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Elias Mossialos

Elias Mossialos is Brian Abel-Smith Professor of Health Policy in the Department of Social Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science and Director of LSE Health. He is also the Co-Director of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. He has served as an advisor to several agencies including WHO, the European Parliament, the European Commission, the World Bank, Ministries of Health and Social Affairs in Belgium, Brazil, Cyprus, Greece, Russian Federation, Slovenia, South Africa and Sweden and health insurance funds in Austria, Croatia and Hungary.

He has been a member of the management board of the European Medicines Evaluation Agency (2000-2003) and has contributed to the work of the International Forum on 'Common access to health care services' co-ordinated by the health ministers of Sweden, UK and New Zealand. In 2002 he won the European Health Management Association's annual prize for the best publication in health policy and management in Europe. His research interests are in health policy relating to health care systems. Currently, his particular focus is comparative health policy, addressing questions related to funding health care, pharmaceutical policies, private health insurance and the impact of EU law on health care systems.



Nick Fahy

Nick Fahy is head of the health information unit of the Health and Consumer Protection Directorate-General of the European Commission. His previous experience within the Commission includes health strategy, consumer protection, social protection and social exclusion issues. Before joining the European Commission he worked for the UK Department of Health on issues such as European affairs and pharmaceutical policy, and as private secretary to the then Minister of State for Public Health, Tessa Jowell MP. His university studies were in social, ethical and political philosophy.



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Willy Palm is the Dissemination development Officer of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. He is responsible for organizing and leading policy dialogues with policy-makers in European countries on various health systems related issues. As a lawyer specialized in European social security law, Willy has been working mainly in the field of statutory health insurance and has been more specifically looking at the impact of EU integration on health systems. Before joining the Observatory in April 2006, Willy was the Managing Director of the International Association of Mutual benefit societies (AIM).

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John Bowis

John Bowis is a former Member of the European Parliament and a former Conservative spokesman in the EP on the environment, health and food safety and rapporteur on the draft Directive on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare. Previously he was a British Minister on the Council of Health Ministers and he was Minister for Transport and Road Safety in London. In the nineties he was an International Policy Adviser to the World Health Organisation's Collaborating Centre at the Institute of Psychiatry in London, supporting the UN's Nations for Mental Health Campaign.



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Frédéric Destrebecq is Acting Chief Executive Officer of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS – “Union européenne des médecins spécialistes”). The UEMS currently represents 1.4 million medical specialists in 35 countries and more than 45 specialties, subspecialties and multidisciplinary areas in Europe and is notably active in dealing with the harmonisation and promotion of standards in specialist training, continuing medical education and professional development as well as quality assurance in medical care. Frédéric Destrebecq's university background was in Political Sciences and International Relations at the Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium). After working for the European Council of the Liberal Professions (CEPLIS), he moved to the UEMS in 2004, assisting the UEMS Secretary-General and Executive with particular responsibilities in EU-related matters, such as the recognition of professional qualifications, working time, cross-border healthcare.



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Martin Dorazil works currently in the European Commission in the Pharma and Health Services unit in the Directorate-General for Competition. He is mainly responsible for enforcement of antitrust rules in the pharma sector. He also worked previously in the Task Force on the Pharmaceutical Sector Inquiry in DG Competition and in the Health Strategy and Health Systems Unit of the Public Health Directorate in DG Health and Consumer Protection where he was responsible for the Proposal for a Directive on Patients' rights in cross-border healthcare. Before joining the European Commission he worked in the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic in the Department for International and EU relations. He is a lawyer by training. He graduated in law (Mgr.) at the Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic and in comparative constitutional law (LLM) at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.



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Francesco Ronfini is currently working as legal manager for the Innovative Medicines Initiative Joint Undertaking (IMI JU) a public-private partnership between the European Union and the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA). Before joining IMI JU he had a long experience as lawyer and took various positions as public manager. Since 1995 he worked in a law firm as senior advisor on European Union laws and policies. In 2001 he joined the Veneto Region administration working in its Representation Office in Brussels, where he was the liaison officer between with EU Institutions and International health stakeholders. He was also entrusted as the Veneto Region representative with the activities of the Council of the European Union (EPSCO configuration) taking part in the EU process decision making. He was also the Chair of the European Regional and local Health Authorities(EUREGHA) a network of more than 100 regional and local Authorities across the Member States active in the public health field. In 2009 he joined the European Commission working for DG Research-Directorate Health as legal adviser. Mr. Ronfini is also editor of several reports on the development of EU law and policies particularly in the field of Public Health, Social Affairs, Research and Internal Market. He is married with Milena and father of two sons.



