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“EU countries urged to invest in reducing health inequalities; researchers find major health system problems in Central and Eastern Europe; community care at European level; essere infermiere oggi; EU fails to screen its population for hepatitis; ...”

Those were some of the themes discussed at the above-mentioned session. Under the chairmanship of Esther Reyes Diez, SATSE (ES), vice-president of Eurofedop, trade union experts from health care held a meeting during which, on the one hand, they listened to presentations on topics of health care and, on the other hand, they discussed further actions to be taken.

The participants strongly appealed to the Secretary General of CESI for achieving the participation of their sector in European social dialogue. It is incomprehensible that, in spite of the common request which is made by trade unions of CESI and EUROFEDOP in this respect, the Commission shows no initiative and our question remains unfulfilled.

Eurofedop, which supported the election of the president and two vice-presidents, asked that special attention would further be given to the situation in Central and Eastern Europe within the framework of this trade council.

As deputy vice-president, Dr. O. Rümmler (GdG/FCG, Austria) was chosen.



An expert from AP-HP Hospitals in Paris gave explanation about the evolution with regard to e-Health. Thanks to the technological evolution, it becomes increasingly possible to make things connect with each other. Still, staff continue to play a pivotal role in this respect.

Bilateral contacts between CNV/PZ and DBB have shown that, with border-crossing employment, the host country does not always follow national regulations. CESI has been asked to work out a proposal for a solution in this respect and submit it to the board of CESI.

Occupational diseases and their prevention are of paramount importance in our care sector. And this is certainly true as regards hepatitis. A representative from ELPA gave a presentation on the Hepatitis Care Index.

As vice-president of HFE, Bert Van Caelenberg gave a presentation on the model for "Community Care at EU level". He referred to the importance for trade unions to take part in reforms from the start. The model will be further developed and presented in the European Parliament. HFE has also been invited to present this model at the "Second WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices", Geneva, 22-24/11/2013.

The chairwoman emphasised that, in addition to social dialogue, permanent lobbying is required. We as Eurofedop have already reached the best results in this respect.