



**Ms. Teresa Leonardo Alves**

Teresa Alves has more than 10 years of experience in the coordination and management of not-for-profit organisations as well as a Masters in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Porto University (Portugal) and a Masters in Public Health from the Netherlands Institute of Health Sciences (Erasmus University, Rotterdam).

Her career placements have always been connected to pharmacy and public health, and as a result, she became particularly interested in topics related to equitable access to essential medicines, medicines safety and rational use.

She joined Health Action International Europe in 2006, first as a campaigns officer and later as a Coordinator for the European Office. She has developed invaluable knowledge of key stakeholders in European pharmaceutical policy as well as mapping the political economy of medicines. This has required expertise in identifying and maintaining contacts with NGO networks, policy-makers and regulatory agencies.

Teresa is currently reading for a PhD on Medicines' Information to Patients and Consumers, while working as an International Policy Adviser for La Revue Prescrire, an independent drug bulletin based in France.

**Expertise:**

- European medicines policy
- Rational Use of Medicines
- Regulation of pharmaceutical promotion
- Medicines information

