

Programme

11th European Health Forum Gastein

1st to 4th October 2008

Values in Health – From visions to reality

Innovations in Coordinated Care

Quality & Safety

Equity in Health

Prevention & Health Professionals

Rare Diseases

Health Ethics

New EU Health Strategy

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Values as a guideline for human behaviour become increasingly important in a time when globalisation leads to the application of economic principles in many areas of life. Without doubt, health is a cost driver, but not exclusively that. For the individual as well as for society, health is also an important good. It is therefore indispensable to define common values in discussion with all population groups and relevant sectors to address future health policy challenges. This requires not only a vision, but also discussion of its practical implementation: how much health can and should we pay for?

In einer Zeit, die unter dem Vorzeichen der Globalisierung zunehmend zu einer Ökonomisierung vieler Lebensbereiche führt, stellt sich verstärkt die Frage nach Werten als Maßstab für menschliches Handeln. Gesundheit ist unbestritten ein Kostenfaktor, aber nicht nur das: Sowohl für den Einzelnen als auch für die Gesellschaft stellt sie ein wichtiges Gut dar. Es ist daher unumgänglich mit allen Bevölkerungsgruppen und relevanten Sektoren die Wertmaßstäbe für die gesundheitspolitischen Herausforderungen der Zukunft zu definieren. Hierbei bedarf es nicht nur der Vision, sondern es muss auch die reale Umsetzung diskutiert werden: Wie viel Gesundheit können und wollen wir uns leisten?

In ten years the EHFG has developed into the leading health policy conference in Europe

In zehn Jahren hat sich das EHFG zur führenden gesundheitspolitischen Konferenz Europas entwickelt

The main objective of the EHFG is to facilitate the establishment of a framework for advising and developing European health policy while recognising the principle of subsidiarity.

Having celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2007, the European Health Forum Gastein now starts in a new decade of creating a better future for health in Europe. Under the title “Values in health – from visions to reality” common values and their influence on health policy and health care will be discussed. Following the traditional Gastein approach, senior decision makers from policy and administration, business and industry, research and civil society will discuss the future of these values in a globalised world and how they work in daily life.



Besides the official programme, the event provides a vast array of opportunities for informal meetings, discussion and networking

Neben dem offiziellen Programm, bietet die Veranstaltung eine Vielzahl von Möglichkeiten für informelle Treffen, Diskussion und Networking



Bad Hofgastein

The Gastein valley lies at the heart of the “Hohe Tauern” nature reserve, the largest of its kind in Central Europe. World famous for its thermal springs it is a year round tourist resort offering a large range of high-quality accommodation. Most congress hotels are within walking distance of the congress venue which is located in the centre of this typical Austrian village.

Das Gasteinertal liegt im Herzen des Nationalparks “Hohe Tauern”, dem größten seiner Art in Zentraleuropa. Weltbekannt für seine heißen Thermalquellen ist es eine ganzjährige Touristendestination, die eine Auswahl an Unterkünften von hoher Qualität bietet. Die meisten Kongresshotels liegen in Gegend Nähe zum Veranstaltungsort, der sich im Zentrum dieser typischen österreichischen Ortschaft befindet.

