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Herta Adam; is Deputy Head of Unit and acting as Head of Unit of the unit responsible for health threats in the Public Health Directorate of the European Commission. This includes responsibility for communicable diseases and health threats caused by biotoxins, chemical and environmental risks, strategies for prevention, vaccination, avian, pandemic and seasonal flu, antimicrobial resistance and healthcare associated infections, preparedness exercises, risk and crisis communication, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis. The unit's tasks include cooperation with the Health authorities in the EU Member States, cooperation with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and the World Health Organization as well as liaison with the international health security initiatives. Herta Adam represents DG SANTE as senior official in the Global Health Security Initiative (GHSI) and the Global Health Security Agenda (GHTA). The unit is in charge of implementing Decision 1082/2013/EU on serious cross border health threats that entered into force on 6 November 2013. This Decision strengthens the health security framework at EU level significantly. The unit is also in charge of putting in place the mechanisms of the Joint Procurement Agreement to procure medical countermeasures and functions as secretariat to the Health Security Committee; in this committee representatives of the Member States' authorities coordinate their preparedness and response activities related to public health, as for example the responses to the outbreaks of Ebola, MersCoV or Polio. Before joining the European Commission in 2003 Herta Adam worked for the government of the Saarland, one of the German federal states: between others as Head of Saarland's Representation to the European Union in Brussels and as assistant to the Minister and spokesperson in the Ministry of Health in Saarland. Herta Adam is a sociologist with a focus on social psychology, labour law and social security law.

Tit Albreht; (1961) Dr, M.D., Slovenian, Ph.D. in Health Services Research at the University of Amsterdam, Head of the Centre for Health Care, National Institute of Public Health of Slovenia, Senior Researcher in the field of health services research, health policy and health systems, member of the Scientific Committee of EUPHA, member of the Slovenian Preventive Medicine Society, member of the Health Council of the Ministry of Health of Slovenia. He is an Associate Professor of Public Health at the Department of Public Health of the Medical Faculty in Ljubljana. He acts as a reviewer of several scientific journals and of projects submitted for financing to the European Commission. He is currently co-ordinator of the Joint Action Cancer Control (CanCon), dedicated to the development of health policy support and advice to cancer control policies at the level of the EU and of the Member States.

Vytenis Andriukaitis; was appointed European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety in November 2014. He is born in Siberia. Vytenis Andriukaitis holds degrees in medicine and history. He is one of the founders of the Lithuanian social-democrat party and a signatory of independence act of Lithuania. Mr Andriukaitis was a Member of Parliament for six mandates. From 2012 to 2014 Vytenis Andriukaitis was Minister for Health. The commissioner is one of the co-authors of Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania adopted in 1992 and has led the Lithuanian delegation to the Convention on the Future of Europe.

Lieven Annemans; PhD Econ, MSc Health, Lieven Annemans is Senior Full Professor of Health Economics at the Faculty of Medicine at Ghent University, Belgium. He has twenty years of experience in health economic research in >20 countries and published >300 papers on health economic evaluations for medicines, devices and diagnostics. He was advisor to the Belgian Minister of Health from 2001 to 2003 and president of the Flemish health council from 2003 to 2009. He was president of the International Society of Pharmaco-economics (ISPOR) in 2004-2005. He is author of books on health economic evaluation (health economics for non-economists) and on the future of healthcare systems. He provides international lectures, trainings and advice on health economics, healthcare systems and health technology assessment (HTA).

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Raed Arafat; State Secretary, Ministry of Health, Romania. In 2007 he started working for the Ministry of Health of Romania, as Deputy State Secretary and in 2012 he was temporarily appointed as Minister of Health. A professional in emergency and disaster medicine, he is the founder of the Romanian mobile emergency and extrication services (SMURD). He also works as a Chief Physician in the Emergency Department at the Hospital, Romania, Mures County Emergency Hospital Romania. Dr. Arafat is also involved in multinational projects and relates currently with different international organisations, such as the EU, NATO, and WHO. He also keeps a close relation with the civil society - NGOs and Academia. Since 2001 he also delivers lectures to several universities.

Clemens-Martin Auer; born 1957, PhD, from March 2003 to January 2007 Head of the Cabinet of the former Minister of Health, Mrs. Maria Rauch-Kallat, and since September 2005 Director-General at the Federal Ministry of Health, responsible for the health system (healthcare planning, funding and quality) and general management (staff and budget). One of the key areas of his strategic work is eHealth, the „electronic health record“ (ELGA) in Austria. Being the coordinator of the EU-eHealth Governance Initiative, Dr Auer is responsible for the strategic orientation of the Member States' joint eHealth policy. Since 2003 he has been playing a central role in all stages of the Austrian healthcare reform process (inter alia drug reimbursement, organisational and funding reforms, establishing and expanding a new agency for the marketing authorisation of drugs, reforms in the area of social health insurance etc.).

