Communities responsible for exercising authority in preventive medicine: differences between Communities → comparisons and pressure on the political authority

1999: Awareness letter (doctors → policy makers): funding?

Brussels context

End of the 1990s: Brussels-Capital Health and Social Observatory: contacted by a doctor

Inter-ministerial conference of health ministers
- Working group on newborn screening
- 2001-2002: feasibility study (3 hospitals)

2003: Political forum*

2004-2005: sign language advisory committee → parliament

2004-2009: policy declaration: evaluation of local initiatives and possibility to extend

2004-2009: Minister = doctor

Policy makers made aware of the issue