The Health Impact Fund – An Innovation in Global Health

Hosted by Norbert Neuser, MEP

Monday, April 11th, 2011
12h30 – 14h45

Venue:
European Parliament
Room A1E-1
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The last decade has seen exceptional political attention to global health, resulting in a four-fold increase in resources for health care in low- and middle-income countries since 1990 to reach USD 21.8 billion in 2007. It has also led to a number of new health initiatives. Nevertheless, many diseases, particularly those common in developing countries still lack a cure and effective vaccines. There is hence an urgent need to think about new ways of addressing global health issues and particularly in regard to how the effectiveness of already existing structures can be enhanced in an innovative way. The European Commission funded project Innova-P2 has worked with a global team of experts on this issue and has found the Health Impact Fund (HIF) as the most promising solution for tackling global health problems more effectively – especially in regards to developing countries.

We hence cordially invite you to join us to discuss the concept of the HIF and the possibilities of its implementation with a selected group of global health specialist and committed politicians.

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12h30 WELCOME
Andrä Gärber, Director, FES Brussels
Karin Roth, Member of the German Bundestag

12h40 INTRODUCTION
The EU’s Role in Global Health – Tackling Neglected Diseases in Developing Countries
Andris Piebalgs, EU Commissioner for Development

12h55 PRESENTATION
The Health Impact Fund (HIF) – An Innovation in Global Health
Thomas Pogge, Professor, Yale University and University of Central Lancashire

13h15 COMMENTS:
The HIF from an Indian Perspective
Satyanarayana Kanikaram, Deputy Director General of the Indian Council for Medical Research representative from the Indian government
The HIF from the NGOs Perspective

Gorik Ooms, former president of Médecins sans frontières

The HIF from the Perspective of Pharmaceutical Companies

Thom Segerson, Vice President for Medical and Scientific Affairs, Bayer

13h30 DISCUSSION
Chair: Miltos Ladikas, Coordinator, Innova P2

14h30 WRAP-UP:
Potential Synergies with the Global Fund

Christoph Benn, Director External Relations, The Global Fund

14h45 End

A sandwich lunch will be provided during the meeting.

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