

# EU Health Highlights

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## 1. Main Stories

- **European Parliament starts to discuss the proposed new Health and Consumer Protection programme**

Professor Antonio Trakatellis MEP has been appointed to lead the parliament response on the proposed new Health and Consumer Protection programme for the period 2007-2013. Mr. Trakatellis was previously Rapporteur for the current programme of Community Action in the field of Public Health running from 2003-2008. He will share his responsibility with Dr Marianne Thyssen from the Consumer & Internal Market Committee.

A first exchange of views from MEPs was held in Brussels on 10 October. In general they welcomed the logical combination of health and consumer protection. However the internal market and consumer protection committee will probably call for a separate programme for consumer protection.

Professor Trakatellis felt the EC has not yet fulfilled its mission to protect EU citizens from health threats as stated in the current programme, and called for evaluations of current work to be brought forward before decisions are made. He urged that there should be more cooperation between the EU and neighbouring countries in order to prevent pandemics, such as avian flu, across Europe.

He stressed the importance of tackling health inequalities and health determinants in Europe and called for the inclusion of 'injury determinants' in the programme.

In debate, it was also said that the programme was too broad and general and should rather focus on specific fields where the EU can bring an added value compared to the actions of the EU Member States, such as developing cooperation between EU-25 and with neighbourhood countries, ACP countries, develop patient and professional mobility, enhance exchange of best practice, information and awareness raising.

These considerations were followed by the (rather contradictory) concern that the budget was too small for the wide scope of the programme, both in terms of fields covered and geographical scope, and that the EU might only be able to develop superficial actions in all the areas contained in the programme.

*Next steps:* the proposed agenda is for amendments to be tabled by 7 December 2005, with a vote in Committee in January and a first reading in Plenary in March 2006.

NB: EuroHealthNet has published a response to the proposal and will be providing health promotion information and suggested amendments to EU institutions. EuroHealthNet's response is available at [www.eurohealthnet.org](http://www.eurohealthnet.org), home page.

- **EuroHealthNet responds to the EU on Cohesion Policy**

EuroHealthNet and other health organisations have contributed supporting responses to the EC consultation on guidelines for implementation of new cohesion (regional) policies from 2007.

EuroHealthNet welcomes the fact that the guidelines make specific mention of investing in health promotion and disease prevention. However, this is only currently addressed with respect to 'more and better jobs', which suggests that such investments, in the context of Cohesion Policy, would apply only to the workplace. EuroHealthNet made recommendations to ensure that the guidelines contribute to both the cohesion policy and the Lisbon Strategy objectives:

- ✓ Encourage the use of health impact assessments as a mechanism to take forward inter-sectoral collaboration
- ✓ Promote measures that inherently encourage people to engage in healthier lifestyles
- ✓ Invest in schemes that improve health and ensure that the most vulnerable members of society have access to information and measures intended to benefit them
- ✓ Recognise community-based health improvement as an important way to advance cohesion policy and encourage Member States to adopt measures that promote community health
- ✓ Recognise and invest in the health field as an employer.

EuroHealthNet's response paper and background paper on the Community Strategic Guidelines for Cohesion is available on [www.eurohealthnet.org](http://www.eurohealthnet.org), home page.

- **UK Summit on Health Inequalities**

The UK Presidency is organising a summit on Health Inequalities on 17-18 October 2005.

Elisabeth Pott from [BZgA](#) will present on the EuroHealthNet joint project '*Closing the Gap: Strategies for Actions to Tackle Health Inequalities in Europe*' in the workshop on 'Policy and Practice - How are Member States Tackling Health Inequalities?'

Various EuroHealthNet member representatives will participate, while Director Clive Needle will chair the '*Regions for Health round table*' on 17 October and speak at a workshop organised by West Midlands region on health and corporate social responsibility.

<http://www.regteam.com/healthinequalitiessummit/en/welcome.php?>

- **UK Presidency Summit to discuss the EU Social Model**

Heads of EU Governments will meet in England on 27 October to discuss the European Social Model: how to maintain and strengthen social justice and competitiveness in the context of globalisation; Europe's place in the world; and the security of citizens.

