



Group of the Progressive Alliance of
Socialists & Democrats
in the European Parliament



CAN EU CITIZENS AFFORD THEIR MEDICINES? THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES IN EUROPE

HIGH LEVEL MEETING - 16TH MAY
European Parliament, Brussels - Room Jan 4Q2

✓ [8.30 - 9.00] - Arrival of guests

9am-12.00pm - Morning Sessions

✓ [9.00-9.20] - Introduction and welcome remarks

- [9.00-9.10] Alejandro Cercas (Spain, S&D)
- [9.10-9.20] Contextualization of the meeting by David Hammerstein (TADC)

✓ [9.20 -9.50] - **PANEL I: “Do EU citizens have an access to medicines problem?”**

- ▶ Speakers:
 - [9.20-9.30] Moderator: Deborah Cohen, British Medical Journal
 - [9.30-9.35] Antonya Parvanova (Bulgaria, ALDE)
Rapporteur on Transparency in Medicine Pricing Directive
 - [9.35-9.40] Nikos Chrysogelos (Greece, Greens/EFA)
 - [9.40-9.45] Sean Kelly (EPP, Ireland) (TBC)
 - [9.45-9.50] Pavel Poc
Czech Republic S&D Co-chair of MEPs against Cancer.

✓ [9.50-12.30] - **PANEL II: “On the frontline of access to medicines in Europe”**

- [9.55-10.00] Moderator: Deborah Cohen, British Medical Journal
- ▶ Speakers:
 - [10.00-10.25] Nicky Voudouri
Medical Coordinator, PRAKSIS

[10.25 -10h45] Raminta **Stuikyte**

European AIDS Treatment Group

[10.45-11.05] Dr. Jose Manuel **Silva**

President of the Portuguese Medical Association

[11.05-11.25] Gonzalo **Fanjul Suárez**

Researcher, IS Global Barcelona Institute for Global Health

[11.25 -11.45] John **Chave**

Secretary General, Pharmaceutical Group of the EU

[11.45-12.05] European Association of Hospital Pharmacist (TBC)

[12.05-12.30] **Questions & Answers**

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00pm – 18.00pm **Afternoon sessions**

- [14.00-14.05] Introduction from MEP (TBC)
- ✓ [14.05 – 15.30] - **PANEL I: “What can be done to reduce cost and increase equity in access?”**
 - [14.05-14.10] Moderator: Kees **de Joncheere**,
Director of the Essential Medicines and Health Products Department at the WHO
 - ▶ **Speakers:**
 - [14.10-14.30] Christine **Leopold**
Austrian Health Institute - WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information
 - [14.30-14.50] Sofia **de Oliveira Martins**
National School of Public Health, Portugal
 - [14.50-15.10] Joan **Rovira**
Department of Economic Theory, University of Barcelona
 - [15.10-15.30] Lieven **Annemans**
Professor of Health Economics at Ghent University and Brussels University
- ✓ [15.30 - 16.10] **Respondents**
 - [15.30-15.40] Questions from the audience
 - [15.40-15.50] Mr Andrzej **Jan Rys**
DG SANCO Director Health Systems and Products
 - [15.50-16.00] Hugo **Hurts**
Director Department of Pharmaceutical Affairs and Medical Technology, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, The Netherlands (TBC)

[16.00-16.10] Thomas Heynisch

Deputy Head of Unit for Food and Healthcare Industries, Biotechnology, DG ENT

✓ [16.10 - 17.30] **PANEL II: “New models of innovation for affordable medicines”**

○ [16.10-16.20] Moderator: Ellen T’Hoen, Consultant Medicines Law and Policy

▶ **Speakers:**

[16.20-16.40] James Love

Knowledge Ecology International

[16.40-17.00] Teresa Alves

La Revue Prescrire

[17.00-17.20] Els Torreele

Project Director, Access to Medicines Open Society Foundation

✓ [17.20 - 18.00] **Respondents**

[17.20-17.30] Questions from the audience

[17.30-17.40] Octavi Quintana

Director of the European Research Area

[17.40- 17.50] Irish Presidency Health Attaché (TBC)

[17.50-18.00] Professor Luigi

Martini Kings College London

[18.00-18.05] Alejandro Cercas (Spain, S&D) – closing remarks