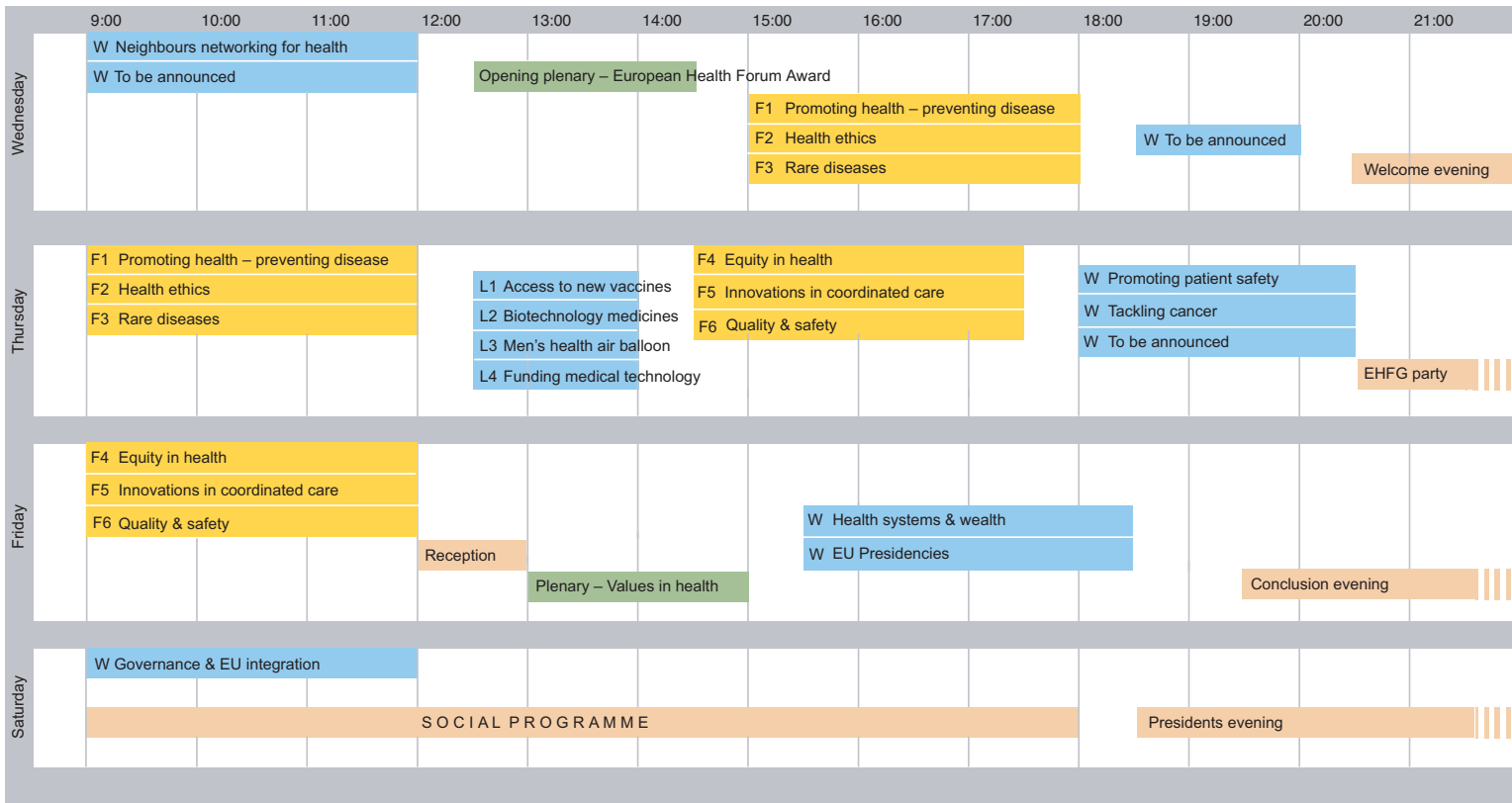


Das Hauptziel des EHFG ist die Herstellung eines Rahmens zur Beratung und Entwicklung einer europäischen Gesundheitspolitik unter Berücksichtigung des Subsidiaritätsprinzips.

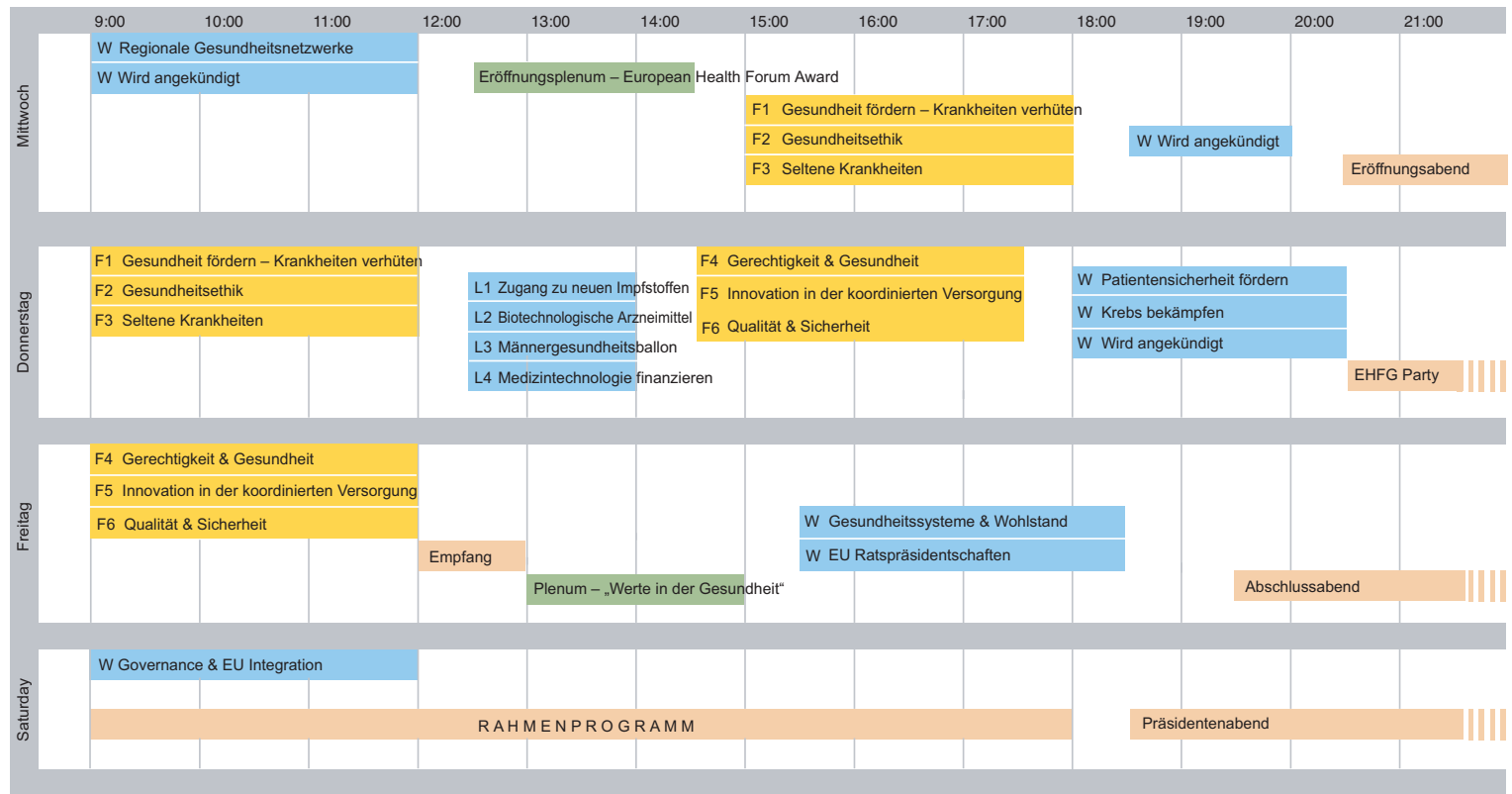
Nach den Feierlichkeiten zum zehnjährigen Bestehen im letzten Jahr startet das European Health Forum Gastein in eine neue Dekade zur Schaffung einer besseren Zukunft für die Gesundheit in Europa. Unter dem Titel „Werte und Gesundheit – von der Vision zur Realität“ diskutieren hochrangige Vertreter aus Politik, Wirtschaft, Wissenschaft und der Zivilgesellschaft über die Zukunft solcher Werte in einer globalisierten Welt und ihrer Umsetzung im Alltag.



Programme overview



Programmüberblick



Plenary sessions

Opening plenary Eröffnungsplenum

Wednesday
1 October 2008
12:30 – 14:30

A Kdolsky, Minister of Health, Austria (tbc)
A Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Health (tbc)
G Burgstaller, Governor of Salzburg (tbc)
M Ouzký, Chair ENVI Committee, European Parliament

Award ceremony Preisverleihung

European Health Forum Award

This year for the second time the European Health Forum Award will be awarded to a European health policy initiative that has contributed in a clear and significant way to meeting a key challenge in public health or health services.

Dieses Jahr wird der European Health Forum Award zum zweiten Mal vergeben, um eine europäische gesundheitspolitische Initiative auszuzeichnen, die in signifikanter Weise eine Schlüsselherausforderung in der öffentlichen Gesundheit oder der Gesundheitsversorgung löst.



