

UK Presidency Health Inequalities



- The UK has the Presidency of the Council of European Union for six months from July 2005.
- Two priorities for the Presidency will be *Patient Safety* and *Tackling Health Inequalities*.
- Diet and nutrition will be a key focus within the health inequalities agenda.
- The Department of Health and the Food Standards Agency (FSA), will be working together on a programme of work on nutrition during the Presidency.

There are a number of key dates during the UK Presidency

May/June 2005

- Proposed EC Regulation on Nutrition and Health Claims made on Foods
- Proposed EC Regulations on Addition of Vitamins and Minerals and of Other Substances to Foods
- Luxembourg Health Council

July 2005

- Meeting of Platform for Action on Diet Physical activity and Health - to be held by the Commission in Luxembourg

September 2005

- 21 September - UK proposes hosting meeting of the **Platform for Action**, in London

October 2005

- **17/18 October - Health Inequalities Summit – London**
- Policy workshop on nutrition
- Autumn - European Commission Green Paper on Nutrition, Physical Activity and Health

November 2005

- European Commission Platform for Action meeting in Brussels date to be confirmed

December 2005

- Formal meeting of the Health Council

PROPOSED PLATFORM MEETING SEPTEMBER

- The UK proposes to invite the Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health to hold its 21 September meeting in London
- Morning business meeting for Platform members. Afternoon session entitled, ***The role of ‘reformulation’ in helping to reduce salt, fat and sugar in the diet***
- Speakers will be selected to provide a range of different stakeholder perspectives of the opportunities & challenges posed by reformulation.
- Each speaker to give a 15-20 minute presentation leading into an open forum discussion
- Invited audience limited to around 80 delegates. This would include Platform members and key stakeholders at a senior level (organisations have a European wide remit)
- End of day Reception

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Afternoon session - (Speakers to be confirmed)

- 14:00 – 14:05: Opening by Health Minister
- 14:05 – 14:15: The Commission’s Platform – Robert Madelin
- 14:15 - 14:35: A joined-up approach – Tackling Salt – UK
- 14:35 – 14:55: Diet & the Spanish strategy?
- 14:55 – 15:15: Reformulation: an industry perspective – Unilever (NL)
- Break
- 15:30 – 15:50: Working as a stakeholder on consumer campaigns
- 15:50 -16:50: Open forum discussion
- 16:50 – 16:55: Observations on the day - Robert Madelin
- 16:50 – 17:00: Closing remarks by FSA
- 17:00 – 18:00: Reception – speech by Health Minister and Chair of FSA

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