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LET'S STOP THE ACTION OF GOVERNMENTS THROUGHOUT EUROPE: WITH THEIR POLICIES THEY ARE DESTROYING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND FORCED IT TO A DESTINY OF POVERTY. HEALTH CARE AND ITS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE A PRIORITY FOR THE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS. THE OPERABILITY OF THE HEALTH SERVICES HAS AN IRREPLACEABLE ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND STABILIZATION OF SOCIETY.



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## **SECURE MONEY TO ENSURE QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR ALL EUROPEAN CITIZENS!**

IN PERIODS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIFFICULTIES, THERE IS A PARTICULAR NEED TO REINFORCE THE AVAILABILITY OF GOOD QUALITY MEDICAL CARE FOR ALL PATIENTS IN EUROPE IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD ADEQUATE MEDICAL TREATMENT, ALSO FOR THOSE WHO CAN NO LONGER AFFORD IT DUE TO ECONOMIC HARDSHIP. THIS IS ESPECIALLY RELEVANT IN LIGHT OF AN INCREASING BURDEN OF "OUT OF POCKET" PAYMENTS. CERTAIN GROUPS, SUCH AS WORKERS, WHO SEE THEIR RETIREMENT AGE DELAYED,

ARE IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ATTENTION. SAFEGUARDING ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY OF SOCIETY IN GENERAL. WE APPEAL THAT THE HEALTH CARE AND ITS DEVELOPMENT BECOME A EUROPE-WIDE PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENTS BECAUSE FUNCTIONING OF THE HEALTH SERVICE HAS AN IRREPLACEABLE ROLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE STABILITY OF THE SOCIETY.

## **STOP CORRUPTION!**

CORRUPT PRACTICES INVOLVING HOSPITAL MANAGERS, POLITICIANS AND INDUSTRY ARE ONE OF THE MAJOR THREATS FOR THE HEALTHCARE. EVEN IF SUFFICIENT MONEY IS SECURED FOR THE HEALTHCARE, IT DOES NOT IMPROVE THE HEALTHCARE SITUATION IF THE MONEY IS SPENT FOR THE PURPOSES THE MONEY WAS NOT INTENDED FOR. THEREFORE, WE URGE THE GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH TRANSPARENT PRACTICES AND RULES FOLLOWING THE PRINCIPLE "ZERO TOLERANCE TOWARDS CORRUPTION".

## **STOP REPRESSION ON DOCTORS!**

THE ROLE OF PROFESSIONAL AND TRADE UNIONS ORGANIZATIONS IS MARGINALIZED. HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, WHO WORK DIRECTLY IN THE SYSTEM AND KNOW ITS SHORTCOMINGS AND POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS, HAVE NO REAL OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT THE SYSTEM. EVEN MORE: IN SOME COUNTRIES, DOCTORS EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT TYPE OF OPPRESSIONS, INCLUDING CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

## **DECENT SALARIES AND DECENT WORKING CONDITIONS FOR ALL EUROPEAN DOCTORS!**

THE NUMBER OF STAFF IS INADEQUATE IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES AND IN SEVERAL REGIONS WITHIN THE COUNTRIES. OFTEN, PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT RESPECTED. SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES IN HEALTH CARE ARE NOT ADEQUATE FOR THE WORK THEY PERFORM, ESPECIALLY IN EASTERN PART OF EUROPE AND IN THE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN MOST AFFECTED BY THE CRISIS. THERE IS A CONTINUING EXODUS OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ABROAD FOR BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS. IN EUROPE LACK OF DOCTORS IS ALREADY PRESENT AND IT WILL WORSEN IN THE NEXT FUTURE. BAD WORKING CONDITIONS WILL PRODUCE A STRONG MIGRATION TOWARDS BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS AND THE BURDEN WILL BE SUSTAINED BY THE CITIZENS OF THE MOST AFFECTED AREAS.



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