

**PATIENT PAYMENTS IN
CENTRAL AND EASTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

*PROJECT SEMINAR
15-16 March 2010*



PROGRAMME

Project seminar on

Patient Payments in Central and Eastern European Countries

Monday–Tuesday, 15 -16 March 2010

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The objective of the seminar is to discuss project results and policy issues on patient payments, and to establish an informal network of researchers and policy makers.

Seminar guests:

- Dr. Bernd Rechel - European Centre on Health of Societies in Transition
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
- Dr. Maureen Lewis - Advisor Development Economics Operations and Strategy
The World Bank
- Ms. Halina Walasek - Scientific and Policy Officer
European Commission; Directorate-General for Research

Researchers and policy makers from the participating partners' countries:

Bulgaria, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Ukraine and the Netherlands

Seminar programme

(Please note that the programme is subject to change)

Sunday, 14-March: Arrival of participants and social event in the evening

16.00 Walk to the city centre and dinner

Monday, 15-March: Project seminar – day 1

9.00-9.10 Participants gather at the meeting location

9.10-9.15 **Welcoming address from the project coordinators**

9.15-9.30 **Welcoming address from the European Commission**

Ms. Halina Walasek (project officer, Scientific and Policy Officer)
European Commission; Directorate-General for Research

9.30-10.30 **Session 1: Out-of-pocket payments in Europe**

Chaired by: Prof.Dr. Frits van Merode (vice-dean; scientific project coordinator)
Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences; Maastricht University

Out-of-pocket payments in Central and Eastern Europe

Dr. Bernd Rechel (guest speaker, project expert on informal patient payments)
European Centre on Health of Societies in Transition
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Formal and informal patient payments in Europe: substitutes or compliments

Ms. Marzena Tambor (junior researcher in the project)
Institute of Public Health; Uniwersytet Jagiellonski Collegium Medicum; Krakow

10:30-11:00 Coffee/tea

11:00-12:00 **Session 2: Informal patient payments in Europe**

Chaired by: Prof.Dr. Hans Maarse (project guest, expert on health policy)
Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences; Maastricht University

Informal patient payments and health care governance

Dr. Maureen Lewis (guest speaker, project expert on informal patient payments)
Advisor Development Economics Operations and Strategy; the World Bank

A framework for the investigation of informal patient payments

Dr. Irena Griga (project representative for Ukraine)
Director of the School of Public Health; Kyiv

12:00-13:30 Lunch

- 13:30-15:00 **Session 3: Patient payments in selected European countries**
Chaired by: Prof.Dr. Wim Groot (scientific project coordinator)
 Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences; Maastricht University
- The short-term effect of formal fees on informal payments in Hungary
 Ms. Petra Baji (junior researcher in the project)
 Center for Public Affairs Studies Foundation; Budapesti Corvinus Egyetem; Budapest
- Informal payment in health care and intra-household allocation of resources in Albania
 Ms. Sonila Tomini (junior researcher in the project)
 Maastricht Graduate School of Governance; Maastricht University
- Patient payments in the Russian Federation: preliminary results
 Mr. Vladimir Gordeev (junior researcher in the project)
 Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences; Maastricht University
- 15:00-16:00 Coffee/tea and informal discussions
- 19.00 Dinner

Tuesday, 16-March: Project seminar – day 2

- 9.00-9.10 Participants gather at the meeting location
- 9.10-9.15 **Introduction**
- 9.15-10.30 **Session 4: Results of focus group discussions and in-depth interviews – I**
Chaired by: Dr. Maureen Lewis (project expert on informal patient payments)
 Advisor Development Economics Operations and Strategy; the World Bank
- Policy paper Poland
 Policy paper Hungary
 Policy paper Lithuania
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee/tea
- 11.00-12.15 **Session 5: Results of focus group discussions and in-depth interviews – II**
Chaired by: Dr. Bernd Rechel (project expert on informal patient payments)
 European Centre on Health of Societies in Transition; London School of Hygiene &
 Tropical Medicine
- Policy paper Bulgaria
 Policy paper Romania
 Policy paper Ukraine
- 12.15-13.45 Lunch
- 16.00 Guided tour and dinner

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