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Dear CAM – supporters,

the **Treaty of Lisbon** has been in force since December 1st, 2009. In the **field of health**, this means the EU is only allowed to regulate whatever cannot be regulated on a national level! This includes, for example, uniform standards for medicines and medical products, cross-border patient rights, regulations for organ transplants or very current cross-border health dangers such as flu epidemics. In such a case, according to Art. 6, an EU-wide observation and notification system is to be created, whereby the national parliaments will have a newly improved “control right” at their disposal, in order to pull a so-called “**emergency brake**” if needed. **With this, the Brussels authorities were obliged to immediately make all orders and guideline suggestions known to national agencies. These agencies then have eight weeks in which to go over them and raise any objections.**

The European Medicines Agency (EMA, former EMEA) has published a draft paper called “Road Map to 2015” (to find under: <http://www.ema.europa.eu/pdfs/general/direct/directory/29989509en.pdf>) and ask for your comments until the 30th of April.

John Dalli, 62 years of age, financial economist in the ministry of Malta and 25 years as attorney at the World Bank in Washington, has been nominated as **new Commissioner for Health and Consumer**. “Patients first, consumers first”, he mentioned in his speech before the members of parliament. He has been working at Malta’s Ministry for Social Services for the past two years and is known to be a friend of natural medicine. Unfortunately, his CV indicates no experience relating to the field of health, but rather the field of health economics! (See the attached CV.) It works out great that the responsibility for medicines and biotechnology will be added to his future job description.

The newly recommended **EU-Economic Commissioner Antonio Tajani** will lose these areas, but for the Italian co-founder of the rightist “Forza Italia” and close confidant of Silvio Berlusconi, enough economic leeway remains.

The change of personnel continues with the **Director General** (DG-Sanco). As soon as possible **Mr. Andre Rys** will replace the previous director Robert Madellin, who hindered CAM in any way he could. We are hoping for a friendlier atmosphere towards natural medicine.

The briefing comment to the meeting in the House of Lords in December you can find on our homepage under “up-to-date”: <http://www.anme.info/uploads/mr-bhamra-report-12-09.pdf>

With kind regards,

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