

INVITATION:

Goodbye universal services?

The Undermining of Health and Social Services in the European Union

19th-20th September 2007

Wednesday 19th September 15:00-18:30 Thursday 09:30-12:30

European Parliament Brussels, Room ASP 1G2

Programme

Greens see with great worries how health and social services and their way of organising are being influenced and undermined by European internal market legislation, without any instrument to counteract this. We see the need to have a fundamental recognition of the values and principles that guide Social and Health Services. We would like to discuss at this conference, how Social and Health Services operate under current conditions, what is really needed at European level and how to achieve it.

Speakers:

- Providers from local and regional level from different Member States reporting from day-to-day work
- NGOs representing different user groups, such as the AGE platform and FEANTSA
- Stakeholders from the full range of Health and Social Services, such as healthcare, social housing, etc.
- Commission representatives and MEPs outlining further steps and policies
- MEP Joel Hasse Ferreira reporting back from the first Social Services Forum in Lisbon

Introduction: The Current State of Play at European Level: Legislative interferences affecting Health and Social Services

Panel 1: The Status Quo: How the EU does interfere at "acting level"? Service providers present their day-to-day situation delivering Social and Health Services

- Territorial Cohesion: Accessibility and availability across Europe?
- Major non-profit organisations: How to act efficiently and economically sustainable but not clash with competition legislation?
- Social housing: an economic activity like any other?
- Care Services: Combining health and social services.

Panel 2: The needs analysis: We, users and providers of Health and Social Services expect from the European Union?

- The most vulnerable users
- The role of public institutions as Service Providers
- The health care sector in a changing environment
- A key target and user group: people experiencing poverty

PANEL 3: Conclusions for the EU-level: How to act, how to protect and develop Health and Social Services at European level?

- The Legislator's perspective
- The Parliament's perspective
- The providers' perspective
- The users' perspective

For a detailed program including speakers see here: http://www.greens-efa.org/cms/default/dok/191/191286.goodbye_universal_services@en.htm

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