



Forthcoming event

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Dear Colleagues,

The EU Conference "**Responsibility and Partnership – Together against HIV/AIDS**" is to be held in **Bremen** on **12 and 13 March 2007**, and you are cordially invited to attend.

25 years have passed since the first outbreak of HIV/AIDS. In the meantime, the virus has spread all over the world. In Germany alone, a total of 2,611 newly diagnosed HIV infections were reported for 2006. The actual number of new infections in 2006 is estimated at 2,700. Some 40 million people around the globe are infected. The developing nations continue to be particularly hard-hit, but the number of new HIV infections is also rising dramatically in the EU and its neighbouring countries. An estimated 270,000 people newly contracted an HIV infection in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. This is why the German Federal Government chose HIV/AIDS as the main topic of health policy for Germany's EU Council Presidency in 2007.

The event is open to journalists on both days. You can find the details in the Press Programme. We would particularly like to draw your attention to **two Photo Sessions, at 4.00 and 4.15 p.m. on Monday, 12 March 2007**, with Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel, Federal Minister of Health Ulla Schmidt, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Federal Minister of Education and Research Dr. Annette Schavan, UNAIDS Director Dr. Peter Piot, Her Highness Begum Aga Khan, footballers Miroslav Klose and Per Mertesacker, as well as ministers and representatives from 40 countries.

At the **Press Conference at 1.00 p.m. on 13 March 2007**, Federal Minister of Health Ulla Schmidt, together with the Slovenian and Portuguese Ministers of Health, will present the first results of the Conference. The **Concluding Declaration** will be presented **at 2.45 p.m. on 13 March 2007**.

Up to and including Monday, **5 March 2007**, **accreditation** can be obtained via the official EU site of the Federal Government at www.eu2007.de. After that, registration will only be possible via the Federal Ministry of Health.

Important Notes for the Press

1. Accreditation

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http://www.bmg.bund.de/cln_040/nn_1030704/DE/Themenschwerpunkte/Internationales/EU-Ratspraesidentschaft/Konferenzen/bremen-12-3.html

2. Two Photo Sessions at 4.00 and 4.15 p.m. on 12 March

Journalists are kindly requested to assemble in the Focke Wulf Saal in good time for the first Photo Session at 4.00 p.m. Please remain in the room until the Chancellor, the Ministers and the guests have left the room.

You can then switch to the Kaisen Saal for the second Photo Session (4.15 p.m.).

3. Evening event at 8.00 p.m. on 12 March

Due to lack of space, pools will be formed for the **evening event in the Town Hall on 12 March 2007**. The contact persons will be announced in good time. The selected colleagues will be given special badges at the registration desk.

4. Notes for television teams

Television teams with outside broadcasting vans are requested to contact the Congress Centrum in Bremen, since only limited space is again available.

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5. Plenary Sessions I and II

Platforms with a height of 60 cm are set up for camera teams in the rear area of the Hanse-Saal. A separately marked area on either side of the Hanse-Saal will be opened for all photo and TV journalists. In order not to disturb the regular session beyond measure, the Press Office of the Federal Ministry of Health will announce a time window for taking photos.

6. Workshops

The Workshops will be held at 10.15 a.m. on 13 March. They are not open to the Press, with the exception of the first Workshop in the Hanse-Saal, where opening photos are permitted.

Press Programme

Responsibility and Partnership – Together against HIV/AIDS

Conference of the German EU Council Presidency in Bremen on 12 and 13 March 2007

Monday, 12 March 2007

Partnership Forum

2.00 p.m.

Opening of the Partnership Forum by Federal Minister of Health Ulla Schmidt and Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul

Guests:

Her Highness Begum Aga Khan

Miroslav Klose

Per Mertesacker

Venue:

Exhibition Hall 4.1

Followed by

Joint tour of the Forum with 30 exhibitors from non-governmental organisations (e.g. UNAIDS, Connect plus, AIDS Action Europe)

Photo Session 1

4.00 p.m.

Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel

Federal Minister of Health Ulla Schmidt

Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development

Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul

Federal Minister of Education and Research Dr. Annette Schavan

UNAIDS Director Dr. Peter Piot

Her Highness Begum Aga Khan

Miroslav Klose

Per Mertesacker

Venue:

Congress Centrum Bremen – Focke Wulf Saal

**Photo Session 2
4.15 p.m.**

Photo of the Ministers of Health with:
Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel
Federal Minister of Health Ulla Schmidt
Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development
Heidmarie Wieczorek-Zeul
Federal Minister of Education and Research Dr. Annette Schavan
UNAIDS Director Dr. Peter Piot
Her Highness Begum Aga Khan
Miroslav Klose
Per Mertesacker

Venue:
Congress Centrum Bremen – Kaisen Saal

**Plenary Session I
4.25 p.m.
Access for camera
teams, text and photo
journalists possible
in specially delimited
areas**

Welcome to the Plenary Session by Mayor Jens Böhrnsen

Venue:
Congress Centrum Bremen – Hanse-Saal

**Cultural contribution
from HIV/AIDS
work
4.30 p.m.**

Plan International: award-winning dance and rap of a school class

Venue:
Congress Centrum Bremen – Hanse-Saal

**Speech of the
Federal Chancellor
4.40 p.m.**

Speech by Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel

Venue:
Congress Centrum Bremen – Hanse-Saal

**Together against
HIV/AIDS:
Panel of European
Ministers
5.05 p.m.**

Panel of European Ministers

Participants:

Federal Minister of Health Ulla Schmidt
Federal Minister of Education and Research Dr. Annette Schavan
Minister of Health Antonio Correia de Campos (Portugal)
Minister of Health Andrej Bručan (Slovenia)
Minister of Health Michael Surabov (Russia)
Minister of Health Yuri Polyachenko (Ukraine)
Minister of Health Zbigniew Religa (Poland)
Deputy Minister of Health Peeter Laasik (Estonia)

Venue:

Congress Centrum Bremen – Hanse-Saal

**International per-
spective: HIV/AIDS
in Europe
6.00 p.m.**

Speech by UNAIDS Director Dr. Peter Piot

**Partners in the fight
against HIV/AIDS
6.20 p.m.**

Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for Economic
Cooperation and Development Karin Kortmann
Minister of Health Maria Larsson, Sweden
Reinhold Schulte, German Association of Private Health Insurers
Tamila Kotlarevska, "Light of Hope" association
Ton Coenen, AIDS Action Europe and Civil Society Forum

Venue:

Congress Centrum Bremen – Hanse-Saal

**End
7.10 p.m.**

**Participation open
to selected pool
journalists only
Contacts will be an-
nounced in good time**

**Evening programme
8.00 p.m.**

Entry in the official guestbook of the City of Bremen and dinner

Venue:
Bremen Town Hall

Tuesday, 13 March 2007

**Plenary Session II
9.00 a.m.**

Introduction to the second day of the Conference by Federal
Minister of Health Ulla Schmidt

Venue:
Congress Centrum Bremen – Hanse-Saal

9.05 a.m.

Film

9.10 a.m.

Speech by Dr. Rita Süßmuth, former President of the Bundestag

Venue:
Congress Centrum Bremen – Hanse-Saal

9.30 a.m.

Speech by Nina Skibnevskaya, AIDS Infoshare, Russia

Venue:
Congress Centrum Bremen – Hanse-Saal

9.45 a.m.

Speech by Dr. Szuszanna Jakab, ECDC

Venue:
Congress Centrum Bremen – Hanse-Saal

10.00 a.m.

Break

Workshops

10.15 a.m.

**Approx. 10 minutes
of opening photos of
Workshop 1 possible**

1. The role of state and non-state actors
2. Cross-border cooperation in the EU
3. Human Rights
4. The role of the EU in the worldwide fight against HIV/AIDS
5. Research in HIV/AIDS

Press Conference

1.00 p.m.

Federal Minister of Health Ulla Schmidt

**Report from the
Workshops**

2.00 p.m.

Report from the Workshops

Declaration

2.45 p.m.