Vladimir Spidla, EU Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs, declared his views at the European Parliament Committee of Employment and Social Affairs on 5 October. He outlined that the EU Social Model is based on the principles of a coherent society, an active social inclusion, non-discrimination and equal opportunities. He said that the Lisbon strategy is the right tool to respond to the challenges that the EU Social model faces as it would enable more growth, more jobs and therefore a better social inclusion.

- **Austria Presidency health priorities**

Austria will assume the presidency of the EU during the first semester of 2006. They have announced diabetes, women's health – osteoporosis, endometriosis, female genital mutilation – and better healthcare for migrants as priorities in the field of health.

There have been calls by MEPs to also put men's health on the agenda on the basis that men in general have a poorer health than women.

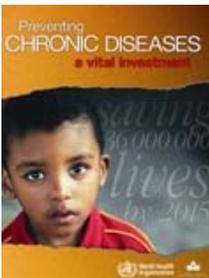
The Austrian Presidency will focus on few pending legislations:

- Proposed regulation on medicinal product for paediatric use
- Proposed regulation on the issue of supervision, authorisation of human tissues engineered products.

- Proposed legislation on public health indicators

and will try to speed up the process on the financial framework for the period 2007-2013.

- **WHO report on preventing chronic diseases**



The WHO has published a report entitled '*Preventing Chronic Disease, a vital investment*'.

This WHO global report makes the case for urgent action to halt and turn back the growing threat of chronic diseases. It presents a state-of-the-art guide to effective and feasible interventions, and provides practical suggestions for how countries can implement these interventions to respond successfully to the growing epidemics.

Part three of the report presents evidence-based interventions for the prevention and control of chronic diseases. Effective interventions for both the whole population and individuals are reviewed.

[http://www.who.int/chp/chronic\\_disease\\_report/en/](http://www.who.int/chp/chronic_disease_report/en/)

- **World Mental Health Day**

10 October was World Mental Health day. This year's theme is '*Mental and physical health across the life span*'.



## **2. News from the European Commission**

- **List of regulations to be withdrawn released**

Following Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso's decision to withdraw legislative proposals, the EC has published the list of pending EU regulations to be scrapped. Some are directly linked to human health: the proposed directive related to labelling and presentation and advertising of food products (so-called health claim regulation), the proposed regulation for the organisation of official controls on food products of animal origin intended for human consumption.

The proposed directive on protection of workers from radiation was not withdrawn but the reference to natural radiation (sun light) will be removed from the text.

Full list of pending regulations to be withdrawn is available at [http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/regulation/better\\_regulation](http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/regulation/better_regulation)

- **EC launches discussion on the role of sciences for health and safety**

DG Health and Consumer Protection has published a new discussion paper entitled "*Maximising the Contribution of Science to European Health and Safety*". Starting on the premise that "in our knowledge society, science is respected, even feared, but little understood", the document aims to clearly set out the role of science in the work of the DG and introduce new internal initiatives aimed at maximising this role.

EuroHealthNet is preparing a response to this consultation, and comments are welcome to [c.needle@eurohealthnet.org](mailto:c.needle@eurohealthnet.org)

The document can be accessed at:  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/health\\_consumer/dyna/enews/enews.cfm?al\\_id=69](http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/health_consumer/dyna/enews/enews.cfm?al_id=69)

- **Future consultation on injury prevention and safety promotion**

The European Commission is preparing a proposal for injury prevention and safety promotion and consulted Member States at a meeting in Luxembourg on 12 October to discuss both topics. EuroHealthNet will seek to monitor progress and responses.

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph\\_determinants/environment/IPP/documents/ev\\_20051012\\_ag\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_determinants/environment/IPP/documents/ev_20051012_ag_en.pdf)

- **EC to develop training on food policy and safety**

The European Commission has put forward a new initiative to develop training in the areas of food and feed law, animal health and welfare rules, and health plant rules. The initiative called '*Better training for safer food*' is designed for member States competent authorities, as well as for relevant officials in third countries.

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/health\\_consumer/dyna/enews/enews.cfm?al\\_id=60](http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/health_consumer/dyna/enews/enews.cfm?al_id=60)

- **European Food Safety Agency recruits board members**

The Parma based European Food Safety Agency (EFSA) has invited expressions of interest for the position of member of the management board of the EFSA.

