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## Healthcare Associated Infections cost Europe

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At a round table on patient safety and healthcare associated infections (HCAIs) organised by Health First Europe (HFE) and co-hosted by MEPs Liz Lynne and Amalia Sartori; figures presented show the very significant burden of HCAIs on Europe's healthcare systems which are in crisis, requiring urgent and concrete EU action.

According to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), HCAIs are directly responsible for approximately 37,000 deaths annually and contribute to a further 110,000 across the EU. The burden on healthcare systems is immense, resulting in an additional 16 million days of hospital stays per year. Assuming the average daily cost of a hospital stay is

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