Aung Aye Mya; is Lecturer in the Department of Nutrition and Food Safety at the University of Public Health, Yangon, Myanmar, where she is responsible for teaching; co-designing protocols and supervising research papers and coordinating and conducting research and training projects in the area of Nutrition and Food safety in collaboration with partner institutions and agencies local and internationally. Prior to this, she worked at the University of Community Health, Magway and University of Medicine 2, Yangon. Her areas of interest include socioeconomic and behavioural determinants conducive to obesity; diet related non-communicable diseases and translational research concerning effects of nutritional components, food environment and food purchases on human health. Her current work focuses on the context specific nutrition and food safety issues especially in school settings. She was a 2004 medical graduate of University of Medicine 1, Yangon and holds a Master degree in Public Health as a 2010 graduate of the University of Public Health, Yangon, Myanmar.

Boris Azais; MSD, Director, Public Policy Europe and Canada. In his capacity, Boris Azaïs interacts with European institutions and governments focusing on industrial policy, competitiveness and innovation in Europe and Canada. He speaks at international conferences, produces position papers, and coordinates advocacy activities related to the policy framework that enables pharmaceutical innovation. Boris Azaïs has participated in working groups of the World Economic Forum and of the Global Health Policy Summit developing position papers on the Future of Healthcare Financing and Innovative Healthcare Delivery Models.

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Marta Ballester; MSc, MSc, is a researcher and project manager in Avedis Donabedian Research Institute. Her main areas of interest cover patient empowerment, self-management and patient participation. At a European level she recently coordinated the first DG SANTE tender in patient empowerment: EMPATHiE (Empowering Patients in the Management of Chronic Diseases. Her current research at the Avedis Donabedian Research Institute is focused on the promotion of self-care in Europe, participating in PISCE (Pilot project on the promotion of self-care systems in the European Union), patient participation mechanisms in health policy and differences of access to treatment across Europe.

Andrew Barnfield; Dr., MSc, PhD, FRGS; Barnfield is Research Fellow in Health Systems and Services at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. He studied Geography at University College London, earning a MSc and PhD. Following this Andrew spent a year in Sofia, Bulgaria conducting post-doctoral research on recreational running and public health in post-socialism. Andrew's current research at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine is on practices of physical fitness in cities and evaluating the Healthy Schools London programme for the Greater London Authority and Mayor of London, Boris Johnson. The research implements qualitative research methodologies to unpick public health interventions in complex systems.

Nicola Bedlington; is British and was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland. Nicola studied business and human resource management in the UK and France. She lived for almost 10 years in Brussels and Geneva for 12 years, moving to Vienna in 2011. Nicola was the founding Director of the European Disability Forum, an umbrella organisation uniting over 70 European disability NGOs and National Councils of Disabled People to advocate for the human rights and inclusion of disabled citizens in Europe (1996 to 1999), and prior to this she worked as an external expert for the European Commission, heading the NGO unit within the HELIOS Programme, a European Commission Action Programme promoting equal opportunities for disabled people (1991-1996). From 2004 to 2006, she worked for the Swiss Government, leading the Environment and Schools Initiatives Secretariat (ENSI), an international government-based network set up by OECD focusing on innovation, action research and policy development in the field of Education for Sustainable Development. Whilst in Switzerland, she also worked as an independent consultant/evaluator, specialising in European social and development policy and health advocacy. Nicola joined the European Patients' Forum as its first Executive Director in June 2006. In this capacity, she is the Co-ordinator of the European Patient Academy on Therapeutic Innovation (EUPATI).

Guntis Belāviš; Dr.biol. (Molecular Pharmacology), Ph.D. (biophysics), is Minister of Health of the Republic of Latvia. 1993- 2009: Founder and director of the clinical laboratory Ltd. „Central laboratory”, 1993 – 2006: Founder and President of chains of pharmacies Ltd. „Saules aptieka” and Ltd. „Māness aptieka” (43 pharmacies in total), 1992 – 1997: Founder and president of pharmaceutical wholesale company Ltd. "Pharma-Service-Riga". Since 2008, he is a member of the Advisory Council of “Koknese foundation”. Since 2014, he is a member of the board of the Latvian Green Party.

