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## Reinventing our medical R&D system

### Safeguarding universal access to medicines in the EU and in the world

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#### INTRODUCTION

The prices of new life-saving medicines have never been so high in the EU, putting our social security models, universal rights to care-access and national budgets at risk. Poor countries don't have the monopoly of care exclusion anymore. Who is responsible for this situation? More and more stakeholders point at our broken R&D model in the pharmaceutical sector: less real and needed innovation, less return on investment for publicly funded research because of private patenting and privatized benefits, more short-term pressure from the shareholders in the care sector. So what can be done at EU level? This is what you will hear in this conference.

#### AGENDA

*9:30-10:40*

##### *Part I: overview of the current situation that leads to unaffordable medicines*

(chair: **Michèle Rivasi** MEP)

- introduction by the Chair
- presentation of the situation in Greece, by **Panagiotis Kouroumplis**, the Greek minister for health
- presentation of the situation in Spain, by **Elodie Besnier** from Salud por Derecho
- presentation of the situation in Germany, by **Joerg Schaaber** from BUKO Pharma-Kampagne
- Q&A session
- closing remarks by the Chair

*10:40-11:50*

##### *Part II: analysis of the roots of the current problems*

(chair: **Ernest Maragall** MEP)

- introduction by the Chair
- Comparison of the current situation in the EU and worldwide, by **Helle Aagaard** from MSF
- Pharmaceutical research and market failures: a guideline, by **Ignasi Belda**, president and founder of Intelligent Pharma
- The cost of medical research and the lack of transparency, by **Gaëlle Krikorian**, sociologist and intellectual property rights expert
- Q&A session
- closing remarks by the Chair

*11:50-13:00*

***Part III: the possible solutions***

(chair **Michèle Rivasi**)

- introduction by the Chair
- the consumers perspectives, by **David Hammerstein** from TACD
- compulsory licensing, by **Olivier Maguet** from Médecins du Monde
- the voice of the European Commission, by **Jérôme Boehm** from DG SANTE
- Q&A session
- closing remarks by the Chair

*At 18:30*

we will screen the documentary "**MEDICAL RESEARCH: HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM**" by Salud por derecho, same room.

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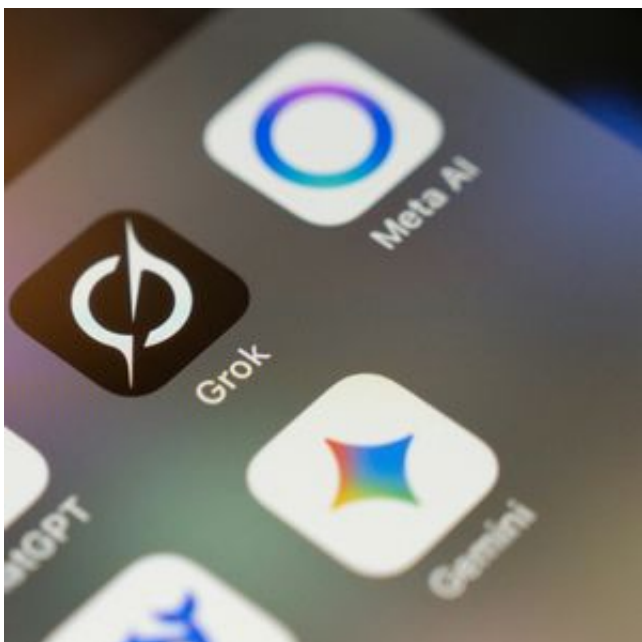


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