Values in Health – From visions to reality Werte und Gesundheit – Von der Vision zur Realität

Friday
3 October 2008
13:00 – 15:00

*Chair: M McKee,
Professor of European
Public Health, London
School of Hygiene and
Tropical Medicine*

Inspirational goals such as 'Health for all' and 'Health in all policies' are based on seemingly shared values, but how are such values translated into policy and practice and what can we take forward from discussions at EHFG 2008?

- Do our values connect with local realities and delivery?
- Are today's values fit for the future?
- What lessons for health from other sectors?
- Transforming visions to reality: Securing political commitment

Wegweisende Ziele wie "Gesundheit für alle" und "Gesundheit in allen Politikfeldern" beruhen auf scheinbar gemeinsamen Werten. Aber wie werden diese Werte in tatsächliche Politik und die Praxis umgesetzt und was können wir aus den Diskussionen beim EHFG 2008 lernen?

- Wie sind Werte mit lokaler Wirklichkeit und Leistungserbringung verknüpft?
- Sind bestehende Werte zukunftsfest?
- Was kann die Gesundheitspolitik von anderen Politikfeldern lernen?
- Die Visionen in der Wirklichkeit verankern: das politische Engagement sichern

Conference report by Chief Rapporteur
Kongresszusammenfassung des Chief Rapporteurs

H Brand, Head, Department of International Health, University of Maastricht

Panel discussion

Opening response to Chief Rapporteurs's report from Chair
Eröffnungsantwort auf den Bericht des Chief Rapporteurs vom Vorsitzenden

I Banks, President, European Men's Health Forum
N Menabde, Deputy Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe
A Parvanova, Deputy-Chair, Health Committee, Member of the Bulgarian Parliament
H von Wulfen, President Sales & Services Europe, Siemens AG Healthcare

Promoting health – preventing disease: strengthening the role of health professionals in Europe

In medicine, health promotion and disease prevention are too often regarded separately from healthcare. But modern health systems need to take a comprehensive approach. Health Professionals have a key role to play in health promotion and diseases prevention interventions, as advocates for better health for all. As the EU health workforce is both ageing and increasingly mobile, the development of strategies on prevention and human resources need to extend beyond national borders and respond to patients' and citizens' needs and concerns. In this session, approaches for helping to keep health systems of high quality and standards will be reflected upon. Current developments around a Commission consultation document on health professionals will also be part of the session.

Gesundheit fördern – Krankheiten verhüten: Die Rolle der Gesundheitsberufe in Europa stärken

In der Medizin werden Gesundheitsförderung und Prävention zu häufig getrennt von der Gesundheitsversorgung betrachtet. Ein modernes Gesundheitssystem muss jedoch einen integrierten Ansatz wählen. Als Anwälte einer besseren Gesundheit für alle spielen Gesundheitsberufe dabei eine zentrale Rolle. Da die Arbeitskräfte im Gesundheitswesen älter und mobiler werden, müssen Strategien sowohl zur Prävention als auch für das Personal über nationale Grenzen hinausgehen und den Belangen der Patienten und Bürger besser angepasst werden. In diesem Parallelforum werden Ansätze diskutiert, die helfen sollen, Gesundheitssysteme auf einem hohen Qualitätsniveau zu halten. Derzeitige Entwicklungen aus dem Konsultationsverfahren der Kommission zu den Gesundheitsberufen werden ebenfalls Teil dieser Session sein.

Co-Chairs: M Wilks, President, Standing Committee of European Doctors and A Rys, Director, European Commission
Rapporteur: A Macara, National Heart Forum, UK

SESSION I		
Challenges to prevention – how to overcome them?	Nutrition, tobacco and alcohol: What is done at national level? Ernährung, Rauchen und Alkohol: Was passiert auf nationaler Ebene?	<i>R Brettenthaler, Vice-President, European Union of General Practitioners</i>
	Nutrition, tobacco and alcohol: What is done at EU level? Ernährung, Rauchen und Alkohol: Was passiert auf EU-Ebene?	<i>M Hübel, Head of Unit, European Commission</i>
Herausforderungen bei der Prävention – wie ihnen begegnen?	Health and social inequalities: the issue of gender Gesundheit und soziale Ungleichheiten: die Genderfrage	<i>K Shenk-Gustavsson, Professor, Karolinska Institute</i>
	The European Heart Health Charter: an example of EU added value Die Europäische Charta für Herzgesundheit: ein Beispiel für europäischen Mehrwert	<i>Speaker tba, European Society of Cardiology</i>
	Round table: What can health professionals and citizens do? Round table: Was können Gesundheitsberufe und Bürger tun? <i>R Brettenthaler, Vice-President, European Union of General Practitioners</i> <i>A Olausen, President, European Patients' Forum</i> <i>K Wilhelmsson, Vice-President, Health Consumer Powerhouse</i> <i>MEP (tbc)</i>	

SESSION II		
Sustainability of the health professionals workforce	State of play at EU level Stand der Dinge auf EU-Ebene	<i>B Merkel, Head of Unit</i> <i>E Kidd, Policy Officer, European Commission</i>
	Best practices and experiences from Member States Best Practices und Erfahrungen aus den Mitgliedstaaten United Kingdom/Vereinigtes Königreich Poland/Polen	<i>R Webster, Calderdale Primary Care Trust</i> <i>K Radziwill, Polish Medical Association</i>
Nachhaltigkeit der Gesundheitsberufe	Experience from the Veneto region Erfahrungen aus der Region Venetien	<i>Speaker tba, Regional Health Department in Venice</i>
	Round table: incentives, gaps and values Round table: Anreize, Diskrepanzen und Werte <i>K Radziwill, Vice-President, Standing Committee of European Doctors</i> <i>P Garel, CEO, European Hospital and Healthcare Federation</i> <i>P De Raeve, Secretary General, European Federation of Nurses</i> <i>Speaker tba, the European Dentists Committee</i> <i>J Chave, Secretary General, Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union</i> <i>D Daly, President, European Midwives Association</i>	

Organised by the European Commission, Health and Consumers Directorate-General, in collaboration with the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)

Balancing economics, policy, and justice: experiences in Europe and around the World

Health is a special good. Achieving “health for all” is a prime goal of all health policies. Yet, as one cannot expect a consensus to put all available resources into health care and healthy societal structures, it remains to be discussed what we owe to each other. This is an ethical question that frames this parallel forum. It will be discussed what policies are just and how to achieve social justice through health care and health priorities in all policies. It further asks whether ethics and economics necessarily exclude each other and what freedoms patients have and deserve.

