



Round Table

Mobilisation of Trade Unions and Civil Society Against the Impacts of Austerity Policies and the Privatisation, Marketisation and Commercialisation of Health Care and Social Services

7 April 2017, 14h00-16h30 International Auditorium (ITUH, Bd. Albert II, 5, 1210 Bruxelles)

Aims:

- Look at the impacts of commercialisation and the Free Trade Agreements on the health sector and on the working and pay conditions of the workforce, but also on the population
- Illustrate the mobilisation and fight against related policies or effects
- Link to an event in the European Parliament organised on 6 June 2017

Introduction (15 minutes)

- Jan Willem Goudriaan, General Secretary, EPSU: Welcome & Policy Framework (effects of austerity, of privatisation, marchandisation, commercialisation and of free trade agreements on workforce in health and social services, on patients/users/citizens)
- Yves Hellendorff, CNE, Belgium: Welcome & Objectives of Action Day & Priorities

Deterioration of/challenges for working and pay conditions and public budgets (45 minutes)

National level 1

- Situation in Italy (working & pay conditions / impacts on budgets): Enzo Bernardo, Coordinator European and International Affairs, CGIL-FP, Italy
- Situation in Finland (working & pay conditions / impacts on budgets): Marjut McLean, Vice-President, Tehy, Finland

Inputs: 5 to 8 minutes per speaker, exchange/discussion with the participants: 30 minutes

Mobilisation by trade unions and civil society/Fight against negative impacts of policies on the workforce in health and social services and/or on patients/users (60 minutes)

National level 2

- Olivier Remy/Werner Van Mielo, LBC-NVK, Belgium [*N.B.: For reasons of availability the colleagues will intervene already around 14h15, before the first session starts*]
- Nick Crook, Coordinator European and International Affairs, UNISON, United Kingdom
- Paul Bell, Divisional Organiser Health Division, SIPTU, Ireland
- Jan Schriefer, Member of Members' Parliament, FNV Zorg en Welzijn, Netherlands
- Hélène Dispas/France Defrenne, Fédération des Maisons Médicales, Belgium

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At European Level – Conclusions (15 minutes)

- Jean Vignes, SUD Santé Sociaux, France & European Network Against the Privatisation and Commercialisation of Health and Social Protection) & Sebastian Franco (European Network Against the Privatisation and Commercialisation of Health and Social Protection): Presentation of actions in Europe: Cooperation of networks – Preparation of conference on 6 June 2017 in the European Parliament in Brussels