



Center for Strategic & International Studies  
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**CONFERENCE ON HEALTH CARE MODERNIZATION IN CENTRAL AND  
EASTERN EUROPE**

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATION SLIDES AND HIGHLIGHTS**

**MAY 3**

**Opening Session:**

- Keynote Presentation by **Mr. Alex M. Azar II**, *United States Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services*
- Report Overview and Challenges in Financing Health Care by **Dr. Michael Klag**, *Dean of the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University*
- Euro-Atlantic Challenges and the Impact of Improved Health Care by **The Honorable Stuart Eizenstat**, *Former Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, and Partner, Covington & Burling\**

**Health Care Modernization Requirements and Recommended Actions:**

- Presentation of Project Approach by **Mr. George Handy**, *Director, International Action Commissions, CSIS*
- Johns Hopkins University Team Report and Discussion *Presentation of regional priorities and recommended actions that are practical, have near term impact, are affordable and are drawn from proven experience of best practices that are adaptable to Central and Eastern Europe*
  - Health Care Financing and Coverage  
*Dr. Hugh Waters, Health Economist and Assistant Professor, Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins University*
  - Payment Reform  
*Dr. Gerard Anderson, Professor, Health Policy and Management, Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Director, Center for Hospital Finance and Management, Johns Hopkins University*
  - Structure and Provision of Primary Care  
*Dr. Chris Forrest, Professor, Health Policy and Management, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University*

\* - To be published.

- Structure and Dynamics of Hospitals  
*Dr. Laura Morlock, Professor, Health Policy and Management, Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Associate Chair for Health Management Programs, Johns Hopkins University*
- Human Resources in Health: The “Invisible Backbone” of Health Systems in Central and Eastern Europe  
*Dr. Patricia Pittman, Vice President, AcademyHealth*

**Presentations by Visiting Health Ministers or Deputies:**

- *Highlights from the presentation by H.E. Gundars Berzins, Minister of Health, Latvia\**
- *Highlights from the presentation by H.E. Radoslav Gaydarski, Minister of Health, Bulgaria\**
- *Highlights from the presentation by Mr. Rimantas Sadzius, Vice Minister, Ministry of Health, Lithuania\**
- *Presentation by Mr. Jaroslaw Pinkas, Deputy Minister of Health, Poland*
- *Presentation by Mr. Gabor Kapocs, Deputy Secretary of State for Health, Hungary*
- *Presentation by Dr. Virgil Paunescu, Secretary of State for Health, Romania*
- *Presentation by Mr. Michal Pohanka, Vice Minister of Health, Czech Republic*
- *Presentation by Mr. Dorjan Marusic, State Secretary, Ministry of Health, Slovenia*
- *Presentation by Mr. Jan Kralik, Chief Executive of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Health, Slovakia*

**Euro-Atlantic Challenges and the Urgency of Longer-range Modernization (Dinner):**

- Pre-Dinner Remarks, “CEE Health Care: Taking Stock: How Far Have We Come and What are the Next Steps?” by *Dr. Armin Fidler, Health Sector Manager, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank*

## CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

MAY 4

### Implementing Workshops:

- **E-Health Applications, Examination of steps to partition, prioritize, and measure improved health care systems**
  - IBM
  - SAP
  - The E-Health Foundation of Bulgaria
  - The International Clinical Research Center, Brno
  
- **Health Care Delivery Options and Innovations, Presentation of practical experience in flexible solutions for improving efficiencies in matching cost containment with superior patient outcomes**
  - Humana
  - Pfizer
  
- **Management of Cost and Quality with Minimum Side Effects, Introducing improved technology and managing and measuring successful results**
  - Welch Allyn
  
- **Building Consensus and Advancing Modernization, Overcoming barriers to building consensus and advancing health care modernization**
  - Novartis