



**'The right to health and the  
right of access to healthcare'**



**PROGRAMME**

*Wednesday 12 October, 09.30 – 12.30,*

*Venue: 'The Parabole', 2 Rue Phillipe Le Bon, B-1000*

- Chairman: Mr John Martin, Director WHO office to the European Union

**09.30-10.00 What does the 'right to health' mean in Europe?**

- Presentation of the legal instruments (legal texts, differences between ECJ and ECHR, social charter, WHO declarations, UN instruments) by Ms Aleid Bos, LL.M., IFHHRO (International Federation of Health and Human Rights Organisations)
- Questions from the floor

**10.00-11.00 Are these rights respected? Testimonies from the field**

- The challenges faced by homeless people in accessing health, Ms Dearbhal Murphy, FEANTSA
- Case study on access to healthcare for gays and lesbians in selected Eastern European countries, Mr Maxim Anmeghichean, ILGA
- The problems faced by undocumented migrants, Ms Nele Verbruggen, PICUM
- Roma people and the right to health, Mr Cristi Mihalache, Open Society Institute
- Health inequalities across Europe, Ms Ingrid Stegeman, EuroHealthNet
- Discussion

**11.00-11.15 Coffee break**

**11.15-12.00 Rising to the challenge: the response of health systems and institutions**

- Configuring health systems to meet the needs of disadvantaged groups, John O'Toole, Health Attache, Irish Permanent Representation to the EU
- Balancing the responsibility of population health with the health rights of migrants, Dr. Mia Honinckx, Medical Services, Belgian Federal Agency for the reception of Asylum Seekers (FEDASIL)
- A European perspective on the way that health services can address inequalities, Dr Petra Wilson, Deputy Director, European Health Management Association
- Q+A for the speakers

**12.00-12.30 How can EU social policies contribute to fulfilling the right to health?**

- Moderator, Georg Fischer, Head of Unit, Social Protection: pensions & health, DG Employment and Social Affairs
- Debate and conclusions to be jointly developed for inclusion in a poster for display at the 'Ideas Cafe' lunch

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