

OUT OF OFFICE!

A Parliamentary Lunch event to mark the official launch of research from the Economist Intelligence Unit on the economic and social cost of workplace absenteeism in Europe

**Hosted by MEPs Marian Harkin and Linda McAvan on February 19, 2014
from 12'30 to 14'30h in the Members Restaurant, ASP Building**

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| 12'30 | Arrival |
| 12'45 | Welcome
Audrey Craven, President, European Federation of Neurological Associations |
| 12'50 – 13'05 | Official Opening Address
MEP Marian Harkin |
| 13'05 – 13'15 | The Impact of Workplace Disability: Patient Perspective 1
Joop van Griensven, President, Pain Alliance Europe |
| 13'15 – 13'35 | Keynote Address: Out of Office
<i>Research assessing the impact of workplace absenteeism across Europe and the cost to employees, employers and the state</i>
Representative of Economist Intelligence Unit |
| 13'35 – 13'45 | The Impact of Workplace Disability: Patient Perspective 2
Rebecca Mueller, Secretary –General, GAMIAN Europe and Bi-Polar Patient |
| 13'45 – 14'00 | What are the EU Institutions doing to help?
Michel Servoz, Director General of DG EMPL - TBC |
| 14'05 – 14'25 | What more needs to be done?
<i>Lessons from Declaration on Neurodegenerative Diseases in the Workplace, followed by debate and discussion</i>
MEP Linda McAvan |
| 14'25 – 14'30 | Summary and Close
Audrey Craven, President, European Federation of Neurological Associations and
MEP Marian Harkin |