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Lunch Debate:
Opening up medical research data for an ethical and efficient EU policy

Crucial information about many medicines is kept secret. In consequence, doctors can face difficulty in choosing the safest and most effective treatment for their patients. Is it ethical and efficient for the EU to allow essential medical research data to be shrouded in secrecy? Can the health of EU citizens be effectively protected with very little or insufficient access to clinical trial data concerning the safety and secondary effects of a drug?

As Director of the Nordic Cochrane Center, Professor Dr. Peter Gøtzsche states: "If commercial or academic success depends on withholding data that is important for rational decision making by physicians, patients and governments then there is something fundamentally wrong with our priorities in health care."

As the European Parliament considers the EU´s framework programme for research and innovation, Horizon 2020, and will soon discuss the EU´s Clinical Trial Directive, European lawmakers have a unique opportunity to lead the way toward opening up health-sensitive research data with the aim of ending wasteful repetition and the promotion of scientific transparency. More and more voices in the scientific community feel that data sharing would lead to tremendous benefits for patients, progress in science, and far more rational use of healthcare resources based on evidence we can trust.

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Time: 12h30 - 14h00
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Programme

12h40 - 12h45: **Opening by MEP Peter Liese**

12h45 – 13h00: **Prof. Dr. Wolf-Dieter Ludwig**, Chairman at the Drug Commission of the German Medical Association
"*Patient and drug safety require mandatory disclosure of clinical study reports – The clinicians' perspective"*

13h00 – 13h15: **Prof. Dr. Peter Gøtzsche**, Director of the Nordic Cochrane Centre
"*Why we need to open up health research by sharing our raw data*"

13.15 – 13.20: **Response by Nicholas Catephores**, Adviser to the European Ombudsman

13.20 – 13.25: **Response by Dr. Hans-Georg Eichler**, Senior Medical Officer at the European Medicines Agency (EMA)

13.25 – 13.30: **Response by Stefano Soro**, Head of Unit, Medicinal products – quality, safety and efficacy European Commission DG SANCO

13.30 – 13.50: **Open discussion with speakers and respondents**

13.50 – 14.00: **Conclusions by MEP Margrete Auken and MEP Christel Schaldemose**

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