

## LONE, INTERDEPENDENT – Full introduction

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Solidary or Solitary: a single letter is enough to drastically modify the meaning of a word! “Nothing is solitary, everything is in solidarity. Man unites with the planet, the planet unites with the sun, the sun unites with the star, the star unites with nebula, the nebula unites with the infinite” Victor Hugo.

So, what is solidarity? It is neither charity, the “Caritas” that evolved into “care”, nor altruism and generosity.

Solidarity is a social duty, a group requirement, a reciprocal approach of assistance and collaboration that bound people of a community within the ties that unites them.

Primarily founded on blood and kinship – families, clans, tribes – it then extended to others membership such as companions, members of a brotherhood, orders, unions, or associations.

From a management standpoint, solidarity is reflected in local authorities, counties, cantons, departments, regions, nation, and Europe. Health is one of the high-priority scopes among the healthy and the ill, the rich and the poor, the young and the elderly.

Thus, solidarity is one of the six principles of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

In the face of the pandemic, solidarity has shaken-up the 'business as usual' to cope, but it has also shown its limits of actions shared between professionals from the public and private sector, between hospitals, clinics and city medicine, the dogmatism of some held back the needed pragmatism of others to resolve the crisis the country still face now.

Acting in a spirit of solidarity, is to refuse to set apart medical and medico-social from the environmental caring-values, is to prevent isolating medical care prevention and rehabilitation, all ruptures costly in terms of efficiency and funding. It is time to put an end to clichés of those who want to extract the public hospital from the market economy and wish of financing it separately! As far as I know, public money per se does not exist. The state pays its million hospital civil servants, whom I would like to pay a tribute for their extraordinary dedication, through market via various taxes and taxes levied on daily industrial, craft, and commercial output as well as on households. The Republic lives on the global economy to finance its sovereign mission within a social contract, driven by solidarity paid by taxes to act for the benefit of everyone.

As a result, this solidarity will only flourish harmoniously in trust among stakeholders. Wanting to oppose both sectors of public and private healthcare practice is unworthy, which benefits no one, above all the patient.

Leave the freedom to those healthcare professionals, people in the field, to do their job together. Emancipating them of this grotesque administrative constraint which entraps them in a fussy precaution and in a deleterious inertia.

Let us abolish the regulations hampering innovation when accomplishing day-to-day actions in the service of patients.

Let us simplify and regulate seamlessly by taking the long-term view.

These are the priorities that are to the forefront, by bringing together stakeholders, ascertaining solidarity and going beyond parochial approaches which undermine the very bases of concerted action and most importantly let us think European, determined to work together to contribute to the well-being of the population of our whole continent that is still searching to address a way forward.

Solidarity is the most beautiful of words when it is experienced by each for all and all for each.