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To all Oncology Pharmacists
and all ESOP members

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Letter to members about the situation concerning workplace safety

In the past few weeks the well-known industry-based party has made a lot of ado about the safety of employees in the health care systems and suggested that this was done particularly in connection with the measures supported by the special device producing industry.

It should be noted that many people thought about the issue of exposure to dangerous drugs in the workplace at a very early stage, even without any industrial stimulus. Everyone who works seriously in this field is aware that the far-fetched results are based rather on the chance of profit than on reality.

At least we know that the ESOP has been committed to safety in the workplace since it was founded in 2000. Nevertheless, in recent years attempts have been made to introduce nonsensical regulations within the EU based on the USA model and the economic interests localized there, with the stipulation that mostly plastic devices can protect people from danger. We were able to uncover this undermining of parts of the EU Parliament together with committed MEPs and publish evidence-based independent facts. The research group called up by the EC, which contained surprisingly people who were on the payroll of the incriminated company, was critically monitored by us and we took every possible defense against these attacks.

This was also expressed in a letter to the EC in the end of 2020¹.

A renewed letter from April 2021² to the EC with a request for information on the status quo was answered succinctly with the link to the published final report.

We sent a request to EONS and EAHP to bring a joint action against this unscientific and undemocratic method and to point out that the results propagated there reflect correctly neither the course of the discussion nor the results of the discussion. ESOP and EAHP presented already their joint statement³.

It is known that another "submarine" from the incriminated company with a new name has turned up and we regrettably had to find out that this group did not include any pharmacists from any organization working together with ESOP and EAHP. We know that there will always be people who make unfounded statements for money. But, as you know, that is not our position. We rely on independence through clear processes that can be practically understood through "MASHA" and "Yellow Hand".

It is not always necessary to describe everything from the Big Bang, but it seems in this case this is absolutely necessary, in order to generate cooperation for common goals and as citizens of European states and all over the world, to draw the attention of the elected bodies to it whenever senseless measures are proposed which, however, only lead to plunder the healthcare budget.

¹ [Letter from ESOP to EC, 26th October 2020](#)

² [Letter from ESOP to EC, 7th April 2021](#)

³ [Letter from ESOP/EAHP to EC, 3rd June 2021](#)