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## **Services and health for sale?**

### **Seminar on the future of Social Services of General Interest – health services**

The role of social services in the EU is often underestimated.

Eurofedop readily joined the struggle against the inclusion of (social) services of general interest within the scope of the services directive. Partly due to Eurofedop's efforts, these services, which were originally incorporated in the directive, have been taken out. This process also pointed to an increased power for the European Parliament expressing the voice of the people, which is very much welcomed by Eurofedop. Nevertheless, the question remains which pathway to take for the (social) services of general interest, and the health care services in Europe?

High profile speakers from both the European and the Maltese political field will participate.

The seminar is divided into three thematic blocks.

- The first block deals with the image of the health sector and HR issues (recruiting and retaining personnel, migration)
- The second block focuses on the use of new technologies in the sector (e-health) and
- The third and final block discusses the impact of the major trends/challenges that Europe faces today (demographic trends, EU enlargement, public service modernisation).

I look forward to seeing you at our seminar in Malta.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bert Van Caelenberg".

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