EUROPEAN PATIENTS' RIGHTS DAY 2008

European Patients' Rights: a European and national challenge

18 APRIL 2008

Sala Della Torre
Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Gorizia
Via Carducci, 2 – Gorizia

9.00 **Welcoming remarks**

Ettore Romoli, Mayor of Gorizia
Mirko Brulc, Mayor of Nova Goric
Enrico Gherghetta, President of the Gorizia Province
Francesca Martini, Regional Councillor responsible for Health of the Veneto Region[*]
Gino Bovolenta, Regional Secretary of Cittadinanzattiva Friuli-Venezia-Giulia

Presentation of the process leading up to the European Patients' Rights Day
Melody Ross, Project Manager, Active Citizenship Network

10.00 **Morning roundtable: Application of the European Charter of Patients' Rights to cross-border Patients**

The European Charter of Patients' Rights states 14 fundamental rights of European citizens with regard to health care. The increasing citizens' mobility within the EU raises specific questions concerning their application to cross-border patients. The objectives of the roundtable are both to clarify how the rights of cross-border patients are presently protected and to discuss possible solutions to enhance their implementation.

Chairperson: *Tina Divak, Legal Information Center for NGOs in Slovenia*

Representative of the EU Health Commissioner
George Arestis, Member of the European Court of Justice

[*] To be confirmed

Representative of the Ministry of Health, Slovenia
Giovanni Berlinguer, MEP, Member of the ENVI Committee, Italy
Representative of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
Laure Albertini, Director of the Department on Patients' Rights and associations, Assistance Publique des Hôpitaux de Paris, France
Jana Govc Erzen, Member of the Board of Europa Donna, Slovenia

12.00 **Debate**

13.00 **Lunch**

14.30 **Afternoon roundtable: European Patients' Rights: More rights for all?**

The initiative of several EU institutions have recently increased the rights of European patients getting care in another Member State. The current challenge is now to make sure that this goes along with a similar improvement of the rights of all European citizens in receiving quality care in their home country.
The purpose of the roundtable is thus to discuss how the European Charter of Patients' Rights could contribute in reaching this objective.

Chairperson: *Charles Gutteridge, Director of Royal London Trust, UK*

Madi Sharma, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
Teresa Petrangolini, Secretary General of Cittadinanzattiva, Italy
Chris Ward, Health policy consultant, PhRMA, USA
Pim de Graaf, European Forum for Primary Care
Pascal Garel, Chief Executive of European Hospital and Healthcare Federation (HOPE)
Lucien Bouis, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
Mike O'Donovan, Board Member of European Patients' Forum
Lili Grosek, Representative of the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union

16.30 **Debate**

17.30 **Conclusions**

Invited Members of the European Parliament:
Adamos Adamou, Member of the ENVI Committee, Cyprus
Ilès Braghetto, Member of the ENVI Committee, Italy
Marco Cappato, Member of the ENVI Committee, Italy
Antonio De Blasio, Member of the ENVI Committee, Hungary
Bairbre de Brun, Member of the ENVI Committee, UK
Françoise Grossetete, Member of the ENVI Committee, France
Jolanta Dickute, Member of the ENVI Committee, Lithuania
Mojca Drcar Murko, Member of the ENVI Committee, Slovenia
Karin Joens, Member of the ENVI Committee, Germany
Roberto Musacchio, Member of the ENVI Committee, Italy
Miroslav Ouzky, Chairman of the ENVI Committee, Czech Republic
Kathy Sinnott, Member of the ENVI Committee, Ireland