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Since the last meeting of FEMS, last May, there were no significant changes in the situation of Portugal.

The Troika continues to impose its austerity policy at all costs, which has led to the destruction of the economy, particularly small and medium enterprises that live from domestic trade and can't resist the fall in the purchasing power of the people, despite faint signs of recovery in the last two quarters.

Among other measures, the government attempted a coup that led to the unemployment of thousands of civil servants, but the Constitutional Court ruled that it was unconstitutional wounded, and they were retreating far.

We are in full evaluation of the Support Plan and the State Budget for 2014 is being prepared, so they are still unknown the measures that will invent, but surely continue in the policy of country's impoverishment and destruction of the welfare state.

In health, the cuts continue more or less generalized and blind.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between Medical Unions and the Government, in October 2012, is being implemented with great resistance of Administrations, discovering all sorts of stratagems to try to boycott it; however, more than 800 doctors have carried over to the new remuneration system.

And under that Agreement, have been open two competitions for placement of young specialists in the NHS (in 2013, about 1 000) and are announced another contest to 130 Heads of Service (Top Career), which is clearly insufficient, given that in the last four years more than 600 doctors are already retired.

The two Unions (FNAM and SIM) remain united in the defense of physicians, against arbitrary Administration and enforcement of respect for what has been agreed.