<http://www.efsa.eu.int/>

- **EC suggests renewed pharmaceutical strategy**

Commissioner for Industry and Enterprise Günter Verheugen, has outlined elements of a new Commission industrial strategy for the pharmaceutical sector that aims to enhance the environment for innovation and investment, reflect on ways to give more market flexibility to industry and improve quality of information to patients and patient safety.

This strategy aims to boost European pharmaceutical industry back on track with the US and competition threats from India and China.

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/641&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

- **List of funded projects published**

DG Sanco has published a provisional list of projects funded in 2005.

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph\\_projects/project\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_projects/project_en.htm)

- **DG Sanco: project descriptions and outcomes**

-Health Impact Assessment In New Member States And Pre-Accession Countries. Funded project 2004, description of the project.

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph\\_projects/2004/action1/action1\\_2004\\_20\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_projects/2004/action1/action1_2004_20_en.htm)

-Diabetes in Europe - Prevention using Lifestyle, Physical Activity and Nutritional intervention

Funded project 2004, description of the project.

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph\\_projects/2004/action3/action3\\_2004\\_25\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_projects/2004/action3/action3_2004_25_en.htm)

-Analysis of mortality by injury in the EU. Funded project 2004, description of the project

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph\\_projects/2004/action1/action1\\_2004\\_22\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_projects/2004/action1/action1_2004_22_en.htm)

- Basic Surveillance Network of 28 European Countries. Funded project 2004, description of the project.

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph\\_projects/2004/action2/action2\\_2004\\_05\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_projects/2004/action2/action2_2004_05_en.htm)

### 3. News from the European Parliament

- **MEP calls for campaign on Chlamydia**

The German MEP Hiltrud Breyer published an article in the Parliament Magazine calling for a European wide campaign on the risks of infection by the bacteria Chlamydia that can lead to infertility for women.

<http://www.eupolitix.com/EN/News/200510/7eed4150-268f-4470-83a4-9e1ca7ea86d0.htm>

- **European Parliament Awards recognize health advocate**

The aim of the Awards event, run by the Parliament magazine, is to highlight the work of MEPs in several policy areas. Nominations were made by NGOs and votes were cast by MEPs. In the health category, John Bowis, former UK health minister, won the prize for his promotion of the health agenda.

For the full list of nominees in different categories see

[http://www.parliamentmag.com/content/210/Parl\\_Mag\\_p54-55.pdf](http://www.parliamentmag.com/content/210/Parl_Mag_p54-55.pdf)

### 4. Events and Publications

- **What's new on EuroHealthNet website:**

- EuroHealthNet's response to the Health and Consumer Protection Programme for the period 2007-2013 on the [home page](#)
- EuroHealthNet's response to the Community Strategic Guidelines for Cohesion Policy on the [home page](#)
- Updated information on the conference '*In Good Health, Linking Social Inclusion and Health, from Practice to Policy*' on the [conference section](#)
- Minutes of a Round Table on '*Putting Informal Care on the Agenda*' attended by EuroHealthNet.

- **Open Health Forum, 7- 8 November**

The European Open Health Forum will take place in Brussels on 7-8 November. The objective of the Open Forum is to provide a platform for networking and exchange of ideas and views of different stakeholders of the European health community (health professionals' organisations, public health NGOs, patient groups, and service providers and funders).

EuroHealthNet will assist the workshop on '*Development of the EU Health Strategies*', while there are two other workshops on 'health services' and on 'health products'.

Further information and agenda are available at

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph\\_overview/health\\_forum/open\\_forum\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_overview/health_forum/open_forum_en.htm)

- **European cancer week, 10-16 October**

The European Commission's "Week Against Cancer" ran from 10 to 16 October. The motto is "*Finally: a smoke-free workplace.*" While the latter is already a reality in some EU countries, many Europeans still work in smoky environs.

<http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,1564,1736193,00.html>

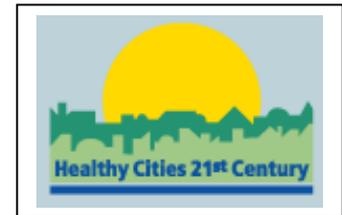
- **LOCIN – Database on good practices against Social Exclusion in Europe**

The European Anti-Poverty Network has developed the LOCIN project giving birth to a European Website on local initiatives to combat social exclusion. The LOCIN database (supported by DG Research) is a multilingual Internet Platform gathering information on 170 local initiatives, information on national contexts, commented bibliography and references of research centres in six EU countries (Austria, Belgium, Finland, Germany, Italy and the UK).