Die Abwägung von Ökonomie, Politik und Gerechtigkeit: Erfahrungen in Europa und weltweit

Gesundheit ist ein besonderes Gut. “Gesundheit für alle” zu erreichen, ist ein grundlegendes Ziel aller Gesundheitspolitik. Allerdings wäre es gesellschaftlich nicht konsensfähig, würde man alle zur Verfügung stehenden Ressourcen in die Gesundheitsversorgung und gesunde gesellschaftliche Strukturen investieren; folglich bleibt die zu diskutierende Frage, was wir uns gegenseitig schulden. Dies ist eine ethische Fragestellung, die den Rahmen für dieses Paralleforum bildet. Es wird diskutiert werden, welche Politiken gerecht sind und wie man soziale Gerechtigkeit in der Gesundheitsversorgung und durch Prioritätensetzung für Gesundheit in allen Politikbereichen erreichen kann. Ferner wird in diesem Forum gefragt, ob Ethik und Ökonomie sich notwendigerweise gegenseitig ausschließen, welche Freiheiten Patienten zustehen sollten und welche sie tatsächlich haben.

Rapporteur: E Nolte, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

SESSION I	Health for All – a rocky road in the EU 27 Gesundheit für alle – Ein steiniger Weg in der EU 27	<i>M McKee, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine</i>
Challenges in health – The policy aspects	Just health policy Gerechte Gesundheitspolitik	<i>M Powers, Georgetown University (tbc)</i>
Herausforderungen im Gesundheitsbereich – Die politischen Aspekte	Health policy priorities and sustainable health care Prioritätensetzung in der Gesundheitspolitik und nachhaltiger Gesundheitsversorgung	<i>Minister of Health, Taiwan</i>
<i>Chair: G Andrejevs, Member of European Parliament</i>	Ethics and health strategies of international organisations Ethik und Gesundheitsstrategien von Internationalen Organisationen	<i>L Lwoff, Council of Europe (tbc)</i>
<i>Co-Chair: I de Beaufort, European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies</i>	Challenges in health ethics: experiences and perspectives in Asia Herausforderungen der Gesundheitsethik: Erfahrungen und Perspektiven in Asien	<i>KN Kuo, National Health Research Institutes, Taiwan</i>
	Panel Discussion	

SESSION II	Economics vs. Ethics? Ökonomie versus Ethik?	
Justice in practice	The state’s perspective Die Sichtweise des Staates	<i>L Rochaix, Haute Autorité de Santé, Paris</i>
Gerechtigkeit in der Praxis	The industry’s perspective Die Sichtweise der Industrie	<i>S Ratzan, Johnson & Johnson</i>
<i>Chair: M O'Donovan, European Patient's Forum</i>	Patient’s choice and social responsibility Wahlmöglichkeiten von Patienten und soziale Verantwortung	
<i>Co-Chair: M Powers, Georgetown University (tbc)</i>	The obesity challenge Die Adipositas Herausforderung	<i>I de Beaufort, European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies</i>
	Donating organs Organe spenden	<i>C Yang, Taipei Medical University, Taiwan</i>
	Politicians as patient advocates – some remarks Politiker als Patientenanwälte – Einige Anmerkungen	<i>J Bowis, MEP</i>
	Panel Discussion	

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Managing rare diseases and Orphan Medicinal Products: a challenge for European health policy

It is crucial to push for a wider public awareness of rare diseases in order to improve affected patients' situations. There is a need to understand the public health priority of patients suffering from rare diseases, to provide them with equal access to care and to establish centres of reference. This forum aims to discuss actions for rare diseases at a European level and to give possible solutions how to improve the situation.

Chair: A Kent, COMP Member representing patients' organisations, Director of European Genetic Alliances Network, UK

Panel discussion

Meeting the challenge: an opportunity for demonstrating European added value

G Burgstaller, Governor of Salzburg, Austria

M Hengstschläger, Medical University of Vienna, Austria

E Tambuyzer, Senior Vice President Corporate Affairs for Genzyme, Belgium

C Nourissier, General Secretary, EURORDIS, France

Session I: Integrating European initiatives with national activities

Initiatives at EU level

F Ries, MEP, Member of the ENVI Committee, France (tbc)

Romania as an example for the importance of national plans

C Vladu, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Public Health, Romania

Initiatives within the scope of the French Presidency of the European Council

S Aymé, Co-Director of the Task Force on Rare Diseases, Director of Orphanet

Session II: The need for patient centred efforts: centres of reference – equal access

Centres of reference, patient centred maintenance and access to treatments

T.O.F. Wagner, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main, Germany

EU action: patient mobility, consultation process

N Fahy, Head of Unit Health Information, EC DG Sanco, Luxemburg (tbc)

Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) as an example for the importance of networks and Centres of Reference

H Hintner, Landeskliniken Salzburg, Austria

Session III: How to enforce the development of Orphan Medicinal Products and how to fund them?

Development of the European Orphan Drug legislation in comparison with the American Orphan Drug Act – similarities and differences

Speaker tba

Demands on Orphan Drug legislations from the industrial's point of view

E Tambuyzer, Senior Vice President Corporate Affairs for Genzyme, Belgium

Barriers for equal access to Orphan Medicinal Products over the EU

S van der Spiegel, Policy Officer, EC DG Enterprise and Industry

Hosted by the Land Salzburg

European and global learning: whole system approaches

Considerable evidence has been assembled on the existence of health inequities and their impact in terms of societal and individual cost. This session will take this as a starting point to explore what action can be taken from the international level to within countries to make a difference to people's lives. Discussion will seek to bridge the artificial barriers that are often constructed between equity in health service provision and the need to address the wider determinants of health and will explore the concept of a whole systems approach.

