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Given the long-unsolved problems in health care in Slovakia and the procedure the current Ministry of Health practices, which threatens public health and does not take the direct responsibility for running the health service (changing all the state hospitals into joint-stock company governed by the Commercial Code, without providing sufficient resources for their operation, creating the conditions for direct connection of private financial groups in the public financial resources and creating a dangerous precedent for the whole of Europe), it was decided to start Medical Association trade union /LOZ/ action on "Save Public Health". The purpose of this activity is to make the health care system available for everybody. We believe that there are four requirements that need to be met.

They are:

1. Ensure compliance with Labor Code and Public Notice on the minimum physical and personal security indiscriminately in all health facilities in Slovakia.
2. Change the system of financing the health care facilities so that health insurance payments reflect the real costs of health care including the wages of health care workers.
3. Stop the transformation of state hospitals into joint-stock companies. Ensure wide ranging and open discussion between professionals and the union trade members.
4. Ensure and guarantee by legislation that the doctors' base salary is 1.5 to 3 times the average salary no later than January 1, 2013 depending and reflecting on one's education and work experience.

Doctors in Slovakia are prepared to give their notices in order to achieve the above mentioned requirements. We, LOZ /LUP/, believe that hospitals are not and cannot be treated as factories because health is not business. We are confident that our action will succeed and achieve adequate working conditions for health workers and improve conditions for patient care. We urgently ask FEMS and our European colleagues to support the Slovak doctors in this activity. At the same time, we would like to invite the president of FEMS, Dr. Claude Wetzel, to visit the Slovak Republic.