<http://locin.jrc.it/en/>

- **European healthy cities business meeting in Bursa, Turkey**

The WHO Healthy Cities programme, whose purpose and activities are well known at EU levels and among EuroHealthNet members, met for its business meeting in Bursa, Turkey and focused on healthy urban planning, active living, healthy ageing and Health Impact Assessment.



<http://www.who.dk/healthy-cities>

- **Fears that avian flu might reach the EU**

As news emerges that cases of bird flu were reported in Russia, Turkey, Romania and Bulgaria the EC has acted on imports from affected areas. The EU institutions are currently reviewing precautions; meanwhile the EC has set out current measures in its regular DG SANCO newsletter:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/health\\_consumer/dyna/consumervoice/create\\_cvindex.cfm?act=getcv&cv\\_ed=14](http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/health_consumer/dyna/consumervoice/create_cvindex.cfm?act=getcv&cv_ed=14)

- **OECD warns of concerns about ageing populations**

A report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development warns that public finances are in danger of being overwhelmed, as taxes from a shrinking workforce will be insufficient to pay for a growing number of the elderly. The solutions it suggests include encouraging older people to remain in work longer. Removing barriers to work will require big changes in labour market attitudes and welfare benefits. Other measures include more savings for pensions and actions to encourage healthy lifestyles.

<http://news.ft.com/cms/s/2304eac0-39f4-11da-806e-00000e2511c8.html>

- **European Social Housing Week**

An exhibition in the European Parliament has illustrated how social housing actors contribute to social cohesion, sustainable development of cities, integration of the most vulnerable and access to decent housing for all.

<http://www.socialplatform.org/module/FileLib/PreliminaryProgrammeSocialHousingWeek.pdf>

- **16% of EU citizens at risk of poverty says Eurostat**

According to latest Eurostat figures, 72 million Europeans are at risk of poverty. Using a set of micro-data and cross-sectional indicators from national sources, Eurostat determined the percentage of people living in households that have less than 60% of the country's median disposable income to live on. It suggests that half the countries that joined the EU in 2004 may protect their citizens from poverty more than the average for the EU-15. This indicator for social inclusion is best in some countries such as the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovenia.

[http://epp.eurostat.cec.eu.int/cache/ITY\\_OFFPUB/KS-NK-05-013/EN/KS-NK-05-013-EN.PDF](http://epp.eurostat.cec.eu.int/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-NK-05-013/EN/KS-NK-05-013-EN.PDF)

- **Dial 112 for Emergency call in Europe**

The EU-wide emergency number 112 is apparently not known enough by EU citizens. Technical problems due to the number of languages handled by the system and to difficult geographical localisation of mobile phone callers put human lives at stake in the EU.

Vivianne Redding, Commissioner for Information Society and Media, urged Member States to invest on a reliable emergency system and will launch a communication campaign to inform EU citizens on the 112 emergency number.

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1239&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=fr>

## **5. News from Member States / Organisations**

- **Spain to ban smoking in public places**

The Spanish Parliament has passed a law establishing a smoking ban in public and private workplaces, health centres and medical facilities (including hospitals); educational institutions; sports facilities; commercial premises; public transportation; petrol stations and elevators. The law is to enter into force on 1 January 2006.

The sale of tobacco to minors (i.e. under 18) will be forbidden as well as the sale of tobacco products in public buildings and administrative buildings including adjoining

buildings, medical and health facilities, schools, educational and cultural facilities and in sports facilities.

<http://www.elmundo.es/elmundosalud/2005/10/05/tabaco/1128513554.html>

Info brought to us by [ENSP](#)

- **Latvia: smoke free class competition**

On the beginning of this school year Latvia joined the European Smoke free Class Competition for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive time.

The smoking prevention programme is designed for 7-8 grades and aims to encourage school pupils to remain smoke free for at least four months, help those who try to quit smoking before they become regular smokers, and show that smoking is a minority activity.

The competition regularly involves over half a million young peoples from across Europe. The competition is co-funded by the European Commission.

