

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

16TH MAY

European Parliament, Brussels - Room Jan 4Q2

✓ [8.30 - 9.00] - Arrival of guests

9am-12.30pm - Morning Sessions

✓ [9.00-9.15] - Introduction and welcome remarks

- [9.00-9.10] Alejandro Cercas (S&D, Spain)
- [9.10-9.15] Setting the scene of the day by David Hammerstein
Trans-Atlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD)

✓ [9.15 -10.05] - **PANEL I: “Do EU citizens have an access to medicines problem?”**

- [9.15-9.20] Moderator: Deborah Cohen, British Medical Journal
- ▶ **Speakers:**
 - [9.20-9.27] Maria do Céu Patrão Neves (EPP, Portugal)
 - [9.28-9.35] Marian Harkin (ALDE, Ireland)
 - [9.36-9.43] Elena Oana Antonescu (EPP, Romania)
 - [9.44-9:50] Nikos Chrysogelos (Greens/EFA, Greece)
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 - [9.50 -10.05] Q&A From the audience

✓ [10.05-12.30] - **PANEL II: “On the frontline of access to medicines in Europe”**

- [10.05-10.10] Moderator: Deborah Cohen, British Medical Journal
- ▶ **Speakers:**
 - [10.10-10.20] Nicky Voudouri
Medical Coordinator, PRAKSIS
 - [10.20-10.30] Raminta Stuikyte
European AIDS Treatment Group
 - [10.30-10.40] Jose Manuel Silva
President of the Portuguese Medical Association

[10.40-10.50] Gonzalo **Fanjul Suárez**
Researcher, IS Global Barcelona Institute for Global Health

[10.50 -11.00] John **Chave**
Secretary General, Pharmaceutical Group of the EU

[11.00-11.10] Aida **Batista**,
European Association of Hospital Pharmacists

[11.10-11.40] Q&A Moderator to Speakers

[11.40 -12.30] Q&A From the audience

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00pm – 17.30pm Afternoon sessions

[14.00-14.05] Antonyia **Parvanova** (ALDE, Bulgaria)
Rapporteur on Transparency in Medicine Pricing Directive

✓ [14.05 – 15.35] - **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:**

[14.10-14.20] Christine **Leopold**
Austrian Health Institute - WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information

[14.20-14.30] Joan **Rovira**
Department of Economic Theory, University of Barcelona

[14.30-14.40] Lieven **Annemans**
Department of Health Economics at Ghent University and Brussels University

[14.40-15.00] Q&A From the audience

✓ [15.00 - 15.35] **Respondents**

[15.00-15.05] DG SANCO representative **TBC**

[15.05-15.10] Hugo **Hurts**
Director Department of Pharmaceutical Affairs and Medical Technology, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, The Netherlands

[15.10-15.15] Thomas **Heynisch**
Deputy Head of Unit for Food and Healthcare Industries, Biotechnology, DG ENT

[15.15-15.35] Q&A from the audience

✓ [15.35 - 17.30] **PANEL II: “New models of innovation for affordable medicines”**

- [15.35-15.40] Moderator: Ellen 't Hoen Independent Medicines Law and Policy Consultant

▶ **Speakers:**

[15.40-15.50] Teresa Alves

La Revue Prescrire

[16.50-16.00] James Love

Knowledge Ecology International

[16.00-16.10] Els Torreele

Director, Access to Essential Medicines Initiative

Open Society Foundations

[16.10-16.20] Michel Goldman

Executive Director, Innovative Medicines Initiative

[16.20-16.30] Q&A Moderator to Speakers

✓ [16.30 – 17.30] **Respondents**

[16.30-16.37] TBC

European Research Area

[16.37-16.16.44] Luigi Martini

Professor, Kings College London

[16.44- 17.00] Q&A from the audience

[17.00-17.10] Alejandro Cercas (S&D, Spain) – closing remarks