



Agenda

Peer Review

Ensuring a functioning health care system in regions with declining and ageing populations

Germany, 15-16 June 2009



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



Sunday 14 June 2009

Arrival of participants to Potsdam

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Monday 15 June 2009

- Venue: Mercure Hotel Potsdam City, Lange Brücke, 14467 Potsdam
- Chair: Ortwin Schulte, Federal Ministry of Health, Germany
Thomas Barta/ Hartmut Reiners, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Family, Brandenburg
- Facilitation: Monika Natter, ÖSB Consortium
- 09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome and introductory remarks**
Ortwin Schulte, Federal Ministry of Health, Germany
Thomas Barta, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Family, Brandenburg

by Roland Bladh, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Presentation of the programme
by Monika Natter, ÖSB Consortium
- 09:30 – 09:50 **Experiencing the decline of populations in Brandenburg:**
Practical consequences for infrastructure and societal cohesion
by State Secretary Gerd Harms, Plenipotentiary for Federal and European Affairs of the Land Brandenburg, Member of the Committee of Regions of the EU, Chair of subcommittee for Culture, Education and Research
- 09:50 – 10:05 Immediate questions
- 10:05 – 10:25 **How to ensure health care in regions with declining and ageing populations: challenges and policy responses in the European Union**
by thematic expert Alan Maynard, University of York
- 10:25 – 11:00 Discussion
- 11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:30 – 11:50 **Project AGnES, description and evaluation**
by Neeltje van den Berg, University of Greifswald
- 11:50 – 12:10 **Flexibilisation of outpatient services in primary healthcare: deployment of AGnES practice assistants from the political perspective**
by Friederike Haase, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Family, Brandenburg
- 12:10 – 12:30 **How does AGnES work in practice**
by Gabriela Marx, Medical Center Lübbenau (AGnES practice assistant)
interpretation
- 12:30 – 12:40 **European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN)**
Presenting the viewpoint of their organisation with a comparative European perspective

- 12:40 – 12:50 **Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)**
Presenting the viewpoint of their organisation with a comparative European perspective
- 12:50 – 13:30 Discussion
- 13:30 – 14:30 *Buffet Lunch offered by the Federal Ministry of Health*
- 14:30 - 14:50 **Transformation of health services for an ageing population - virtually connected health service centres in rural areas**
by Gerd Groh, Ministry for Health and Social Affairs, Saxony-Anhalt
- 14:50 - 17:00 **Peer country contributions**
- 20.00 *Evening programme with dinner*

Tuesday 16 June

- 09:00 – 09:15 **Approaches for ESF-funding of health-related objectives in Brandenburg**
by Katrin Müller, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Family, Brandenburg
- 09:15 – 09:30 **Lessons from the Budapest conference on combating poverty and social exclusion in rural regions for health care**
Presentation by Ortwin Schulte, Federal Ministry of Health
- 09:30 – 09:40 **Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)**
Presenting the viewpoint of their organisation with a comparative European perspective
- 09:40 – 10:00 Discussion
- Developing health care provision and infrastructure in regions with declining and ageing populations - the role of EU structural funds**
- 10:00 – 10:20 by Roland Bladh and Jorge Antunes, European Commission
- 10:20 – 10:35 Presentation of a German study for the Peer Review, Björn Kümmel, Federal Ministry of Health
- 10:35 – 11:30 Discussion
- 11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee break*
- 12:00 – 12:15 **Wrap up of the findings, key lessons for policy responses**
by thematic expert Alan Maynard, University of York
- 12:15 – 12:30 **Concluding discussion**
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Closing remarks**
by Roland Bladh, European Commission
by Ortwin Schulte Federal Ministry of Health
by Hartmut Reiners, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Family, Brandenburg
- 13:00 *Buffet lunch* offered by the Federal Ministry of Health
- 14:00 Bus transfer to Tegel Airport