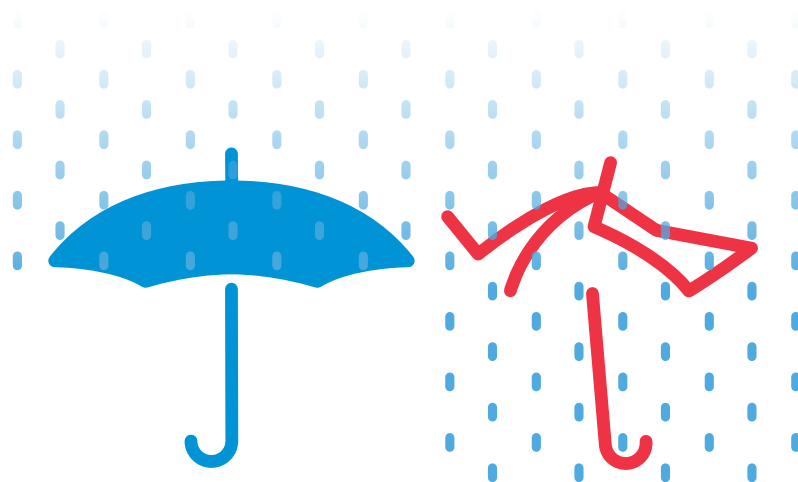


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**Sant Pau  
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## Agenda

Time	Session and content	Speakers and moderators
<b>Day 1 – Wednesday 14 June</b>		
08.00–09.00	<b>Registration</b>	
09.00–09.15	<b>Opening ceremony</b>	
09.15–10.30	<p><b>Session 1 Can people afford to pay for health care?</b> Summary of the new regional report on financial protection in Europe (Pau Gil room)</p> <p><b>Panel discussion</b> How do the report's findings contribute to the international agenda? Reflections on key messages of the report</p>	<p><b>Speaker:</b> Sarah Thomson, WHO Barcelona Office</p> <p><b>Panel</b> Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, WHO/Europe Francesca Colombo, OECD Josep Figueras, European Observatory Joe Kutzin, Results for Development (R4D) Katarzyna Ptak-Bufkens, European Commission</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Tamás Evetovits</p>
10.30–11.00	<b>Break</b>	
11.00–12.15	<p><b>Session 2 Addiction to a bad idea: basing entitlement to health care on payment of contributions</b> (Pau Gil room)</p> <p><b>Panel discussion</b> Why should the health system work for the tax agency?</p>	<p><b>Speaker:</b> Abdo Yazbeck, Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> Zeynep Or (France), Maris Jesse (Estonia), Rita Baeten (Belgium), Antoniya Dimova (Bulgaria) &amp; Abdo Yazbeck</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Sarah Thomson &amp; Tamás Evetovits</p>
12.15–12.30	<b>Group photo session</b>	
12.30–13.45	<b>Lunch</b>	
13.45–14.45	<p><b>Session 3 There is no escape from rationing: how do countries deal with trade-offs in access to health care?</b> (Pau Gil room)</p> <p><b>Panel discussion</b> Country experience with coverage policy and instruments for rationing</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b> Joe Kutzin, R4D &amp; Dimitra Panteli, European Observatory</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> Steve Thomas (Ireland), Akaki Zoidze (Georgia), Ruth Waitzberg (Israel), Ewout van Ginneken (European Observatory) &amp; Dimitra Panteli</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Jon Cylus &amp; Triin Habicht</p>
14.45–15.15	<b>Break</b>	

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15.15–16.15	<b>Session 4 Spotlight on financial protection in selected countries</b>	
	<b>Parallel session 1</b> (Pau Gil room) Overcoming obstacles to better financial protection in <b>Belgium</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Nicolas Bouckaert, Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre <b>Panel:</b> Ewa Grabiak & Rita Baeten  <b>Moderators:</b> Sarah Thomson & Jon Cylus	<b>Parallel session 2</b> (Cambó room) Financial protection in <b>Spain</b> : filling remaining gaps in coverage  <b>Speaker:</b> José Cerezo, WHO Almaty Office <b>Panel:</b> Marisol Rodriguez Martinez, María José Lopez Medina & Álex Brenchat  <b>Moderators:</b> María Serrano & Teresa Capel Tatjer
16.15–16.30	<b>Break</b>	
16.30–17.15	<b>Session 5</b> (Pau Gil room) <b>Launch of UHC watch – a new online platform</b>	<b>Presenters:</b> Jorge Alejandro García Ramírez & Lynn Al Tayara, WHO Barcelona Office
17.30–18.30	<b>Tour of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site (optional 1st offering)</b>	
19.00–22.00	<b>Reception followed by dinner at Sant Pau</b>	

## Day 2 – Thursday 15 June

09.00–10.30	<b>Session 1 Why do so many countries have user charges in spite of the evidence?</b> (Pau Gil room)  <b>Panel discussion</b> What works to protect people from user charges?  <b>Moderators:</b> Sarah Thomson & Jon Cylus	<b>Speaker:</b> Mylène Lagarde, London School of Economics and Political Science  <b>Panel:</b> Katri Aaltonen (Finland), Miriam Blümel (Germany), Babis Economou (Greece) & Mylène Lagarde  <b>Moderators:</b> Sarah Thomson & Jon Cylus
10.30–11.00	<b>Break</b>	
11.00–12.30	<b>Session 2 Can Lisa afford to pay for medicines?</b> (Pau Gil room)  <b>Panel discussion</b> How can countries improve the coverage of medicines?  <b>Moderators:</b> Triin Habicht & Lynn Al Tayara	<b>Speaker:</b> Tamás Evetovits, WHO Barcelona Office  <b>Panel:</b> Gintaras Kacevicius (Lithuania), Kaija Kasekamp (Estonia), Neda Milevska (North Macedonia & AIPO), Saltanat Moldoisaeva (Kyrgyzstan), Sarah Garner (WHO)  <b>Moderators:</b> Triin Habicht & Lynn Al Tayara
12.30–13.45	<b>Lunch</b>	
13.45–15.00	<b>Session 3 Spotlight on financial protection in selected countries</b>	
	<b>Parallel session 1</b> (Pau Gil room) <b>The Western Balkans:</b> financial protection in North Macedonia  <b>Speaker:</b> Vladimir Dimkovski, Consulting Group Curatio Sarl. <b>Panel:</b> Natasa Terzic, Nejsi Lleshi, Dragana Atanasijevic, Luka Voncina & Vladimir Dimkovski  <b>Moderators:</b> Baktygul Akkazieva & Marina Karanikolos	<b>Parallel session 2</b> (Cambó room) <b>Ukraine:</b> launch of the second report on financial protection  <b>Speaker:</b> Nataliia Shapoval, Kyiv School of Economics <b>Panel:</b> Aron Aregay, Oleksii Merkushev, Ievgenii Gonchar & Kaija Kasekamp  <b>Moderators:</b> Jarno Habicht & Solomiya Kasyanchuk
15.00–15.30	<b>Break</b>	
15.30–16.30	<b>Session 4</b> (Paul Gil room) <b>Can countries afford financial protection?</b>  Closing panel and plenary discussion  <b>Moderators:</b> Jon Cylus & Triin Habicht	<b>Speaker:</b> Joe Kutzin, R4D  <b>Panel:</b> Chris James (OECD), Xu Ke (WHO Geneva), Sarah Thomson & Abdo Yazbeck  <b>Moderators:</b> Jon Cylus & Triin Habicht
16.30–16.45	<b>Closure</b>	
17.30–18.30	<b>Tour of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site (optional 2nd offering)</b>	