

Aging health workforce  
- aging patients:  
multiple challenges for  
hospitals in Europe



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## What is “HOSPAGE”?

“HOSPAGE” is a two days conference, which is dealing with the major challenge for the healthcare systems of EU Member States: the aging of patients and of health workforce. The objective of the conference is to discuss the new needs which are created by an elderly growing health workforce and patients. At the same opportunity concrete practical solutions for hospitals to react on the changing needs will be discussed. The purpose of the conference is to enable stakeholder organisations and EU Member States to better react on the new challenges imposed by the demographic change in Europe.

“HOSPAGE” is combining two perspectives on the subject “aging” in the health care: one perspective by politics, administration and science and another perspective by the healthcare workers. It will be an achievement of the conference that these two groups will discuss directly about the relevance, transferability and effectiveness of their perspectives.

The first day of the conference will give opportunity to key players in politics, administration and science to assess and discuss new needs and possible solutions on the EU level and on the national level and to debate about the transferability of their

approaches from one EU Memberstate to another. In this debate, the participation of representatives of the EU institutions, of representatives of EU Member States, members of the parliaments on EU and national level as well as representatives of international organisations is planned. This discussion will be enriched by the participation of the healthcare workers in the audience.

The second day of the conference will be focusing on the perspective of healthcare workers. Approximately 150 employees from all EU Member States with experience in the management of hospitals (doctors, nurses and administrative) will participate to the HOPE exchange programme previous to the conference. During this four weeks period exchange programme they will develop practical solutions to the question how to react with smaller and elderly growing human resources in hospitals on the increasing need of patients becoming older and older. These practical solutions will be presented and discussed with representatives of politics, administration and of science.

The results of the conference can be used in the daily practice of hospitals across Europe or as a contribution to the discussions on the further development of healthcare systems in general.

Member States get support for their efforts to optimise the provision of healthcare and might better react on the challenges of the demographic change. The results also might contribute to the debate on working time or on the protection of health at work. At the same time the discussions, initiated by the Belgian and the Hungarian EU Presidency on the green paper on health workforce will be further developed. As this, “HOSPAGE” is part of the overall discussion within the frame of the strategy “Europe 2020”.

Beside the political debate, “HOSPAGE” participants will learn multiple best practices and new solutions to apply in the daily practice in hospitals. The conference will be prepared by a scientific research. This study will be published previous to the conference and will give evidence to the discussions there. A considerable number of representatives of institutions and organisations of the healthcare sector all across Europe are expected to participate, altogether approximately 400 experts. ■

# Programme

## First conference day, Tuesday 12 June 2012 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.):

- Opening by President of HOPE – European Hospital and Healthcare Federation and CEO of DKG (German Hospital Federation) **Mr Georg Baum** (confirmed)
- Greetings from the Federal Minister for health of Germany **Mr Daniel Bahr**, MdB (confirmed)
- Greetings from EU-Commissioner for health, **Mr John Dalli** (via video clip, tbc)
- Greetings from the President of IHF – International Hospital Federation, **Mr Tom Dolan** (confirmed)
- Keynote by **Ms Rita Süßmuth**, Former President of the German Bundestag (Parliament) and Professor on demographic development (confirmed)
- Keynote by **Mr Josep Figueras**, Director of the EU Observatory on health systems who will present a policy brief of the Observatory and the DKG on this matter (confirmed)
- Moderated podium discussion: (moderator: **Ms Petra Spielberg**)
  - ▶ **Mr Georg Baum**, President of HOPE
  - ▶ **Ms Maria Iglesia Gomez**, European Commission (confirmed)
  - ▶ **Mr Franz Terwey**, President of ESIP – European Social Insurance Platform (confirmed)
  - ▶ **Mr Anders Olauson**, President of EPF – European Patients Forum (confirmed)
- Lunch break
- Two moderated parallel sessions
  - ▶ **Session one: aging health workforce**
    - ▷ (moderator: **Mr Matthias Wismar**, EU Observatory, Belgium) (confirmed)
    - Speakers: **Mr Professor Juhani Ilmarinen** (Finland) (confirmed)
    - Ms Eva Weinreich-Jensen** (Danish Regions) (confirmed)
    - Mr Professor Walter Sermeus** (cath. University of Leuven and coordinator of the EU funded project “RN4cast”) (confirmed)
  - ▶ **Session two: aging patients**
    - ▷ (moderator: **Mr Willy Palm**, EU Observatory, Belgium) (confirmed)
    - Speakers: **Mr John Cachia** (Commissioner for patients’ rights, Malta) (confirmed)
    - Mr Božidar Voljč** (AGE-platform Europe, Slovenia, confirmed)
    - Ms Professor Elisabeth Steinhagen-Thiessen** (Charité Hospital, Germany) (confirmed)
- Coffee break
- Wrap-up-session: Reports and presentation of synthesis by the two moderators of the parallel sessions  
Moderated discussion on feasibility of synthesis with the audience and on the podium by
  - ▶ **Mr Georg Baum**
  - ▶ **Mr Josep Figueras**
- Closing by **Mr Pascal Garel**, CEO of HOPE – European Hospital and Healthcare Federation (confirmed)
- Participants can network on the occasion of a Gala Dinner in the conference venue

## Second conference day, Wednesday 13 June 2012 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.):

- Opening by **Ms Sara Pupato-Ferrari** (Vice-president of HOPE, Ministry of health of Spain) (confirmed)
- Keynote: **Ms Anine Linder** (project manager of the “Netzwerk Erfolgsfaktor Familie“ – “Network Success Factor Family“, Germany)
- Presentation of practical solutions to the question how to react with smaller and elderly growing human resources in hospitals on the increasing need of elderly growing patients (chair: **Mr Urmas Sule** (Estonia), **Mr György Harmat** (Hungary))
  - ▶ For every EU Memberstate there will be one or two presenters who will show, which solutions have been developed by the participants of the HOPE exchange programme in the respective country (all presentations confirmed)
  - ▶ There will be lunch and two coffee breaks in between
- Summary and closing of the conference by **Mr Georg Baum**
- The participants of the HOPE exchange programme will be invited to a farewell reception

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