

## Participant briefing

### Measuring patient safety progress in Europe

*11 indicators to accelerate the implementation of EU Patient Safety policies*

**13 October 2016**

**08.30 – 10.00 am**

European Parliament Esplanade (Place Luxemburg entrance), Brussels

The following provides general information on the roundtable debate, schedule and format, list of participants and practical information for attending the event.

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#### **Background:**

It is estimated that 8-12% of patients admitted to hospital in the EU suffer from adverse events whilst receiving healthcare, such as healthcare-associated infections (approximately 25% of adverse events), medication-related errors, surgical errors, medical device failures, errors in diagnosis and failure to act on the results of tests. An estimated 4.1 million patients per year in the EU acquire a healthcare associated infection, and at least 37 000 die as a result. In June 2009, the Council adopted a *Recommendation on patient safety, including the prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections (2009/C 151/01)* which calls on Member States to put in place a series of measures with a view to minimising harm to patients receiving healthcare, adopt and implement a strategy at the appropriate level for the prevention and control of HAIs, and consider setting up an inter-sectoral mechanism or equivalent system for the coordinated implementation of such a strategy.

Since 2009, much work has been done in terms of a general raised awareness about patient safety at political level in Europe, but still the 53% of all EU citizens think it is likely that patients could be harmed by hospital and not hospital care in their country.

Health First Europe has been working on issues of patient safety, including aspects of anti-microbial resistance (AMR), since its inception in 2004. To map and measure patient safety policies implementation in Europe, HFE created 11 indicators and 7 European Member States went through HFE scrutiny in the last 6 months.

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**Format: 13 October 2016**

The event will bring together around 30 expert participants to discuss the outcomes of HFE scrutiny in 7 EU Member States (Spain, Italy, UK, France, Belgium, Netherlands and Germany) and bring forward diverse point of views on Patient Safety and HAIs policies at both the European and national levels.

<b>Introduction</b>	
8.30 – 8.45	<b>Welcome and introduction by John Bowis, HFE President</b>
8.45 – 9.00	<b>Introduction to the topic by Niek Klazinga, Head of the Health Care Quality Indicators (HCQI) Project, OECD Health Division</b>
<b>Roundtable discussion moderated by John Bowis, HFE President</b>	
9.00 – 9.50 Topics for discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How can patient safety policies be better implemented in Europe?</i></li> <li>• <i>How can European and national policy makers promote a blame-free culture in healthcare?</i></li> <li>• <i>Patient safety is not widely embedded in the undergraduate and postgraduate education of healthcare workers in several EU Member States, how can this gap be filled?</i></li> <li>• <i>5 out of 7 Member States do not have any reduction rate targets for HAIs. Is there a reason for not adopting these targets?</i></li> <li>• <i>How can the OECD and relevant stakeholders promote guidelines for patient empowerment?</i></li> <li>• <i>What incentives have been developed to support innovation in HAIs and AMR reduction?</i></li> </ul>
9.50 – 10.00	<b>Closing remarks by John Bowis, HFE President</b>

**Participants**

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3. Brewer Helen, European Critical Care Foundation



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6. Christofaki Marie, Saint Luc Hospital
7. Debeljak Tina, Potamitis Vekris
8. Delphine Roulland, Eucope
9. Destrebecq Frédéric, European Brain Council
10. Egli Beatrice, Zimmer Biomet
11. Faure Bénédicte, Interel
12. Ferraiolo Bianca, A.C.N.
13. Dorothee Flament, Ever-Est
14. Florindi Francesco, ECPC
15. Gheeraert Marc, European Society for Anaesthesiology
16. Giannico Ilaria, UEHP
17. Giordano Paolo, European Health Chamber
18. Gliber Martina, Institut Mérieux
19. Gruson Damien, International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine
20. Haelterman Margareta, Ministry of Health, Belgium
21. Isles Mike, European Alliance for Access to Safe Medicines
22. Jan De Belie, Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union
23. Jeanette Drielsma, Medtronic
24. Kossebau Sabine, Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU
25. Kujawa Markus, European Standing Committee of Doctors
26. Liene Laimina, Smiths Group
27. Ludwig Kathrin, Pfizer
28. Montante Sabrina, National Institute of Public Health of Italy (Istituto Superiore di Sanità-ISS)
29. Paoli Federico, DG SANTE
30. Peleman Hilde, Ministry of Health, Belgium
31. Poelgeest Mary, WFIP
32. Price Richard, European Association of Hospital Pharmacists
33. Rainer Bernd, European Commission
34. Rezi – Kato Timea, Medtech Europe
35. Robaczewska Joanna, Hasselt University
36. Sanak Aleksandra, Council of European Dentists
37. Van Eimeren Mischa, EASD
38. Wierts Dion, U.S. Mission to the European Union