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**BRIEFING MEETING WITH DIRECTORS OF
MENTAL HEALTH ORGANISATIONS
Brussels, 28-29 April 2008**

FINAL PROGRAMME

Venue of the meeting:

Hôtel du Congrès
Rue du Congrès 40-42
B-1000 Brussels
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MONDAY 28 APRIL 2008

10.00 – 13.00: Morning session

- 10.00 Welcome
Malgorzata Kmita, President MHE
- 10.05 Introduction and objectives of the meeting
Mary Van Dievel, Director MHE
- 10.15 Introduction to the European Commission's PROGRESS Work Programme
Trude Eliassen, EC Directorate General Employment, Social Affairs and
Equal Opportunities - Social Inclusion Unit
- Questions
- 10.40 Introduction to the Public Health Programme
Representative Directorate General Health and Consumer Protection – Unit
Health Determinants
- Questions
- 11.00 Break with refreshments
- 11.15 Introduction to lobbying the European institutions
Christine Marking, Marking Public Affairs
- Questions

- 12.00 Establishment of national focal points in European countries
Presentation of existing initiatives in other fields:
- Freek Spinnewijn, Director of FEANTSA (European Federation of associations for the homeless)
 - Irene Donadio, Advocacy Officer, IPPF-European Network (International Planned Parenthood Federation)

13.00-14.00: Lunch

14.00-17.30: Afternoon session

Discussion on the proposed establishment of focal points for mental health and wellbeing in European countries (cont'd)

Presentation of existing initiatives by mental health associations:

- Elisabeth Muschik, Pro Mente Austria
- Mariano Hernandez Monsalve, Spanish Association for Neuro-Psychiatry
- Clemens Huitink, GGZ Netherlands (tbc)

Discussion on the way forward

17.30-19.00: Informal drink

20.00: Dinner

TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2008

9.300 – 14.30

9.30 Departure for the European Parliament (from hotel lobby)

10.30-12.00 Visit to the European Parliament

Meeting with Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou MEP, European Parliament Rapporteur on the PROGRESS PROGRAMME (tbc)

Debriefing on the meeting of Directors

12.30 Lunch and end of the Directors meeting

This meeting is organised in the framework of Mental Health Europe's Work Programme 2008, and supported by the **European Community's PROGRESS Programme 2007-2013 (Directorate General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities)**

The PROGRESS programme was established to financially support the implementation of the objectives of the European Union in the employment and social affairs area, as set out in the Social Agenda, and thereby contribute to the achievement of the Lisbon Strategy goals in these fields. The seven-year Programme targets all stakeholders who can help shape the development of appropriate and effective employment and social legislation and policies, across the EU-27, EFTA and EU candidate countries and pre-candidate countries.

To that effect, PROGRESS purports at:

- providing analysis and policy advice on employment, social solidarity and gender equality policy areas;
- monitoring and reporting on the implementation of EU legislation and policies in employment, social solidarity and gender equality policy areas;
- promoting policy transfer, learning and support among Member States on EU objectives and priorities; and
- relaying the views of the stakeholders and society at large.

For more information see:

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/progress/index_en.html

