

Universal Health Coverage, Privatization and Power



Health for All Now!

People's Health Movement

Europe – UHC’s best – case scenario?

- Development of UHC based health systems (or similar) in Europe linked to social struggles
- Where are the cracks in health systems in Europe?

Cost containment and efficiency are driving a re-commodification of health care in Europe even if no convincing evidence has been offered to support the idea that private markets accomplish these goals.

(Sengupta, Universal Health Coverage: Beyond rhetoric, 2013)

- Focus on financial efficiency = commercialization of health
- E.g. South East Europe

We have also started to reduce the rights of insured persons (...) We had to do it, because it is necessary (regardless of the experience from other countries) to equalize the level of contributions and the rights of the insured. We can no longer make impossible promises to people. It should be clear, we have to say loud and clear what they can get for the amount of money they pay.

(quote from interview in daily press, 1991, first MoH of Croatia)

Responses

- Widespread actions and mobilizations against commercialization and privatization of health
- SDH and Health in All Policies approach
- April 7th campaign and day of action against commercialization of health