Europäische und globale Entwicklungen im Umgang mit Ungerechtigkeiten in der Gesundheit: ganzheitliche Ansätze

Es wurden beachtliche Erkenntnisse über Ungerechtigkeiten in der Gesundheit und deren Einfluss auf gesellschaftliche und individuelle Kosten gesammelt. Diese Erkenntnisse werden der Ausgangspunkt sein, um herauszufinden, welche Maßnahmen auf internationaler und nationaler Ebene notwendig wären, um das Leben der Menschen zu verbessern. Die Diskussion soll versuchen, die häufig künstlichen Barrieren zu überwinden, die zwischen einer gerechten Gesundheitsversorgung und der Notwendigkeit, sich den weiteren Gesundheitsdeterminanten anzunehmen, aufgebaut werden. Dabei soll ein ganzheitlicher Ansatz entwickelt werden.

Rapporteur: S Feast, Department of Health, UK

SESSION I International perspectives Internationale Perspektiven	Chairs welcome Begrüßung durch die Vorsitzenden	<i>C Needle, Director of EuroHealthNet N Boyd, Former Director of International Health, Department of Health, UK</i>
	Setting the scene	<i>F Adshead, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health, UK</i>
	WHO and the wider European perspective on a whole systems approach: taking forward the Tallinn Charter WHO und eine breitere Europäische Perspektive für einen ganzheitlichen Ansatz: Die Tallinn Charter voranbringen	<i>N Menabde, WHO Deputy Regional Director, Europe</i>
	Perspectives from the European Commission: strategies for addressing health inequalities Die Perspektive der Europäischen Kommission: Strategien, Gesundheitsungleichheiten zu begegnen	<i>A Rys, Director for Public Health, DG Sanco, European Commission</i>
	Interactive panel: Country approaches to whole systems – learning from across Europe Podiumsdiskussion: Länderbeispiele für ganzheitliche Ansätze: Erfahrungen quer durch Europa <i>J Figueras, Director, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies D Vågerö, WHO Commissioner and Centre for Health Equity Studies, Sweden JP Miguel, President, National Institute of Health, Portugal V Lazarevik, Deputy Minister of Health, Republic of Macedonia</i>	
SESSION II Working across sectors Sektorenübergreifendes Arbeiten	Chairs welcome Begrüßung durch die Vorsitzenden	<i>C Needle, Director of EuroHealthNet N Boyd, Former Director of International Health, Department of Health, UK</i>
	Developing the evidence for action across sectors Evidenz für sektorenübergreifendes Arbeiten entwickeln	<i>M Marmot, Chair, WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health</i>
	The role of business leaders in health equity Die Rolle der Industrie bei der Gerechtigkeit in der Gesundheit	<i>Speaker tba</i>
	The political climate and its impact on action Das politische Klima und sein Einfluss auf Handlungen	<i>Speaker tba</i>
	Interactive panel/Podiumsdiskussion: <i>A Fidler, Health Sector Manager, World Bank J Bremner, Director, European Health Management Association DV McQueen, President, International Union for Health Promotion and Education L Cattani, Executive Vice President for International Public Affairs, Stryker Corporation C Brown, WHO Europe, Programme Manager, Investment for Health and Health Promotion B Merkel, Head of Unit, DG Sanco, European Commission</i>	

Sponsored by the Department of Health, England

Improving health systems performance: the role that ICT can play

Health systems in EU Member States are required to address common challenges such as responding to the needs of an ageing population, an increased burden of chronic diseases and an increased demand for quality of care. All these factors lead to growing healthcare expenditures.

Several options are being considered to address these challenges; a closer integration between the different parts of healthcare systems is seen as one way forward. Information and Communications Technology (ICT) have been identified as one possible solution to contribute to such integration.

The Forum will show examples of initiatives undertaken in different Member States – especially in the area of coordinated care – and present successful strategies, lessons learnt and future perspectives for ICT in the healthcare domain.

Rapporteur: L Hromkova, Legal Officer, European Commission, DG Information Society and Media

SESSION I	Seamless through the institutions; better organisation and coordination of care OECD – study ‘Coordinated care’	<i>M Hofmarcher, Group Head IHS HealthEcon, Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria</i>
Co-Chairs:		
<i>CM Auer, Director General, Austrian Ministry of Health, Family and Youth</i>	Health system performance: what’s the role for/of Information and Communications Technology?	<i>W Palm, Dissemination development officer, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies</i>
<i>P Rübzig, Member of the European Parliament</i>	European Commission policy to support deployment of eHealth	<i>F Giorgio, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Information Society and Media</i>
	Socioeconomic benefits of interoperable electronic health record systems in Europe – the evidence.	<i>K Stroetmann, eEmpirica Communication & Technology Research, Germany</i>
	Everything under control? Individual benefits vs. fears of the “big brother”	<i>G Bachinger, Patient Attorney, Austria</i>

SESSION II	Shifting the health care paradigm: from curative to preventive care	<i>KJ Schmitt, Director Public Affairs, Siemens AG Healthcare</i>
Co-Chairs:		
<i>P Rübzig, Member of the European Parliament</i>	Kaiser Permanente revisited – can European health care systems learn?	<i>M Strandberg-Larsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark</i>
<i>C Steffen, Medical Officer, European Commission, DG Information Society and Media</i>	Examples for European co-operations: ICT to enable continuity of care – EC co-funded cross-border projects	<i>Z Kolitsi, Ministry of Health, Greece</i>
	Telemedicine and home care: an opportunity or a challenge? Case study	<i>J Roca, Hospital Clinic, Barcelona University, Spain</i>
	Panel discussion: Does ICT have the power to change national health systems? What are the practical aspects of enabling trans-border care?	
	<i>Moderator: A Granström, Chairperson, Assembly of European Regions eHealth Network</i>	
	<i>P Brosch, Austrian Ministry of Health, Family and Youth</i>	
	<i>F Giorgio, European Commission, DG Information Society and Media</i>	
	<i>M Wilks, Standing Committee of European Doctors</i>	
	<i>A van der Zeijden, Immediate Past Chair, IAPO</i>	

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Forum 6

Quality and Safety Qualität und Sicherheit

Quality and safety in healthcare: new challenges for Europe

The quality and safety of healthcare systems are under great scrutiny. At a European level, the internationalisation of healthcare systems has catalysed interest in the differences in quality systems between member states, and their implications for policy and practice. Many member states have passed legislation and launched policies aimed at improving quality. This session will draw together evidence from a range of contributors to explore what has been learned, and what new challenges are to be faced in the future.

