

Trans-border cooperation in health care: possibilities and perspectives

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Round Table »Trans-border cooperation in health care: possibilities and perspectives« (*Cooperazione transfrontaliera in sanità: Opportunità e prospettive*) was held on 26 October 2009 in Trieste, in Starhotels Savoia Excelsior Palace Hotel.

Today's Europe, free from physical borders between countries, is left with national, social, economic, cultural... borders. It is through the process of European integrations that the system of biomedicine and healthcare is faced with new scenarios and needs to consider perspectives for the future in the regionally connected countries, as are Italy, Slovenia and Croatia.

The goal of this Round Table was to include politicians and experts, to bring face to face the lack of political will with the practical need for the improvement of health care services. The citizens of Europe have the right to the highest level of health care, independent of the state member in which they wish to exercise that right.

The participants were:

- Luciano Bresciani, the health care commissioner for Lombardia region
- Vladimir Kotic, the health care and social welfare commissioner for Friuli Venezia Giulia region,
- Gordana Kalan Živčec, the president of the Slovenian Medical Chamber,
- Iva Sorta-Bilajac, the president of the Committee for Protection of Patients' Rights, Primorsko-goranska County,
- Gabriella Clarich, the president of the Committee for the Availability of Health Care of the Italian Medical Chamber,
- Claudio Pandullo, the president of the Italian Medical Chamber,
- Giovanni Collino, European parliament representative.

The Round Table and discussions with the audience were moderated by Paolo Posamai, the director of »Il Piccolo«, the newspaper from Trieste.

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