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The functional setting of the healthcare system still has not been realized in Slovakia. The system still generates so called debts for bad financial setting. All providers of healthcare /hospitals and ambulances/ are in debts. Health insurance companies, in paradox, create their own profit. It is caused by inadequate /underestimated/ payments for a carried out healthcare, limited number of medical services and outstanding of so called overlimited but essential medical services that are carried out. Providers must compensate their bonds to their suppliers to full extent. So the hostages of the system are health care workers – doctors – and patients.

Memorandum signed between LOZ and the Slovak government in December 2011 was solving this situation, but the government has not fulfilled the agreed conditions so far. Neither the present government /SMER SD – a member of PES in European parliament/, which was at the subscription of the Memorandum in opposition, does not respect it, on the contrary it increases the pressure on doctors. The government increases the tension and persecutions on individual chief members of LOZ and increases the ignorance of professional organizations in health system.

Furthermore, the government secretly supports privatization and monopolization of health care by private groups.

A law of criminalizing doctors and health care workers approved in June 2013, about which we informed in details, is still valid. Despite our effort nothing has been changed in this matter. There is a hope that there is a number of representatives in opposition in the Slovak Parliament, who expressed an effort to get adequate number of MPs in order to assault the law on the Constitutional Court. We believe that this initiative will be successful.