V4 Group Statement on the situation in the Czech Republic

Presidents of trade union organizations of doctors´ in V4 countries observe with deep alarming situation in CR, where the system of health care has become in critical situation. Healthcare insurance companies in CR cut commonly the contracts with hospitals till the date 31. DEC. 2012. Up to date it’s not clear which hospitals will continue providing helthcare service and which not. Negotiations about changes in segment of hospital care were under big influence of insurance companies, without any analysis, rules and professional discussion. Healthcare providers network is destroyed by the insurance companies in cartel agreement. Elected organs of state administration and regions self-govenment, responsible in ensure of healthcare have no influence in this process. We are worry about, that the goal of this situation is destabilisation and privatization of public healthcare.

Obscure situation of hospitals has a negative influence to employees. They are in doubts, which have negative impact to quality of their work. It’s a high risk situation for patiens and healthcare proffesionals. This situation in CR causes danger for rest V4 countries in fact, that the same dangerous model can be applicated there too.

Presidents of doctors´ trade union of V4 appeal to the government of CR, regions and other responsible subjects to undertake control of this process, appease situation and support renew contracts and start correct and professional discussion about changes in structure of hospitals.

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