Qualität und Sicherheit in der Gesundheitsversorgung: Neue Herausforderungen für Europa

Die Qualität und die Sicherheit unserer Gesundheitssysteme unterliegen großen Prüfungen. Auf der Europäischen Ebene hat die zunehmende Internationalisierung der Gesundheitssysteme ein großes Interesse an den Unterschieden in der Qualität der einzelnen Systeme in den Mitgliedstaaten und ihre Implikationen für Politik und Praxis geweckt. Zahlreiche Mitgliedstaaten haben Gesetze zur Qualitätssicherung und Politiken zur Verbesserung der Qualität verabschiedet. Dieses Parallelforum zeigt auf, was bisher erreicht wurde und wo die Herausforderungen der Zukunft liegen.

Chair: JM Cachia, President (designate), HOPE. Rapporteur: N Chambers, President, European Health Management Association

SESSION I	Welcome and introductory remarks Begrüßung und Einführung	<i>K McCarthy, Head of Sector Public Health, DG Research, European Commission</i>
Quality and safety: learning from experience	Overview: international experience in improving quality and safety in healthcare Überblick: Internationale Erfahrungen in der Verbesserung der Qualität und Sicherheit in der Gesundheitsversorgung	<i>K Walshe, Manchester Business School</i>
Qualität und Sicherheit: Aus Erfahrung lernen	The development of quality and safety strategies in Europe – findings from the “Europe for Patients” project Die Entwicklung von Qualitäts- und Sicherheitsstrategien in Europa – Ergebnisse des „Europe for Patients“ Projektes	<i>M McKee, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine</i>
	Applying quality and safety strategies in European hospitals – findings from the MARQuIS study Umsetzung der Qualitäts- und Sicherheitsstrategien in europäischen Krankenhäusern – Ergebnisse der MARQuIS- Studie	<i>N Klazinga, University of Amsterdam</i>
	Polish experience in quality and patient safety Polnische Erfahrungen mit Qualitätssicherung und Patientensicherheit	<i>B Kutryba, National Centre for Quality Assessment in Healthcare, Poland</i>
	Benchmarking as quality improvement strategy in Germany Benchmarking als Qualitätssicherungsstrategie in Deutschland	<i>C Veit, Director, BQS - National Institute for Quality in Healthcare, Germany</i>
	Key lessons from experience in quality and safety Zentrale Schlussfolgerungen aus den Erfahrungen mit Qualitätssicherung und Patientensicherheit	<i>Panel discussion</i>
SESSION II	Patient safety – from improvement efforts to European networks, SIMPATIE project Patientensicherheit – von Verbesserungsbemühungen zu europäischen Netzwerken, Das SIMPATIE Projekt	<i>C Cucic, The Netherlands Organization for Health Research and Development</i>
Quality and safety: future directions	EU Patient Safety Network: European opportunities and national responsibilities EU Netzwerk Patientensicherheit: Europäische Chancen und nationale Verantwortlichkeiten	<i>L Degos, Chair of Board, Haute Autorité de Santé, France</i>
Qualität und Sicherheit: die Zukunft	The future for hospitals Die Zukunft für die Krankenhäuser	<i>G Ruscitti, General Secretary for Health and Social Services, Veneto Region, Italy</i>
	The future for patients Die Zukunft für die Patienten	<i>A Coulter, Chief Executive, Picker Institute Europe</i>
	Quality and safety agenda – experiences and research evidence Die Agenda für Qualität und Sicherheit – Erfahrungen und wissenschaftliche Evidenz	<i>Panel discussion</i>
	Closing remarks/Schlussbemerkungen	<i>B Merkel, Head of Unit, EC DG Sanco (tbc)</i>

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Workshops

Workshop

Neighbours networking for health

Wednesday
1 October 2008
09:00–12:00

The value of northern and southern networks for developing and advancing health policy

Health, peace, prosperity and stability are important aims. This workshop will demonstrate the added value of two regional networks for health contributing to the achievement of these aims.

The Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being (NDPHS) is operating since 2003 under the Northern Dimension Policy. The South-eastern Europe (SEE) Health Network was established in 2001 under the Stability Pact. Both networks provide cooperation platforms for joint actions of EU and non-EU countries, as well as for international and intergovernmental organisations.

Chaired and facilitated by the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Opening session:

What we expect from the networks

Statements by

E Baris, Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe (tbc)

A Rys, Director, DG SANCO

A Vladychenko Director General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe (tbc)

The South-Eastern Europe Health Network – achievements and working methods

S Cicevalieva, A Constantopoulos, V Puratic, M Civljak, T Hetland

The Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Well-being – achievements and working methods

T Roscher-Nielsen, M Maciejowski and M Viononen

Panel discussion: future directions of the networking mechanisms

E Baris (tbc); A Rys; A Vladychenko (tbc);

T Roscher-Nielsen and others

European Commission (Host), Council of Europe, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being, South-eastern Europe Health Network, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe

Workshop

EU Presidency Workshop

Friday
3 October 2008
15:30–18:30

Presentation of the Czech and Swedish EU Presidencies

The Czech Republic holds its EU Presidency in the first half and Sweden in the following half of the year 2009. The Workshop will provide information on planned priorities and activities in the Council of Ministers in the field of health during 2009.

During its Presidency the Czech Republic will focus on several topics within the area of public health sector. The Czech Republic would like to highlight the theme of financial sustainability of healthcare systems. The aim is to mention that the sustainability of systems relates not only to population ageing, but also to medical progress, new technologies as well as innovation. Furthermore, the Czech Republic would like to continue in effort of previous Presidencies and will focus on innovations in health especially in the area of eHealth for citizens, society and economy.

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has been identified as a common theme during 2009. The main intention of the Czech Republic in the field of AMR is to find suitable antibiotic stewardship and infection control programmes, to define standards and quality indicators and to identify potential models of support and financing of national antibiotics programmes.

To conclude the workshop, representatives from the Swedish government will outline the continued work in Council during the second half of 2009.