[Source: Latvian health Promotion State Agency](#)

- **Seminar on the CINDI programme in the Czech Republic**

The National Institute of Public Health and the Ministry for Health of the Czech Republic in cooperation with the WHO Regional Office organised a seminar on “*A strategy to prevent chronic disease in Europe*” on 8 and 9 September 2005 in Pardubice. The aim of the event was to discuss the national version of the strategy that should help to implement the health policy at national and local level and rebuild the national CINDI network.

The CINDI programme (Countrywide Integrated Non-Communicable Disease Intervention) of the WHO is an intervention programme, which involves projects aimed at reducing the major chronic diseases risk factors. The Czech Republic has been a member since its foundation in 1983.

More information: [skalova@szu.cz](mailto:skalova@szu.cz), [komarek@szu.cz](mailto:komarek@szu.cz)

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**6. Calendar of international events**

<b>13-14.10.2005</b>	<b>Edinburgh</b> , Protecting Patients: healthcare professionals Crossing borders, UK Presidency Event <a href="http://www.eu2005.gov.uk">http://www.eu2005.gov.uk</a>
<b>14.10.2005</b>	<b>Manchester</b> , European Social Fund Conference <a href="http://www.eu2005.gov.uk/servlet/Front?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&amp;c=Page&amp;cid=1107293391098&amp;a=KArticle&amp;id=1122471726098">http://www.eu2005.gov.uk/servlet/Front?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&amp;c=Page&amp;cid=1107293391098&amp;a=KArticle&amp;id=1122471726098</a>
<b>14-15.10.2005</b>	<b>Warsaw</b> , 1 <sup>st</sup> Polish National Conference on Mental Health Promotion <a href="http://www.ipin.edu.pl">http://www.ipin.edu.pl</a>
<b>17.10.2005</b>	International Day for the eradication of Poverty <a href="http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/poverty/poverty_link3.htm">http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/poverty/poverty_link3.htm</a>
<b>17-18.10.2005</b>	<b>London</b> , Empowering People: Tackling Health Inequalities – UK Presidency event <a href="http://www.regteam.com/healthinequalitiessummit/en/welcome.php?">http://www.regteam.com/healthinequalitiessummit/en/welcome.php?</a>
<b>17-18.10.2005</b>	<b>Glasgow</b> , Social Inclusion Round Table UK presidency event <a href="http://www.eu2005.gov.uk">http://www.eu2005.gov.uk</a>
<b>18.10.2005</b>	<b>Brussels</b> , ‘Abortion - Making it a right for all women in the EU’ organized by the Swedish Association for Sexual Education Contact: <a href="mailto:lina.granlund@rfsu.se">lina.granlund@rfsu.se</a>
<b>19.10.2005</b>	<b>San Francisco</b> , Second Milestones of a Global Campaign for Violence Prevention <a href="http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/global_campaign/en/">http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/global_campaign/en/</a>
<b>19.10.2005</b>	<b>Brussels</b> , European Parliament intregroup on Ageing meets on the theme ‘Older people and Priorities for Long-Term care in the European Union’ <a href="http://www.age-platform.org/EN/article.php3?id_article=321">http://www.age-platform.org/EN/article.php3?id_article=321</a>
<b>20-21.10.2005</b>	<b>Hertfordshire</b> , Health Ministerial Informal meeting UK Presidency event
<b>21-24.10.2005</b>	<b>Warsaw</b> , ‘Civil Society in European Union cohesion policy – Health promotion and diseases prevention aspects’ <a href="http://www.ptoz.org.pl">http://www.ptoz.org.pl</a>
<b>22.10.2005</b>	Brussels, Conference by children and disability NGO ‘ Effect of Nutrition on learning an behaviour’ <a href="http://www.ecoc.be/en/events?userAction=listItem&amp;item_id=">http://www.ecoc.be/en/events?userAction=listItem&amp;item_id=</a>

