

TWO-DAY CONFERENCE > HERAKLION

Public Health: for an alternative strategy



The progressive response to privatizations, the dismantling of the public health system and inequalities

5.-6.4.2025

"Manolis Karellis" Hall
Androgeo 2 Street, 2nd Floor,
Heraklion

Saturday 5/4

10:30a.m. > OPENING

Introductory speeches by representatives of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation and the ENA Institute

- Boris Kanzleiter, Director, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Office in Greece
- Evgenia Fotoniata, Coordinator for Economy and Society, ENA Institute

11a.m.-12:45p.m. > 1st SESSION

Contemporary challenges for health systems: neoliberal project and alternative strategy

Speakers:

- Grigoris Gerotziapas, professor of Haematology, Sorbonne Medical School, France
- Athos Georgiou, professor of General Surgery, University of Nicosia, head of health sector of AKEL, Cyprus
- Giannis Kalomenidis, professor of Pulmonology, Hospital "Evangelismos", Greece
- Alexis Benos, professor emeritus of Public Health, director of KEPY, Greece
- Kathrin Vogler, member of the German Parliament, Die Linke

Moderated by George Sahinis, journalist

12:45-1:15p.m. > COFFEE BREAK

1:15-3p.m. > 2nd SESSION

Situation in the National Healthcare System - current policy - collective resistance

Sunday 6/4

10a.m.-12:45p.m. > ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- **Round 1: Working conditions and skilled labour migration (brain drain)**
- **Round 2: Trade union organizing in the healthcare sector in Europe**

Participants in the discussion:

- Alan Sable, Head of Department UNI Care/UNI Global Union, Switzerland
- Anna Bacia, nurse, unionist, president of the trade union for nurses (OPZZ KP), member of UNI Global Union, Poland
- Ana Vracar, cultural anthropologist, member of BRID (Basis for Workers' Initiative and Democratisation), member of UNI Global Union, public health expert, journalist, regional coordinator of the People's Health Movement Europe, Croatia

Speakers:

- Christoula Petraki, pulmonologist, president of Chania NHS Doctors' Association
- Eleni Ioannidou, internal medicine doctor - infectious disease specialist, former director of the Internal Medicine Clinic of Rethymnon Hospital
- Alexandros Kafetzakis, vascular surgeon, president of Heraklion NHS Doctors' Association
- Giorgos Manousakis, nurse, president of Employees' Union of Agios Nikolaos Hospital
- Katerina Koutsogianni, vice-president A of Greek Patients' Association

Moderated by Katerina Polyzou, journalist

Intervening:

Employees' Unions, National Healthcare System Doctors' Associations, Doctors' Associations, Patients' Associations, Medical and Nursing School Students' Associations, University professors, Local Authorities representatives, Public Health Care movements

3-5p.m. > BREAK

5-8p.m. > 3rd SESSION

For a progressive policy against the crisis of the public health system

Participants in the discussion:

Representatives of Greek progressive opposition parties

Moderated by Stamatis Vardaros, scientific associate of the ENA Institute

- Giannis Saridakis, doctor of the National Healthcare System, vice-president of Rethymnon NHS Doctors' Association, member of the General Council of OENGE, Greece
- Dana Lützkendorf, nurse, trade union secretary at ver.di, Germany

Moderated:

Nadja Rakowitz, medical sociologist, managing director of the Association of Democratic Doctors, member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the RLS, Germany

12:45-1:15p.m. > COFFEE BREAK

1:15-2p.m. > CONCLUSIONS

Summary of the conclusions of the two-day conference by the representatives of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation Greece and the ENA Institute