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## JSIS and The European Health Insurance Card

*This background work is truly in the general interest...*



**The Federation** has tirelessly asked the Administration of the Commission ([note to Ms. INGESTAD](#)) to obtain solutions from the Member States to the difficulties encountered by members of the Joint Health Insurance Scheme (JSIS).

Indeed, as we all know, the specific coverage we have is recognized with too much difficulty or delays by the health services of the Member States.

**The Federation's** request therefore aimed to allow JSIS affiliates recognition of our system in the Member States, to ease access to health care when traveling in one or more countries of the European Union.

As a reminder, the European Health Insurance Card is a document that allows its holder to benefit from health insurance benefits which avoid, in certain cases, having to pay locally and directly for health benefits.

However, until now, JSIS affiliates have not been able to benefit from these advantages equivalently, whereas this document is intended to benefit all citizens of the European Union.

**The Federation** has therefore asked the Administration to take the full measure of this situation and to open negotiations with the administrations of the Member States, so that this difference in treatment disappears, and that the access of colleagues to health services be generally facilitated.

The request of **The Federation** was well received by the Administration ([note from Mr. Roques](#)), which we would like to thank, and especially the DG HR which therefore confirms to **the Federation** that instruction has been given to DG HR services and PMO to study with DG EMPL the possibility of a dedicated card, which could benefit all JSIS insured persons traveling in a Member State.

We are also delighted that, in the shorter term, DG HR and PMO have decided to open discussions with the Member States to find a solution allowing JSIS affiliates to benefit fully from health insurance benefits in our three main places of assignment until the system is extended to all journeys within the European Union.

It is therefore with great satisfaction that **The Federation** welcomes this announcement from DG HR, which truly brings hope for solutions that will allow all colleagues to be able to travel more peacefully within the European Union, with the guarantee to be able to benefit, without unnecessary obstacles or administrative or financial complications, from the health care they need.

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