

PUBLIC CONFERENCE “ACCESS TO MEDICINES IN THE BALTICS: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE”

October 13, 2017
Albert Hotel, Riga, Dzirnavu street 33

AGENDA

8.30 – 9.00 Registration
9.00 – 9.05 Welcoming Remarks
Moderator: Tim Reed, Health Action International

PART I

9.05 – 9.30 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Yannis Natsis | Policy Manager for Universal Access & Affordable Medicines, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)

9.30 – 11.00 **PANEL SESSION: Political Developments in Access to Medicines Debate in Europe. Where We Are and What Can be Done**

Raf Mertens | General Director, Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre
Erki Laidmäe | Head of Insurance Benefit Package, Estonian Health Insurance Fund
Inese Kaupere | Director of Department of Pharmacy, Ministry of Health of Latvia
Romualds Ražuks | MP, Chair of Public Health Subcommittee of the Social and Labor Commission
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11.00 -11.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

PART II

11.30 - 12.00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Beate Wieseler | Head of Drug Assessment Department, Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care in Germany

12.00 – 12.15 **CASE STUDY: Availability of oncology drugs in the Baltics** | Alessandra Ferrario | Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Harvard Medical School

12.15 – 13.45 **PANEL SESSION: The Future of Health Technology Assessment in Europe**

Ancel.la Santos | Senior Policy Advisor, Health Action International
Juris Bārzdīņš | Assoc. Professor in Health Sciences, University of Latvia
Igoris Trofimovs | Director for Development, Riga East University Hospital
Tomas Alonderis | Head of Pharmacoeconomics and Drug Pricing Department, Ministry of Health of Lithuania
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13.45 – 14.45 **LUNCH**

PART III

14.45 – 15.15 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Ellen 't Hoen | Public health advocate, LLM, Medicines Law & Policy/ Global Health Unit – University Medical Center Groningen

15.15 – 15.30 **CASE STUDY: C hepatitis case study in Latvia. Lessons learned. Are we ready for the next Sovaldi?** | Elita Poplavska & Anda Ķīvīte | Health Projects for Latvia

15.30 – 16.45 **PANEL SESSION: Private patents and public health. Changing Intellectual Property Rules for Access to Medicines**

Antons Mozalevskis | WHO, specialist in epidemiology and infectious diseases
Signe Mežinska | Board Member, Health Projects for Latvia
Kristaps Kaugurs | Head of Latvia Hepatitis C patients organisation

16.45 – 17.00 **END-NOTES AND CONCLUSION**
Moderator: Ilze Aizsilniece