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Mrs. Paola Testori Coggi, an Italian citizen, is from the 01/04/10 the new Director General of the European Commission's DG for Health and Consumers (SANCO).



Mrs. Testori Coggi was acting since August 2007 as Deputy Director-General of DG SANCO. From 2000 to 2007, she was Director for the Safety of the Food Chain within the same DG, where she was responsible for the White Paper on Food Safety (12/01/2000) and the legislative Action Programme. Prior to that, she has worked as adviser on Consumer Health in the Cabinet of Commissioner Emma Bonino (Commissioner for Health and Fishing 1993-1999), where she worked on the new EU policy on consumer health after the mad cow disease crisis. Paola Testori Coggi joined the European Commission in 1983 in the Directorate-General for Environment.

Mrs. Testori Coggi replaces **Mr. Robert Madelin** who is now appointed Director General of DG for Information Society and Media (INFSO). Mr Madelin, a British national, was Director-General for Health and Consumer Affairs since January 2004. Between 1997 and 2003, he was one of the Directors in the DG for Trade, responsible for a range of international economic topics, including biotechnology, standards, intellectual property, sustainable development, governance and bilateral trade relations with Asia.



Prior to this, he has worked as Deputy Head of Cabinet to Sir Leon Brittan, European Commission Vice-president responsible for Trade. Robert Madelin joined the Commission in 1993 after a career in the British civil service.

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The European Union's Executive Agency for Health and Consumers, responsible for implementing the EU Health Programme, the Consumer Programme and the Better Training for Safer Food initiative, has recently published 8 Calls for Tenders in the area of Public Health.

As you know a Call for Tenders is aiming at purchasing services in order to execute works, supply assets or conclude building contracts. In general, the European Commission's Work Plan for 2010 foresees a significant number of Calls for Tenders for the provision of services, in particular preparation of studies, surveys and analyses concerning various areas of public health.

These Calls for Tenders are open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons (economic operators) from the 27 EU Members-States; Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Albania under their own Stabilisation and Association Agreements (SAA); Canada, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands with respect to Aruba, Singapore, Switzerland and the United States - countries party to the Multilateral Agreement on Government Procurement concluded within the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

The following recent calls widely cover the entire framework of public health. These calls are:

- 1) *Multiple framework contracts with reopening of competition to support the Health Information Strategy.*

- The objective of this call for tender is the conclusion of Framework Contracts with tenderers that are able to assist the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers and the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers of the European Commission in carrying out their activities related to health information. In particular, contractors will be asked to provide health reports (covering topics included in the Health Strategy and pointed out by the Commission), and give relevant and well structured information based on best available evidence and solid data and indicators and Health and economic analysis (producing evidence on the numerous relationships between health parameters and socio-economic variables).
- For further information and application procedure, please go to: http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/tenders_H01_2010.html

2) *The identification and development of tools aiming at facilitating recognition of prescriptions from another Member State.*

- The general objective of the contracted services is to facilitate effective mutual recognition of prescriptions among EU Member States (MS) in respect of patient safety. The operational objectives are:
 - The identification and development of a non-exhaustive list of elements to be included in prescriptions,
 - The identification and development of tools for the establishment of register/registers of prescribers fit to practice in their MS. The said register(s) shall be readily accessible to dispensers in other MS',
 - A problem measurement meant to identify the current-day size of potential improvements in effectiveness and patient safety resulting from enhanced mutual recognition of prescriptions.
- For further information and application procedure, please go to: http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/tenders_H02_2010.html

3) *Training transplant donor coordinators trainers.*

- The purpose of this contract is to assist Member States to put in place transplant donor coordinators trainings by training a certain number of transplant donor coordinators in every Member State

and providing them with the knowledge to further continue this training at national level.

- To have further information and application procedure, please go to: http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/tenders_H03_2010.html

4) *Mental health systems in European Union Member States, status of mental health in populations and benefits to be expected from investments into mental health.*

- This call for tender invites a study on mental health status and mental health systems in Member States which aims at continuing to support the implementation of the [European Pact for Mental Health and Well-being](#) and the process of developing policy conclusions and recommendations from the outcomes of the five thematic conferences that are held in connection with the Pact implementation.
- To have further information and application procedure, please go to: http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/tenders_H04_2010.html

5) *The creation of a mechanism for the exchange of knowledge between Member States and European authorities on the scientific assessment of the clinical added value for orphan medicines.*

- The purpose of the present contract is to propose a methodology for a relative effectiveness assessment in order to facilitate timely and effective access to orphan medicines by those affected by a rare condition by the way of increasing collaboration at the European level achieving, if possible, a common methodology for health technology assessments of new medicines. For this detailed discussions with the Member States and interested parties on the best way to make progress are necessary.
- To have further information and application procedure, please go to: http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/tenders_H05_2010.html

6) *The preparation of a report on health inequalities in the EU.*

- The work to be prepared under this call for tender is to contribute to the implementation of the EU framework for action on health inequalities set out in the Commission Communication "[Solidarity in health: Reducing health inequalities in the EU](#)". The main objective of this call for tender is to produce a comprehensive report on health inequalities and the actions being taken to combat them in the European Union.
- To have further information and application procedure, please go to: http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/tenders_H06_2010.html

7) *Multiple framework contracts with reopening of competition on external assistance concerning activities in the area of health security.*

- The objective of this call for tender is the conclusion of Multiple Framework Contracts with reopening of competition with tenderers that able to assist Executive Agency for Health and Consumers and the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers of the European Commission in carrying out its activities related to health security.
- To have further information and application procedure, please go to: http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/tenders_H08_2010.html

8) *The impact of structural funds (SF) on health gains.*

- The purpose of this tender is to identify and collect information about how health considerations were taken into account in the designing and development of non health SF investments in the period 2007-2013 and to develop tools which will enable it to support in a practical way better integration of health considerations in regional development and subsequently, SF planning and implementation. Additionally, the tender should also proceed to identify good practices in the way health related and non health related investments are linked together within the framework of a global strategy or regional master plan for ensuring growth and cohesion at the regional level. The results will be used in the preparation of the Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 and to support

Member States and regions in the period of the programming of their priorities for investment.

- To have further information and application procedure, please go to: http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/tenders_H09_2010.html

May we propose that the Chairpersons of FEPI's Working Groups examine the possibilities for FEPI to apply to one of the above mentioned Calls. The Secretariat is of course at your disposal to discuss this.

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