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Slovenia Takes on EU Presidency

Having taken over the Slovenian presidency on 1 January 2008, Slovenia announced the following main priorities for action during the next six months: a focus on Western Balkans relations, energy and climate change, and the implementation of the new Lisbon cycle for growth and jobs. Concerning the area of health, the Slovenian presidency programme stated:

“The EU wishes actively to promote health, prevent diseases and improve access to healthcare, particularly in the light of population ageing and the diversity of health outcomes within and between the member states. As cancer poses one of major health challenges in Europe, the Presidency will give special consideration to an integrated approach to tackling cancer through EU policies and activities. In the context of health services, the Presidency will also seek to make progress with discussions on cross-border health care.”

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