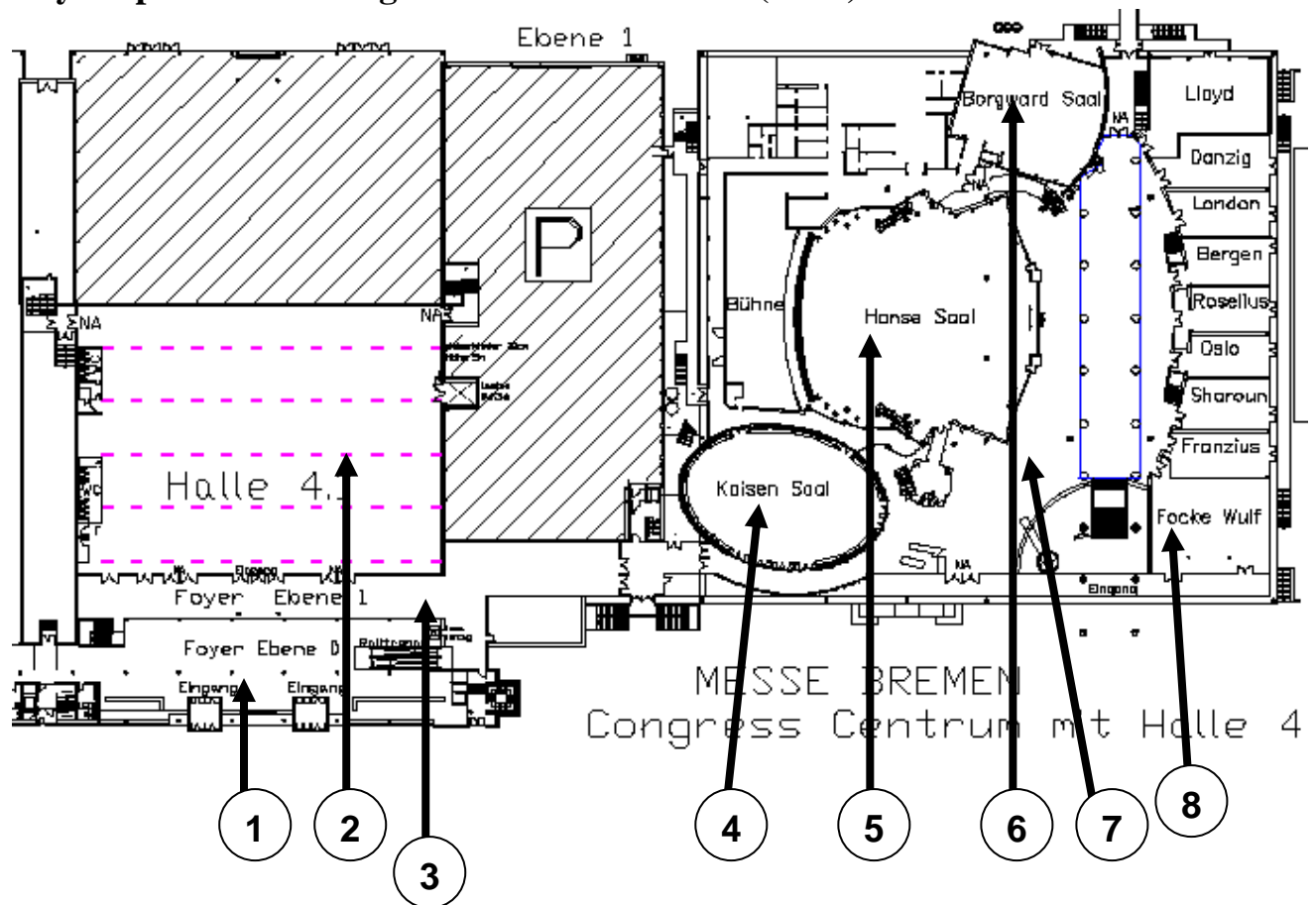
Closing address and Declaration
Federal Minister of Health Ulla Schmidt

Dance project

3.00 p.m.

Cultural finale by the "Dance4Life" dance project,
presented by Mayor Jens Böhrnsen

Layout plan of the Congress Centrum Bremen (CCB)



No.	Room	12.03.2007	13.03.2007
1	Lower level, foyer	Entrance / Registration	Entrance / Registration
2	Upper level, Hall 4.1	Partnership Forum	Partnership Forum
3	Lower level, foyer	Press Centre	Press Centre
4	Upper level, Kaisen Saal	Photo Session 2	
5	Upper level, Hanse Saal	Plenary Session I	Plenary Session II Workshop 1
6	Upper level, Borgward Saal	Alternative room for the Press	
7	Upper level, Foyer	Press information stand	Press information stand
8	Upper level, Focke Wulf Saal	Photo Session 1	Press Conference

Layout plan of the Hanse-Saal

