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Mosan EuroSalute

Mrs Liese Prokop, as AER President, and the Vice-President of the European Parliament, Mr Podesta, opened "Mosan EuroSalute" in Milan together.

The first meeting between regional ministers for social affairs and health took place within this Conference and the exhibition, which presented new developments in the social and health sectors.

President Prokop stressed the importance of interregional cooperation, a *sine qua non* condition for the development of joint projects in a sector of primordial consequence for the population.

These words were welcomed by the Minister of Health for Bayern, Mrs Stevens, by Senator Schöttler from Berlin and by the Secretary of State from Baden-Württemberg, Mrs Lichy, as opening up new prospects. The opening session showed to what extent, today, prevention for pensioners is a highly discussed current affair in all Regions.

It was unanimously recognised that training for medical personel must be at the same level in Regions as in European member States. This issue must continue to be treated in an indepth manner within the AER Committee for Social affairs and public health.

According to several observers, this Conference "Mosan EuroSalute" jointly organised by the AER, was a long awaited initiative which is expected to strengthen the impact of European cooperation in the Regions.

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