
Conference:

Towards more integrated health care in Europe: Strengthening patients' access to cross-border care and enhancing health professionals' mobility.

Experiences, challenges and policy developments in the rheumatic and musculoskeletal disease field

Thon Hotel EU, 13 October 2015 (9:30 – 17:30)

Agenda

Host: Takis Hadjigeorgiou (Member of the European Parliament)

Chair: Prof. Gerd R. Burmester (EULAR President)

9:30 – 10:05: Opening session

- ◆ **Prof. Gerd R. Burmester**, EULAR President
- ◆ **Takis Hadjigeorgiou**, Member of the European Parliament
- ◆ **Marios Kouloumas**, EULAR Vice-President representing People with Arthritis/Rheumatism in Europe (PARE)
- ◆ **Laura Valli**, Counsellor for public health and pharmaceuticals, Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU, Luxembourg EU Presidency
- ◆ **Annika Nowak**, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Dr. Vytenis Andriukaitis

10:05 – 10:15: Launch of the EULAR Position Paper on Access to Health Care

- ◆ **Prof. Gerd R. Burmester**, EULAR President

10:15 – 11:15: Cross-border health care – State of play and challenges

- ◆ **Patients' rights in cross-border health care – Assessment and future developments**
Corina Vasilescu, Policy Officer, Healthcare Systems Unit, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG Sante), European Commission
- ◆ **Treatment pathways across borders: The experience of the rheumatic and musculoskeletal disease community (RMDs)**
Dieter Wiek, Chair of EULAR Standing Committee of PARE

- ◆ **eHealth & cross-border health care: Opportunities and threats**
Dr. Terje Peetso, Programme Officer, Health and Well-Being Unit, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG Connect), European Commission.
- ◆ **Information, quality and safety in cross-border health care**
Dr. Michela Tinelli, Research Fellow, The London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE Health and Social Care
- ◆ **Q&A**

11:30 – 12:15: Health Professionals mobility – State of play and challenges

- ◆ **Health professionals' mobility in the EU: tendencies, policy issues, and impact on health systems**
Dr. Matthias Wismar, Senior Health Policy Analyst at European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
- ◆ **Health professionals' mobility and patients' safety: A regulatory approach**
David Hubert, Healthcare Professionals Crossing Borders (HPCB) & EU Policy Consultant
- ◆ **Health professionals in RMDs: Competences, professional standards and mobility**
Prof. Thea Vliet Vlieland, Leiden University Medical Center & EULAR
- ◆ **Q&A**

Workshops

Workshop 1:

Patient journeys in cross-border health care: challenges and policy options

Chairs: Dieter Wiek (Chair of EULAR Standing Committee of PARE) & Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous (Senior Policy Adviser, European Patients' Forum, EPF)

Workshop 2:

Policy issues in furthering the use of eHealth technologies for enhancing access to health care across borders

Chairs: Prof. Loreto Carmona (Instituto de Salud Musculoesquelética & EULAR) & Marc Lange (Secretary General, European Health Telematics Association, EHTEL)

Workshop 3:

Challenges and policy options in health professionals' mobility

Chairs: Prof. Thea Vliet Vlieland (Leiden University Medical Center & EULAR) & Dr. Peter Carter (Consultant & European Federation of Nurses, EFN)

Workshop 4:

Addressing differences in standards of care in cross-border health care

Chairs: Prof. Anthony Woolf (Universities of Exeter and Plymouth & EULAR) & Birgit Beger (Secretary General, Standing Committee of Medical Doctors, CPME)

15:45 – 17:00: Panel discussion: Towards a further integration/coordination of health care services in the EU: Challenges, competences, and policy options

- ◆ **Karin Kadenbach** (Member of the European Parliament); **Dr. Roberto Bertollini** (Chief Scientist and WHO Representative to the European Union); **Marios Kouloumas** (EULAR Vice-President representing People with Arthritis/Rheumatism in Europe, PARE), **Prof. Anthony Redmond** (Chair Standing Committee on Health Professionals in Rheumatology, EULAR); **Prof. Lasse Lehtonen** (Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health & Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa, University of Helsinki). Moderator: **Geoff Meade** (Journalist)

17:00 – 17:30: Closing session

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