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Organisers and hosts



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Dr. Luigi Bertinato (MD, PhD) has been Director of the Office for International Affairs at the Department of Health and Social Services of the Veneto Region, based in Venice since 1998. Previously he worked at WHO, at the Italian National Institute of Health and the Italian Agency for Regional Health Care Services, and the Technical Cabinet of the former Italian Minister of Health, Professor E. Guzzanti. Dr. Bertinato is a board member of several national and international bodies, including the WHO Regions for Health Network, the European Observatory for Health Systems and Policies and the Italian Society for Tropical Diseases. He is involved in a number of European health and social care projects, in the area of health policy, e-health, health promotion, and patient mobility.



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Josep Figueras is the Director of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and head of the WHO European centre on health policy. He holds a Master in Public Health and a PhD from the London School of Economics. He held a lectureship at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and is honorary fellow of the UK faculty of public health medicine. In 2006 he was awarded the Andrija Stampar Medal. He is editor of the European Observatory series published by Open University Press and co-editor of three of its volumes. He is also the author of key volumes in the field of health systems analysis.

Panelists and other contributors



Luca Coletto

Born in Verona on 27th May 1961, Dr. Luca Coletto started his political career in Verona Province as Environment and Fauna Policies Councillor (Hunt and Fishing in particular) from 2004 to 2009. Meanwhile he also started to be involved in the Lega Nord (Italian Party) as responsible for the Local Organization of Verona Province. From 2008 to 2009 he became a City councilman in Verona municipality. He then came back to work in Verona Province as Vice President until the beginning of 2010, when he was elected as Councilman for Health Policies of Veneto Region. He is also a member of the Italian Union of Provinces Council and he coordinates the Health Commission for Regions and Autonomous Provinces Conference



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John Davis is Head of the Human Capital Division in the projects directorate of the European Investment Bank. A Yorkshireman and a European, he is a chartered chemical engineer having studied at Cambridge University and worked for the National Coal Board and ICI before joining the EIB in 1991. His areas of responsibility include techno-economic assessment of health and education projects submitted to the Bank for funding.



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Dorijan Marušič

Dorijan Marušič is the current Slovenian Minister of Health. Trained as a medical doctor, specialised in internal medicine he started as the head of the intensive therapy unit at Izola General Hospital in 1998, and in May 2002 became the medical director. In December 2000, he was appointed State Secretary at the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia and re-appointed to the same position in 2004. In 2003, he enrolled in post-graduate studies in management of non-profit organisations at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana. Prior to his nomination for Minister of Health, he was an adviser to the Director-General of the Health Insurance Institute of the Republic of Slovenia and engaged in a clinic as a specialist in cardiology.

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Ilaria Passarani joined the European Consumers Organization (BEUC) in 2006. As senior policy officer her main function is to provide BEUC and its members, intelligence, information and advice on EU health policies. Ilaria is a member of the European Medicines Agency committee with patients and consumers organizations (PCWP) and represents BEUC in the EU health policy Forum, in the e-health users' stakeholders group and in the EUnetHTA stakeholder Forum. She is also scientific researcher at the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life sciences of the Maastricht University. She previously worked in the International health and social affairs office of the Veneto Regional Government and in the health department of the Italian Permanent Representation to the European Union. Ilaria studied Economics at Bocconi University in Milan (Italy) and health economics at the Harvard School for Public Health (USA).



Pablo Rivero

Pablo Rivero, lawyer and economist, is presently Director General of Quality of the National health System of Spain with the goal of developing the Strategic Health Quality Plan for the country, including clinical excellence lines, CDM strategies, advanced information systems and eHealth. He has held leading positions within the private and public sector. He has been Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Finance & Economic Affairs, Deputy Minister of Strategic Planning & Coordination for the Regional Presidency of the Government of the Balearic Islands (Spain), and Deputy Minister of Planning and Finance for the Ministry of Health of the Balearic Islands (Spain). He was the Regional Director of Autonomic Development for the consulting firm Gedas S.A. (Volkswagen Group) in Spain. In 2004, he was appointed Director General of Innovation of the Ministry of Health in Andalusia (Spain) to lead the development of the autonomic e-Health Innovation Strategic Plan. In 2006, he co-chaired the European High-Level e-Health Conference, in Malaga (Spain), which brought together Ministers of Health and policy-making leaders from the European Union, to discuss common challenges and develop common approaches to meet them. In 2007, he was appointed Vice president and Senior Advisor of Health of the Calgary Health Region in Canada, with the objective of improving citizen engagement through innovation and to promote international collaboration to share best practices.



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