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The new Luxembourgish Government, in place since more than one year, proposed on February 16th, 2015 a new project of hospital plan.

According to the past, this plan changes in its philosophy and its content as often as the Minister of Health changes. It is now focused on the introduction of Centres of Competence under the motto: « not every hospital has to offer the same services ».

This paradigm changes with the slogan of a Minister of Health 15 years ago: « each hospital has to offer the same services as « Schwerpunktkrankenhäuser » - hôpital régional ».

To add some complexity in an already complex hospital structure in a small country, the new Minister of Health proposes that the Hospital Federation (FLH) has to decide « who will do what »?

You imagine that in a so-called « liberal » sector as it exists in Luxembourg, the challenge for the hospitals and their physicians to find solutions is not evident.

Actually, no decision about the new structuration of the hospital activity has been taken nor by the Minister of Health, nor by the hospitals.

Another evergreen among the problems in the hospital sector is the function of the so-called coordinator in the medical departments of the hospitals.

The AMMD and the FHL agreed already some years ago in this field, however the CNS (Caisse Nationale de Santé) didn't until now find a solution to finance this activity.

The introduction of a big informatics department in the Luxembourgish hospitals has definitively allowed the creation of medical files allowing the accessibility to those concerned by the files: the patients and their doctors and ...also those interested by the costs... the managers of the hospitals, the national health insurance company and more and more all the insurance companies active in the health care sector. The legislation of data protection is not yet adapted to the tremendous evolution of e-health; but this is not a national but an international problem.

Finally, the Quadripartite (Ministry of Health, Minister of Social Affairs, CNS, FLH, AMMD, nurses and other stakeholders) in its meeting last week, showed a balanced budget of the CNS.

The introduction of a reference doctor by the former Minister of Health Mars Di Bartolomeo had not the expected success in the ranks of the patients, a proof that you cannot mix parts of the NHS and a liberal system with free choice for the patients and the doctors.

Finally, the Minister of Social Affairs could confirm that the CNS has still a positive balanced budget.

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