

Study visit Brussels – CEE Coordinators

Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd November

Programme

Day 1 Monday 20th November

Arrival of participants in Brussels

20.00 Dinner at the hotel, welcome by Agnese Knabe (CEE Project Coordinator)

Day 2 - Tuesday 21st November

Health Policy at EU level – Introduction and the role of the European Commission

Facilitator – Agnese Knabe – EPHA coordinator of CEE activities
Venue – EPHA offices

10.00 – 10.10 Update on EPHA's project and activities, Roxana Radulescu (EPHA's Project Manager)

10.10 – 11.10 Round-table of introduction by participants (3 minutes each to present their organisation and what they want to achieve from this study visit)

11.10 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 EU and Health and the role of civil society (with concrete examples of lobbying activities, references to the actors that we will meet during the study visit and time for questions and debate), Anne Hoel (EPHA's Policy Officer)

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch at EPHA

14.00 – 14.45 DG Health and Consumer Protection –
Presentation from Tuuli-Maria Mattila

14.45 – 15.00 Coffee break

15.00 – 15.45 DG Employment and Social Affairs -
Presentation from Ms Ruth Paserman

16.30 – 17.00 Evaluation of the day and briefing for next day (by Agnese Knabe)

20.00 Dinner at restaurant – Strofilia - Greek Restaurant

Day 3 - Wednesday 22nd November
Visit to the European Parliament

Facilitator – Anne Hoel – EPHA policy officer
Venue – European Parliament

9:30 – 10.00 Registration in the European Parliament Visitors Centre

10.00 – 11.00 Tour of the European Parliament with Anne Hoel (EPHA's Policy Officer)

11.00 – 11:30 Coffee break – Café in the European Parliament

11:30 – 12.30 Break down in two groups and observe two Committee meetings

12.30 – 13.30 Bilateral meetings with MEPs

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch in the European Parliament restaurant

14:30 – 15:00 Move from restaurant to room **A5G – 1** where you will stay until 17:00.

15.00 – 15.45 Key note speech by Marios Matsakis, MEP

15.45 – 16.15 Insider perspective of the European Parliament, by Ms Virpi Koykka from the ENVI (Committee on environment, public health and food safety) Committee Secretariat

16.15 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 17.00 Priorities on health for the Green party, presentation by representative of the Green Party Secretariat – Oliver Emmes

20:00 Dinner at restaurant – Hemispheres

Day 4 Thursday 23rd

The role of the Council and NGOs

Facilitator – Agnese Knabe – EPHA coordinator of CEE activities

Venue – EPHA offices

10.00 – 10.15 Summary of the study visit so far and briefing for the day,
Agnese Knabe

10.15 – 11.00 Representing national interests in Brussels – Presentation from
Ms Silviya Juscenko Latvian Permanent representation

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30 Experience from the European Social platform – Presentation
from Richard Polacek, Policy Officer, Social platform.

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch at EPHA

14.00-15.00 Representing NGO interest at European level, presentation from
Lara Garrido Herrero, General Secretary, EPHA.

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee break

15.15– 16.00 Setting up a national platform of health NGOs, Presentation and
questions – Presentation from Nicola Critien – Malta Resource Centre

16.00 - 16.45 Setting up a national platform of health NGOs, a second
presentation and question session for another perspective – Presentation
from Tanja Velcov - Association of Societies – Slovenian Health Association

16.45– 17.30 Evaluation of the study visit and ideas for further activities
(Agnese Knabe)

20.00 Farewell dinner at a restaurant

END OF STUDY VISIT