Priorities of the Czech EU Presidency, including priorities for public health sector

Speaker tba, Department of International Affairs and the European Union, Ministry of Health, Czech Republic

Antibiotic stewardship programmes and control of AMR in hospitals

V Jindrak, Head of Department, Na Homolce Hospital, ECDC National Focal Point

Outline of the Swedish Presidency priorities

Speaker tba, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden



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Workshops

Workshop

Strengthening health systems for health and wealth

Friday
3 October 2008
15:30–18:30

Implementing the conclusions of the 2008 WHO European Ministerial Conference on Health Systems

With the Ministerial Conference held on 25–27 June in Tallinn (Estonia) the WHO Regional Office for Europe aims to place health systems high on the political agenda at both national and international level. Member States are encouraged to invest in the health of their population through focused action in developing performing health systems while at the same time including health as a focus in all policies. A wide range of evidence establishes the positive effect of coordinated and intersectoral policy for health, it also demonstrates the beneficial consequences for economic and social development.

One of the most important challenges ahead will be to ensure that these ideas become reality and that the conclusions and recommendations drawn at this conference are integrated into concrete action. A charter on health systems will provide guidance and a strategic framework for strengthening health systems throughout the WHO European Region.

This workshop will be an opportunity to present this charter and discuss ways of implementing good practice into policy of supporting Member States from an international perspective.

Chair: N Menabde, Deputy Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe, Denmark

The Ministerial Conference in Tallinn: reporting on the main discussion points and conclusions

N Menabde, Deputy Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe, Denmark

Presenting the WHO EURO Charter on health systems

A Duran-Moreno, Health Policy Adviser, Técnicas de Salud, Spain

Health systems governance: ways to implementing vision and values

J Figueras, Director, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

The perspective of a national policy maker

M Maripuu, Minister of Social Affairs, Estonia

Facilitated discussion:

Reactions and questions from the audience



Workshop organised jointly by the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Workshop

Health systems governance and EU integration

Saturday
4 October 2008
09:00–12:00

Health systems governance and EU integration

The consecutive judgements of the European Court of Justice on the reimbursement of non-authorised care in another Member State have clearly demonstrated the impact of EU integration on health systems and the way they are governed.

Gradually the debate and EU policy practice has moved on to go beyond the mere issue of cross-border movement. Questions have been raised about the compatibility of certain practices commonly applied in health systems with the EU rules, mainly to regulate the position and conduct of actors in the health sector, including health professionals.

The national regulatory frameworks are not only scrutinized on their compliance with the principles of free establishment or free provision of services, they are also increasingly analysed in the light of the rules on fair competition, public procurement and state aid. This also raises concerns as to the 'constitutional asymmetry' between EU policies to promote market efficiency and those to promote social protection and solidarity.

Chair: J De Cock, Administrator General of the Belgian Health and Disability Insurance Institute

EU competition rules and health systems

E Mossialos, Co-Director of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policy and LSE Health

Free movement of health services and providers

R Baeten, Observatoire Social Européen

Public procurement and state aid rules: how to apply them in health systems?

V Hatzopoulos, College of Europe

The future policy perspective

Representative of the European Commission, DG Sanco or DG Competition

Short viewpoints of some stakeholders, providers and payers



Jointly organised by the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and the Observatoire Social Européen

Workshops

Lunch Workshop 1

Equity of access to new vaccines

Thursday
2 October 2008
12:30–14:00



Re-thinking the vaccination paradigm

Scientific progress is set to extend the range of illnesses that may be considered ‘vaccine-preventable’: new vaccines in recent years protect against pneumococcal infections in infants, rotavirus gastroenteritis, and HPV (cervical cancer).

The policy response to new vaccines varies across Europe, which in turn leads to differences in citizens’ access to innovative vaccines.

The objective of the workshop is to show the variety of policy approaches today, in order to identify best practices, which may stimulate a ‘re-think’ of the vaccination paradigm in the EU countries.

Sponsored by European Vaccine Manufacturers (EVM)

Introduction

I Kingston, Chairman of the EVM Public Health Policy Working Group, European Vaccine Manufacturers

The VENICE network: sharing best practices across Europe

S Salmaso, Project leader of the VENICE Project, Istituto Superiore di Sanita

Understanding economic, public health and societal benefits of vaccination

G La Torre, Public Health Unit, Istituti di Igiene, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Roma

Panel discussion: Re-thinking the vaccination paradigm

Moderated by M Kunze, Head, Institute for Social Medicine, Vienna

Closing remarks

Lunch Workshop 2

Biotechnology medicines

Thursday
2 October 2008
12:30–14:00



Biotechnology medicines: how to assess value and cost

Innovative biotechnology medicines have transformed patients’ lives over the past 30 years, and will continue to do so, as ground-breaking discoveries meet unmet medical needs. The vision of sustainable health care must take into account the long-term value of innovation in helping to make visions become a reality.

This reality requires a careful assessment of the value and costs of all medicines in the healthcare system. A robust health technology assessment is needed for any discussions on value of medicines, as well as costs, and the contribution they make for patients. Assessing the value and cost of a medicine should also consider more elements than just the price of a product. Rather, a holistic assessment of all characteristics of products and their impact on the healthcare system should be taken into account to reach the right conclusion regarding cost and value.

Sponsored by AMGEN

This session will include discussions on:

The value of innovative biotechnology medicines treatments in healthcare

The elements of a holistic approach to life-transforming treatments for patients

The role of HTA's in assessing the value of medicines

Where do medicines fit in overall healthcare expenditures situation

Lunch Workshop 3

Men’s Health Air Balloon

Thursday
2 October 2008
12:30–14:00



Men’s health – more than just hot air

Building on its 2007 inquisition event, EMHF returns to Gastein with another ground breaking look at men’s health. The entire event will be conducted in a hot air balloon basket with room for MEPs and senior policy makers, NGOs and health professionals.

Despite the hot air from the audience, the balloon master may need to throw some passengers over board to prevent the airship from crashing to Earth. Basket safety will thus depend on the quality and relevance of their brief presentations and on the contribution of their organisations to improving men’s health. Don’t miss it!

Organised by the European Men’s Health Forum in collaboration with Bayer-Schering, Clinical Solutions and Roche

Workshops

Lunch Workshop 4

Funding Medical Technology

Thursday
2 October 2008
12:30–14:00



Are today's systems fit for tomorrow's treatment opportunities? Evidence on the funding of medical technologies from six countries

The "European Health Technology Institute for Socio-Economic Research" (EHTI) designed around a close collaboration between leading European academic institutions, policy-makers and industry was launched exactly one year ago in Gastein.

