

The EU is delivering on:



Health and Consumer policies

Building the Health Union
and enabling sustainable consumption

The EU has been focusing on ensuring that has citizens can **live a health life**, investing in **quality research**, **reducing health inequality** and **improving healthcare**.

Regarding consumer policies, the EU has been focused on updating **consumer legislation to align with the digital marketplace**, improve **energy efficiency**, and promote **sustainable production and consumption**.

Key legislative highlights this term:

Sustainable Products / Circular Economy

- [Common Charger](#)
New rules mean you can use **one charger**, USB Type-C, for most of your small gadgets, so you do **not need a new one each time you buy a device**. This helps **cut waste, save materials**, and **make life easier** for consumers.
- [Batteries and Waste Batteries](#)
The new rules make sure **electric vehicle batteries** have **labels showing their carbon footprint**. They also encourage batteries that are **easy to take out and replace**.

Health Union

- [Emergency Mechanism Cross-Border Health Threats](#)
The new legislation aims to **strengthen cooperation among EU bodies and member states during public health emergencies**. It also provides clearer rules for **buying medicine and medical gear together**.
- [Mental Health in the Digital World of Work](#)
MEPs **support remote work** whilst supporting the "**right to disconnect**." They also want **training to help workers with technology** and measures to **prevent stress and mental health problems from remote work**.

Ask your friends and family: Is the EU is doing enough regarding health and consumer policies? What would they like to see implemented?

They should **vote in June 2024** to express their choice and make sure their concerns are represented in the European Parliament.