

Policy Department on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

**Workshop on**  
***The impact of the economic crisis***  
***on access to health care and medicines***  
***from the perspective of petitions received***

***Committee on Petitions***

**Programme**

*Thursday 28 January 2016*  
*10.15 - 12.30*

**Room PHS 4B001**

10.15 – 10.25 **Welcome by the Chair, Mrs. Soledad CABEZÓN RUIZ, MEP.**

**Session 1** ***The past and present situation in relation to the right to health, access to health services and medicines***

10.25– 10.40 **Mr. Ted Schrecker**, Professor of Global Health Policy at the School of Medicine, Pharmacy and Health, Durham University  
*"The importance of policy choices and decisions in health care"*

10.40 - 10.55 **Ms. Gillian KELLY**, National Legal Expert at Milieu, Ltd. (Belgium)  
*"The impact of the crisis on the fundamental right of access to health and medicines across Member States of the EU: past, present and future perspectives"*

10.55 – 11.15 **Questions and Answers**

**Session 2**      ***How to address the problems and what goals shall the EU and Member States set?***

- 11.15 – 11.30      **Dr. Fernando LAMATA**, co-author of the Study Access to Health Services in the European Union,  
*"The economic crisis and access to medicines in Europe"*
- 11.30 - 11.45      **Dr. Roberto BERTOLLINI**, Chief Scientist and WHO Representative to the EU  
*"Access to health care in countries affected by the recent economic crises: lessons learned"*
- 11.45 – 12.00      **Mr. Artur CARVALHO**, European Commission, the Health Systems Unit, DG Health  
*"EU current and future actions in relation to health policy and access to health services and to medicines"*
- 12.00 – 12.20      **Questions and Answers**
- 12.20 – 12.30      **Concluding remarks by the Chair Mrs. Soledad CABEZÓN RUIZ, MEP.**