Partners of this Research Institute will present first scientific research results on medical technology in Europe, suggesting a correlation between medical technology innovation and economic growth and welfare of European countries.

In times of concerns regarding the sustainability of European healthcare systems on both financial and infrastructural levels, medical technology is amongst the most dynamic sectors in Europe, contributing to significant increase in life expectancy and improvements in quality of life of citizens.

Sponsored and organised by the European Health Technology Institute for Socio-Economic Research and Eucomed

Introduction

L Cattani, Executive Vice President for International Public Affairs Stryker Corp.

Six-country multiple approaches to funding technology: new evidence

R Busse, Head of Department, Technical University Berlin

Policy implications of the findings of the first year research: incentives & innovation in medical technology

P Kanavos, Senior Lecturer, London School of Economics

Looking ahead: what's next on the agenda?

E Borgonovi, Professor, Università Bocconi

Discussion: Bridging the gap between stakeholders

Sustainability: How does it affect patient choice?

W Dziworski, Policy Analyst, European Commission

The value of technological change in health

M Suhrcke, Economist, WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development, Italy

Dinner Workshop

Promoting Patient Safety

Thursday
2 October 2008
18:00–20:30



Promoting global patient safety – Venous Thromboembolism case study

Chair: AK Kakkar, Director Designate, Thrombosis Research Institute, UK

Patient safety is, according to the European Commission, the foundation of a high quality healthcare system. Sir Liam Donaldson, Chairman of the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety has described venous thromboembolism (VTE) as "a significant international patient safety issue". Despite this, however, over half a million Europeans die each year in hospital from VTE and many of these deaths are avoidable. VTE is also the cause of significant long term disability.

This workshop will explore current healthcare system developments that put patients and their safety first and will consider examples of different approaches to VTE prevention that can contribute to wider initiatives aimed at reducing avoidable death in hospital.

Organised by the Thrombosis Research Institute in collaboration with the International Alliance of Patients' Organizations and with the support of the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety

Dinner Workshop

Cancer & Innovation

Thursday
2 October 2008
18:00–20:30



Tackling cancer in the EU: the role of innovation

Cancer is the second largest killer in Europe. Incidence rates are increasing with more than two million new cases and more than 1.1 million cancer deaths in Europe each year. The role of research and innovation is one of the fundamental elements in combating cancer. Therefore, improving the conditions for the development of innovative treatments for this disease is crucial.

This dinner workshop will look at the role played by innovation in the fight against cancer in Europe. Patients as well as researchers will be brought together to discuss what innovation means for them in their everyday life, what are the challenges to innovation in Europe from their perspective and how innovation can be boosted and further developed in the EU.

The discussion will be open and dynamic – following the interventions from key opinion leaders, patients and representatives from the public sector, the floor will be open to all participants with the aim of having a stimulating and frank exchange of views on the key role played by innovation in the fight against cancer in the EU.

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Venice

Visit with us the 'Queen of the seas'. Venice makes you a believer in fairy tales. The only way to get around the 1,500 year-old city is by foot or by water. From the vantage points, you'll be awed by the magical beauty of the city. La Serenissima, 'the most serene one', is filled with palaces and art, fine shopping and excellent food. Relax in Piazza San Marco, visit the basilicas, drink a bellini at Harry's Bar and wander the alleyways and bridges (tour subject to minimum number of participants).

Rahmenprogramm

Venedig

Besuchen Sie mit uns die „Königin der Meere“. Venedig lässt Sie an Märchen glauben. Die einzige Möglichkeit der Fortbewegung in dieser 1500 Jahre alten Stadt ist zu Fuß oder auf dem Wasser. Die zauberhafte Schönheit der Stadt wird Ihnen den Atem rauben. La Serenissima – die „heiter-gelassene Stadt“ ist reich an Palästen und Kunstwerken, eleganten Geschäften und ausgezeichnetem Essen. Entspannen Sie sich am Markusplatz, besuchen Sie die Basiliken und spazieren Sie entlang der Gässchen und Brücken (Ausflug abhängig von Mindestteilnehmerzahl).

Innsbruck

The Capital of the Alps was twice host of the Olympic Winter Games and has a history of 800 years. With its medieval center the city offers art treasures and is famous for buildings such as the Golden Roof – Innsbruck's greatest tourist attraction and certainly its most characteristic landmark – the Imperial Palace and St. Anna's Columbe. It combines tradition and modernity: city strolls and mountaineering, Baroque operas and folklore music, tuxedos and Lederhosen.

Innsbruck

„Schatzkammer der Alpen“ und zweifacher Austragungsort der Olympischen Winterspiele: Mit seinem mittelalterlichen Zentrum – einer der schönsten mittelalterlichen Stadtkerne Österreichs – ist die Stadt reich an Kunstschätzen und berühmt für ihre Bauwerke, wie das „Goldene Dachl“, die Hofburg und die Annasäule. Innsbruck verbindet Tradition und Moderne: Stadtbummel und Gipfelsieg. Barockoper und Blasmusik. Smoking und Lederhose.



Salzburg and its historic district – an unique treasure

The city of Salzburg, in particular its historic district, represents one of the most beautiful spots on earth. This has been internationally recognized through the inauguration as UNESCO World Cultural Heritage in 1997. Explore the beauty of Salzburg with a guided tour through historic roads and enchanted alleys.

Salzburg und seine Altstadt – ein einzigartiger Schatz

Tatsächlich stellt die Stadt Salzburg – und hier besonders ihre historische Altstadt – einen der schönsten Flecken Erde dar, den man in Europa finden kann, was auch durch die Ernennung zum Weltkulturerbe durch die UNESCO im Jahre 1997 internationale Anerkennung fand. Entdecken Sie Salzburgs Schönheit bei einem geführten Bummel durch die Straßen und Gassen.

Alpentherme Gastein – the easy way to well-being

Leave daily life behind and just drift away – nothing easier than that in the six adventure and wellness worlds of the Alpentherme Gastein. Your individual wellness needs are met to perfection. Whether you are looking for fun, quiet or physical activity – you're bound to discover worlds of opportunities.

Alpentherme Gastein – Wohlfühlen leicht gemacht

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Socialising with other delegates at the evening events

Geselliges Beisammensein bei den Abendveranstaltungen



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