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<b>24.10.2005</b>	Launch by the Commission of the Green paper on Mental Health, Luxembourg <a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_information/implement/wp/mental/docs/ev_20050530_co01_en.pdf">http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_information/implement/wp/mental/docs/ev_20050530_co01_en.pdf</a>
<b>24-26.10.2005</b>	<b>Dusseldorf</b> , International Conference 'Fair Globalization – Safe workplace <a href="http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/labinsp/airglob.htm">http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/labinsp/airglob.htm</a>
<b>27-28.10.2005</b>	<b>Paris</b> , FEANTSA Conference on Social Emergency and Crisis Intervention in Large Cities <a href="http://www.feantsa.org/code/en/theme.asp?ID=31">http://www.feantsa.org/code/en/theme.asp?ID=31</a>
<b>27-28.10.2005</b>	<b>London</b> , Meeting of EU Chief Medical Officers, UK Presidency Event <a href="http://www.eu2005.gov.uk">http://www.eu2005.gov.uk</a>
<b>1.11.2005</b>	<b>London</b> , 'Alcohol Concern' Annual conference and AGM 2005 Contact: <a href="mailto:swilton@alcoholconcern.org.uk">swilton@alcoholconcern.org.uk</a>
<b>6-9.11.2005</b>	<b>Ottawa</b> , 12th Annual Canadian Conference on International Health <a href="http://www.csih.org/what/conferences2005.html">http://www.csih.org/what/conferences2005.html</a>
<b>7-8.11.2005</b>	<b>Brussels</b> , EU Open Forum <a href="http://www.euhealthforum.org/">http://www.euhealthforum.org/</a>
<b>9-10.11.2005</b>	<b>Brussels</b> , <a href="#">EPHA</a> Conference on 'Future Europeans, the right start in life for children and young people in Europe, <a href="http://children.epha.org/">http://children.epha.org/</a>
<b>10-12.11.2005</b>	<b>Graz</b> , 13 <sup>th</sup> European Conference on Public Health - EUPHA <a href="http://www.eupha.org/html/documents/2005_graz/eupha_graz_2005_first_announcement.pdf">http://www.eupha.org/html/documents/2005_graz/eupha_graz_2005_first_announcement.pdf</a>
<b>11.10.2005</b>	<b>Brussels</b> , Seminar in the area of e-Health <a href="http://www.ehealth-EU.org">http://www.ehealth-EU.org</a>
<b>14-15.11.2005</b>	<b>Brussels</b> , Communicating European Research <a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2005/cer2005/index_en.html">http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2005/cer2005/index_en.html</a>
<b>14-15.11.2005</b>	<b>Barcelona</b> , Forum EuroMed Health 2005 <a href="http://www.euromedsante.com/Du18/html/fr/Du18/index.html">http://www.euromedsante.com/Du18/html/fr/Du18/index.html</a>
<b>17-18.11.2005</b>	<b>Strasbourg</b> , Forum organised by the OECD on 'Reconciling Labour Flexibility and Social Cohesion' <a href="http://www.coe.int/T/E/social_cohesion/social_policies/04.Activities/4.Annual_Forums/2005/">http://www.coe.int/T/E/social_cohesion/social_policies/04.Activities/4.Annual_Forums/2005/</a>
<b>20-22.11.2005</b>	<b>Amsterdam</b> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> International Congress, the failing heart

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	under stress. <a href="http://www.failingheart.com">http://www.failingheart.com</a>
<b>23-25.11.2005</b>	<b>Brussels</b> , Child Health and the Environment: results from the EU Framework 5 Pinche, Children Genonetwork & Plutocracy Projects Contact: <a href="mailto:M.Saunders@bristol.ac.uk">M.Saunders@bristol.ac.uk</a>
<b>28-30.11.2005</b>	<b>London</b> , Patient Safety Summit, UK presidency event <a href="http://www.eu2005.gov.uk">http://www.eu2005.gov.uk</a>
<b>1.12.2005</b>	<b>London</b> , World Health Day
<b>7-8.12.2005</b>	<b>Birmingham</b> , NICE 2005: Health and Clinical Excellence <a href="http://www.nice2005.co.uk">http://www.nice2005.co.uk</a>
<b>8-9.12.2005</b>	<b>Edinburgh</b> , 'IN Good HEALTH' conference organised by EuroHealthNet and NHS Health Scotland <a href="http://www.eurohealthnet.org/EuroHealthNet/Site/EuroHealthNet/Conference/First_Announcement.html">http://www.eurohealthnet.org/EuroHealthNet/Site/EuroHealthNet/Conference/First_Announcement.html</a>
<b>9.12.2005</b>	<b>Brussels</b> , Health Council
<b>12.12.2005</b>	<b>Bilbao</b> , Closing event of the European week for safety and health at work <a href="http://www.ew2005.osha.eu.int">http://www.ew2005.osha.eu.int</a>

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