



## INTEREST GROUP ON RHEUMATIC AND MUSCULOSKELETAL DISEASES (RMDs)

### Improving access to medicines for European citizens

European Parliament (Room A5G 305)  
11 October 2017, 15:00 – 17:00

#### Agenda

Host: **Dr Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, MEP and Vice-Chair of the Interest Group**

#### Welcome and introduction

Sören Haar, Head of EULAR Brussels office

#### Presentations

*Barriers to access to medicines for people with RMDs*

Neil Betteridge, Liaison officer Public Affairs, EULAR

*Potential for Member State collaboration on pharmaceutical procurement*

Jo De Cock, Administrator-General, National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance (INAMI-RIZIV)

*Pharmaceutical industry perspective on access to medicines*

Elizabeth Kuiper, Executive Director Public Affairs, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA)

*The role of generic and bio-similars medicines in improving access to medicines*

Adrian Van Den Hoven, Director General, Medicines for Europe

*What should the EU do to improve access to medicines for citizens?*

José Inácio Faria, MEP

#### Panel discussion with speakers and participants

Karin Kadenbach, MEP and Member of the Interest Group