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Short report on the meeting at the EU parliament:

With help from David Praill (HelptheHospices) and David Oliver (University Kent) a lunchtime meeting at the European Parliament had been organized on palliative care in Europe. The meeting was held at the European Parliament (room A5F385), Brussels, on October 9 2007, between 12.30h and 14.00 and it was chaired by MEP John Bowis. The aim of the meeting was to present the role of European Association of Palliative Care (EAPC), and to discuss palliative care issues within Members States. Nine Members of the European Parliament participated, in addition to representatives from the European Commission and palliative care, cancer care and patients organisations, in this meeting. Lukas and David Praill gave short presentations on EAPC and on the development of the Atlas of Palliative care, which was distributed to the participants.

Even though the number of participants was not huge, the meeting was considered a success by Lukas and David, as new contacts were made and the participating MEPs showed high interest in palliative care and in the work of EAPC. Among other things, the meeting resulted in the invitation of Lukas to the **EU Cancer Conference in February 2008 in Slovenia.**

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