indicators and binding targets

-reinforcing health and social protection and prevention through the Pillar's action plan

-ensuring adequacy of allocated funding and public investment in vulnerable groups

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Final questions

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