

# Priorities of the Belgian Presidency

Today at the EU Open Health Forum, Mr. Dirk Cuypers (Federal Public Service Health, Belgium) announced the health priorities on behalf of the Belgian Presidency, which will commence on July 1, 2010.

**Health Security** - two technical conferences: one on the flu pandemic and a second on the priorities for prevention and control of antimicrobial resistance

**Health Systems** - one meeting discussing health personnel across the EU and a conference to discuss innovative measures to prevent chronic conditions. Patients and their representatives will play an important role in the latter event.

**Pharmaceuticals** - one conference on September 23-24 on pharmaceutical innovation and solidarity, discussing how to measure and access innovation

**Health Inequalities** - two focus events: one on environmental health & social vulnerabilities, and a second on child poverty

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