



Peer Review in Social Protection and Social Inclusion and Assessment in Social Inclusion

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Agenda

Peer Review:

Cost containment in the pharmaceutical sector:
Innovative approaches to contracting while
ensuring fair access to drugs

Germany, 30 June -1 July 2008



On behalf of the
European Commission DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities



Sunday 29 June

Arrival of participants in Berlin

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Monday 30 June

Venue: Hotel Esplanade

Chair: Ortwin Schulte, Federal Ministry of Health

Facilitation: Alistair McGuire; London School of Economics

- 09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome and introductory remarks**
by Ortwin Schulte, Federal Ministry of Health
- by Georg Fischer, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
- by Monika Natter, ÖSB Consortium
- 09:30 – 09:50 **Networking on pricing and reimbursement of pharmaceuticals in the European Union**
by Stanislav Primožič, Slovenian Agency for Medical Products and Medical Devices
- 09:50 – 10:10 **Cost containment in the pharmaceutical sector: Common challenges in the European Union**
by thematic experts, Jaime Espin, Andalusian School of Public Health and Joan Rovira, University of Barcelona
- 10:10 – 11:00 General discussion
- 11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:30 – 11:50 **Global perspective on cost containment, pricing and reimbursement**
by Elizabeth Docteur, OECD
- 11:50 – 13:15 General discussion, including brief comments from Finland (5')
- 13:15 – 14:30 *Buffet Lunch*
- Experiences from Germany**
Rebate negotiations on pharmaceutical prices between statutory health insurances and pharmaceutical producers
- 14:30 – 14:50 Introduction by Ulrich Dietz, Federal Ministry of Health
- 14:50 – 15:10 Presentation by Gabriele Hollatz, Techniker Krankenkasse, German statutory health insurer
- 15:10 – 17:00 General discussion, including brief comments from France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands (5' each)
- 18: 00 *Evening programme with dinner, offered by the Federal Ministry of Health*

Tuesday 1 July

Venue: Hotel Esplanade

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- 09:00 – 09:20 **Bulgaria: Sustainable access to antiretroviral drugs**
by Hristo Taskov, National Centre of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases,
and Tonka Varleva, Ministry of Health
- 09:20 – 09:40 **Affordable access to essential medicines in the EU**
by Stefaan van der Spiegel, European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry
- 09:40 – 09:50 **Information on the Relative Effectiveness Working Group of the pharmaceutical
forum**
by Jérôme Boehm, European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection
- 09:50 – 10:40 General discussion, including brief comments from Malta, Poland and
Portugal (5' each)
- 10:40 – 11:10 *Coffee break*
- 11:10 – 12:10 General discussion, including brief comments from the European stakeholder
organisations (5' each)
- 12:10 – 12:40 **Lessons learnt, emerging thoughts and conclusions from the Peer Review by
thematic experts followed by a discussion**
- 12:40 – 12:50 **Closing remarks**
by Roland Bladh, European Commission, DG Employment,
Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
- 12:50 – 13:00 **Closing remarks by Ortwin Schulte, Federal Ministry of Health**
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Buffet Lunch*