



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – 7 and 8 December 2001 - GHENT

EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND NATIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS: A CHALLENGE FOR SOCIAL POLICY

PROGRAMME

The Belgian Presidency of the European Union (EU) will organise this conference to initiate a scientific debate about the impact of European integration on the scope of EU Member States to develop and fund their public health care schemes autonomously. This conference will examine to what extent the specific social objectives of various European public health care systems can be safeguarded. The conference participants will include policy makers, financiers and health care providers. Interpretation services will be provided in Dutch, English and French and, for plenary sessions, German.

Friday 7 December 2001

IMPACT OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION ON THE SOCIAL NATURE OF HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

Chair: *Michel Rocard*, European Parliament

13.00-14.00	Registration
14.00-14.15	OPENING ■ <i>Frank Vandenbroucke</i> , Belgian Minister for Social Affairs and Pensions
14.15-15.30	INTRODUCTION: THE SOCIAL NATURE OF THE EUROPEAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS AND THE IMPACT OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION ■ <i>Elias Mossialos</i> , The London School of Economics and Political Science CONSTRUCTING HEALTH SECURITY IN EUROPE: LOOKING BACKWARD TO SEE FORWARD? ■ <i>Richard Saltman</i> , Emory University, Atlanta
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17.10	HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS IN EU PRE-ACCESSION COUNTRIES AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION ■ <i>Reinhard Busse</i> , Escuela Nacional de Sanidad, Madrid EUROPEAN LEGISLATION ON INTERNAL MARKET AND COMPETITION LAW: APPLICABILITY TO HEALTH CARE ■ <i>Franz Marhold</i> , Karl-Franzens-University, Graz
17.10-17.30	Questions and Answers
19.30	Cocktail – Gala diner



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WORKSHOP 1: FREE MOVEMENT OF PRODUCTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Chair: *Philippe Brunet*, DG Enterprise, European Commission

Rapporteur: *Jo De Cock*, Belgian National Institute for Health and Invalidity Insurance (RIZIV/INAMI)

9.00-10.10	<p>EU LAW AND PHARMACEUTICALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Leigh Hancher</i>, Catholic University Brabant, Tilburg <p>TRENDS IN PRICING AND REIMBURSEMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS IN THE EU MEMBER STATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Juan Rovira</i>, World Bank <p>EU AND MEDICAL DEVICES REGULATION IN THE MEMBER STATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Christa Altenstetter</i>, The City University of New York
10.10-10.50	<p><i>Reactions from actors</i></p> <p>HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT POLICY: CO-ORDINATION ROLE FOR THE EU?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Egon Jonsson</i>, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm <p>THE APPLICATION OF MEDICAL GUIDELINES IN HEALTH INSURANCE IN FRANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Pierre Durieux</i>, Medical Faculty Hôtel Dieu, Paris <p>INFORMATION FOR THE CONSUMERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Danielle Bardelay</i>, "La Revue Prescrire" <p>PHARMACEUTICAL POLICIES IN GERMANY AND EU LAW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Wolfgang Kaesbach</i>, BKK Bundesverband
10.50-11.20	Coffee break
11.20-12.30	Debate

WORKSHOP 2: A EUROPEAN HEALTH CARE MARKET FOR PATIENTS?

Chair: *Herwig Verschueren*, DG Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission

Rapporteur: *Robert Kieffer*, Union des Caisses de maladie, Luxembourg

9.00-10.10	<p>INTERNAL MARKET CASE LAW AND THE PATIENT'S POSITION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Jason Nickless</i>, Specialist in EC law <p>EC REGULATION 1408/71 BETWEEN STATUS QUO AND UPGRADING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Yves Jorens</i>, Max-Planck-Institute, Munich <p>ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN BORDER REGIONS: TOWARDS A PRO-ACTIVE POLICY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Alain Coheur</i>, AIM
10.10-10.50	<p><i>Reactions from actors</i></p> <p>PATIENTS' RIGHTS IN A EUROPEAN HEALTH CARE MARKET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Herman Nys</i>, Catholic University of Leuven <p>ENSURING QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WITHIN A SINGLE MARKET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Justin Allen</i>, University of Leicester <p>NORWEGIAN PATIENTS IN EU HOSPITALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Jan Ove Nesse</i>, National Insurance Administration
10.50-11.20	Coffee break
11.20-12.30	Debate

WORKSHOP 3: IMPACT OF THE EU MARKET RULES ON HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

Chair: **Michael Hübel**, DG Health and Consumer Protection, European Commission

Rapporteur: **Geert Jan Hamilton**, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports, Den Haag

9.00–10.10	<p>EU COMPETITION LAW AND HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS ■ Beatrix Karl, Karl-Franzens-University, Graz</p> <p>VOLUNTARY HEALTH INSURANCE AND EU INSURANCE DIRECTIVES: BETWEEN SOLIDARITY AND THE MARKET ■ Willy Palm, AIM</p> <p>DO THE RULES ON THE SINGLE MARKET AFFECT HEALTH SERVICES? ■ Vassilis Hatzopoulos, Democritus University of Thrace</p>
10.10–10.50	<p><i>Reactions from actors</i></p> <p>PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES IN SWEDEN ■ Kaj Essinger, County Council's and Region's Mutual Insurance Company, Stockholm ■ Eva Sveman, Federation of Swedish County Councils, Stockholm</p> <p>THE DUTCH HEALTH INSURANCE SECTOR AND EU COMPETITION LAW ■ Henriette Akyurek-Kievits, Netherlands Competition Authority (Nma)</p> <p>MOBILITY OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ■ Philip Berman, European Health Management Association</p>
10.50-11.20	Coffee break
11.20-12.30	Debate
12.30	Lunch

HOW CAN EUROPEAN POLICIES CONTRIBUTE TO SAFEGUARDING THE SOCIAL NATURE OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

Chair: **Raoul Briet**, Chairman of the Social Protection Committee

14.30-15.30	<p>REPORTS AND SYNTHESIS OF THE WORKING GROUPS ■ Jo De Cock, Robert Kieffer and Geert Jan Hamilton</p>
15.30-15.40	<p>CONCLUDING REMARKS ■ Elias Mossialos</p>
15.40-16.30	<p>ROUND TABLE</p> <p>⇒ <i>Could European basic economic freedoms be compatible with the social nature of the European health care systems?</i></p> <p>⇒ <i>Is there a need for European action in the field of health care policy and what should be the scope of this action?</i></p> <p>Chairperson : Jos Berghman, Catholic University of Leuven Participants : Anne Van Lancker, European Parliament Ralf Jacob, DG Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission Jo De Cock, RIZIV/INAMI Lluís Bohigas, Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs, Madrid Milton Nektarios, Social Security Institute, Athens Vagn Nielsen, Danish Ministry of Health</p>
16.30-16.50	<p>REACTION OF THE COMMISSION ■ Odile Quintin, DG Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission</p>
16.50-17.15	<p>CLOSURE OF THE CONFERENCE ■ Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgian Minister for Social Affairs and Pensions</p>
17.15	Cocktail Dinatoire

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PLENARY SESSION

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