



***Invitation to Participate in a Meeting of the
European Parliament Interest Group
on Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM)***

Topic: EU Directives are not working for products used in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM)
Date: Tuesday 16 November 12.30 – 14.00
Venue: European Parliament - Room ASP 4F384

In Europe one in four citizens use complementary and alternative medicine as an integral part of their healthcare. Yet the availability of products used in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM), including homeopathic, anthroposophic and herbal medicinal products, is increasingly being reduced by unnecessarily onerous and costly requirements and restrictions resulting from Member States' implementation of the EU directives that regulate them.

This trend threatens to thwart the growing demand of European citizens for more natural, health enhancing, low-risk medicinal products as well as the ability of doctors and practitioners to practise CAM effectively. **Urgent discussions are needed to explore avenues for developing a more appropriate legal framework that allows the continuing viability of these products.**

The meeting will offer the opportunity to enter into active dialogue with relevant policy makers and stakeholders and for the MEP Interest Group to make an informed decision in order to take a proactive stance on a subject that is highly relevant for large numbers of EU citizens.

NB: DG SANCO will be represented by Mr Nils Behrndt, Deputy Head of Cabinet with responsibility for Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices & Cosmetics.

We look forward to welcoming you on 16 November.

With best wishes,

Elena Oana Antonescu MEP
Marian Harkin MEP
Liisa Jaakonsaari MEP

Sirpa Pietikäinen MEP
Thomas Ulmer MEP
Giles Chichester MEP

(A light sandwich lunch will be provided)