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MEP dr. István Ujhelyi is a Hungarian politician who has been serving as a Member of the European Parliament since 2014 in the fraction of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats. He is the vice-chair of the Committee on Tourism and Transportation (TRAN) and substitute member of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). As of this year, he is also a member of ENVI's Subcommittee on Public Health, SANT. Even before the Covid-19 pandemic, he started floating the idea of a minimum standard for healthcare in the European Union, and he took part in the creation of S&D's Position Paper on the European Health Union in 2020. In 2022, together with healthcare organizations and colleagues, he launched the European Health Union Network, a roundtable between organizations and the parliament with his leadership. In addition, together with colleagues from S&D, he is actively working on the creation of a task force or a working group on Mental Health Strategy.

He holds a law degree from József Attila University in Szeged. He has been active in Hungarian politics since 1996 and he held several significant positions such as State Secretary in the Prime Minister's office in 2009-2010 and state Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development in 2006-2008.

In 2022, he established Esély Közösség - the Hungarian Community of Chance, which focuses on social democratic values and helps bringing civilians together with everyday problems - be it social or health related - and solve the issue, move forward together as a community.