



## INVITATION

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

**16<sup>th</sup> of May 2013, 9:00 – 18.00**

**European Parliament**

**Room Jan 4Q2**

**A Meeting hosted by Mr Alejandro Cercas, MEP (Spain S&D) and by the S&D Group.**

Organised in the European Parliament, this high-level meeting will revolve around various political processes linked with the economic crisis. Some of the topics discussed will be the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy, as well as pharmaceutical legislation aiming to ensure that people living in Europe have access to a wide range of quality and affordable medicines. The gathering will serve to assess the impact of cost-containment policies put in place in some EU member states. Participants will debate which role new innovation models and instruments could play in ensuring the affordability of medicines.

This seminar will bring together actors and institutions that do not traditionally meet or exchange ideas. One of the expected outcomes of the event is to develop recommendations to be put forward to multilateral institutions, Ministries of Finance, Research and Health. Significant press coverage and a high attendance from the public health community at large, health ministries, industry, health and NGOs, academics, think tanks and key health stakeholders from across the EU, is expected.

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We do hope you will be able to join us for this timely discussion.

**If you would like to attend the event, please register before 5 May:**

#### [REGISTRATION](#)

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Kind regards,

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