

The EMA is responsible for the scientific evaluation, supervision and safety monitoring of medicines in the EU. Currently based in Canary Wharf, London, it is home to about 1,000 staff and welcomes 40,000 visitors a year.

These are the cities bidding to host the EMA, as of 1 August 2017: Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Bonn, Bratislava, Brussels, Bucharest, Copenhagen, Dublin, Helsinki, Lille, Malta, Milan, Porto, Sofia, Stockholm, Vienna, Warsaw, Zagreb.

Further details on each country's individual bid can be found here:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/relocation-uk-based-agencies/ema/>

22 August: European Disability Forum launch new video campaign for Accessibility Act



The European Disability Forum (EDF) has launched a new video campaign for a better European Accessibility Act (EAA).

The final debate on the EAA will take place in the European Parliament on Wednesday 13 September 2017. The final vote will go to

the plenary session on 14 September, in which all 751 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) can vote on whether it will adopt the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee (IMCO) report as it is, or with changes, or if it will reject it.

EDF was not happy with the IMCO report and is campaigning for MEPs to make changes to the text to improve it, but this will be very difficult. In order to now influence MEPs, EDF has drafted proposed amendments.

EDF has also defined its most important priorities - "red lines" when it comes to the vote. If those priorities are not included in the report, EDF recommends to MEPs to reject the adoption of the report completely. These priorities are:

- A binding clause on the built environment (Article 3 (10))
- A clear reference to the applicability of the accessibility requirements to other Union acts such as public procurement or the EU Structural Funds (Article 1(3))
- Obligations for all businesses, including for microenterprises and SMEs (Art. 12)
- An ambitious and comprehensive Annex I with clear requirements (Annex I)
- Requirements for all transport modes that clearly go beyond existing legislation

The video can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALtmGkBYu10>

Further details can be found here:

<http://www.edf-feph.org/european-accessibility-act-1>

You can read the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee (IMCO) report here:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/imco/draft-reports.html>

29 August: Join the European Health Parliament

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MEMBERS' NEWS

15-16 June: Hungary's Social Cluster Association reports on its Common Speaking Experts 2017 conference



On 15 and 16 June, the Social Cluster Association held the Common Speaking Experts 2017 conference in Budapest, Hungary. The 2-day-long conference focused on inter-professional long-term care with presentations in both English and Hungarian language (via simultaneous translation) and with the participation of more than 150 experts from more than 10 countries.

Many highly acclaimed professional honoured the conference either as audience members or presenters, including some of the members of Alzheimer Europe, such as Charles Scerri who gave a presentation both on day 1 – the plenary session providing an international outlook – and day 2, in one of the 6 sections.

The opening speech was given by Ledia Lazëri, Head of the WHO Country Office in Hungary, highlighting the significance of this event. At the end of the first day, a consensus paper was approved by the participants regarding important guidelines for the improvement and optimisation of care services.

Dementia was a major focus point of the conference, and as a result we devoted a whole section to Hungarian Alzheimer Cafés, where the participants got to know the Slovenian good practices as well, through the presentation of Stefanija L. Zlobec. Other important themes, among many, included the actualities of geriatrics, incontinence, palliative care, and education. The importance of inter-professional and international cooperation and the development of coherent strategies in order to find the best solutions, was addressed. By the end of the conference – which we would be happy to repeat in the future - we all gained a lot of useful information and valuable experience we hope to utilise in the field of care.

English language presentations:

<http://socialcluster.hu/Documents-m104>