Ilir Beqaj; was born in Tirana. In the academic year 1999 - 2000, he has completed postgraduate studies Enterprise Administration in near Management French Institute at the University of Tirana. He has attended the University studies at the University of Tirana, in the period 1985 – 1990 and graduated in computing. In the years 1990 - 1993 he has worked at the Bank of Albania to the task of Informatics Specialist, also over the years 1993 – 1994, he has worked in Fiscal Information Unit in this bank. During the period 1994 - 2006, Mr. BEQAJ worked in Institute of Social Insurances, different tasks. During the years 2003-2006, he has been appointed the Director General of the Institute.

Richard Bergström; has been the Director General of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) since April 2011. Previously he served for nine years as the Director-General of LIF, the Swedish Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry, following positions in Switzerland in regulatory affairs at the pharmaceutical companies Roche and Novartis. Richard Bergström was also appointed by the Swedish Government to the Board of the Karolinska Institute. He is a pharmacist by training, receiving his MScPharm degree from the University of Uppsala, Sweden in 1988.

Johan G. Beun; (1953), is the founder (2000), and present chairman of a charity foundation (Bijnierfonds), a foundation to initiate and support more research for the members of the Bijnierverseniging NVACP. In December 2014, along with a dozen others, he founded BijnierNET (=AdrenalNET). At this moment he is the coordinator/manager of BijnierNET. Johan served till 2009 as Ambassador for NICTIZ (= Dutch National ICT Institute for Healthcare) and was international advisor to various countries, ministries and organisations to support them in their processes around the design and implementation of the EPR (=electronic patient record), one of the excellent instruments for better patient safety. Johan regularly travels to Moscow to teach

medical informatics at the Moscow State University and other Russian Universities such as Krasnoyarsk. Johan has been chairman of many national and international committees, organisations, conferences etc. on healthcare, electronic patient records, standardisation and patient interests. He is one of the Dutch activists working to achieve a better position for telemedicine within healthcare – he was one of the motors behind the NEN 8028 - and an active promoter to make the domotica world more receptive to the needs of telemedicine. Johan has degrees in Agricultural Engineering, Business Administration, Information Technology and EDP auditing.

Michał Boni; is a graduate of the University of Warsaw, where for many years he lectured in the Department of Polish Culture History. He has been involved in the "Solidarity" underground movement since 1980, since 1987 its leader on University of Warsaw and from March 1983 till 1989 editor in chief of underground weekly newspaper "Wola". Since 1989 he has been a member of the national authorities of "Solidarity". In 1990, he was the Chairman of the "Mazowsze" Region Managing Board. In 1991, he was the Minister of Labour and Social Policy, from 1992 to 1993 he held the position of the Secretary of State in the same ministry, where he was responsible, inter alia, for labour market policy. Member of Parliament of the first tenure. From 1998 to 2001, the chief advisor to the Minister of Labour and Social Policy. Key expert cooperating in shaping of the National Development Plan and the National Action Plan for 2007-2013. Since January 2008, the Secretary of State in the Prime Minister's Office. In 2009 appointed to the office of the Minister – a member of the Council of Ministers and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Council of Ministers. Since 2008 he was the Head of Strategic Advisors to the Prime Minister. The Minister of Administration and Digitization of Poland from 2011 till 2013. The host of the Congress of Freedom on the Internet, the organizer of the consultation on digital privacy and data protection, creator of the Governmental Operational Programme Digital Poland 2014-2020. Since 2014 the Member of the European Parliament active in LIBE and ITRE Committees. The member of Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly and the Vice-chair of the Delegation to the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee. The co-founder of the Intergroup Digital Agenda for Europe.

Pascale Boulet; Independent Consultant in Medicines Law and Policy; is a lawyer with over 15 years of experience in public health international pharmaceutical and intellectual property (IP) policies. She has worked with various public health organisations as IP and policy advisor, including the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines and the World Health Organization Department on Essential Medicines. She now works as an independent consultant in medicines law and policy.

Yann Bourgueil; MD, MPH, MBA. Yann is a medical doctor specialised in Public Health and CEO of IRDES since 2010, a not-for-profit research institute in health economics (www.irdes.fr). He studied medicine in Rennes (Brittany) and Paris and earned a Master in Health System Analysis and Administration in Paris VII university and a MBA from Business School ESSEC (Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales). Yann Bourgueil was Professor in the French National School of Public Health for ten years and joined IRDES in 2004 as a research director. Human Resources for Health, Health Policy Evaluation, Health System Comparison and Primary Care are the main topics of his work. He recently was leader of a multidisciplinary health services research team between 2009 and 2014 (Prospere) oriented toward performance definition and evaluation in primary care. This team managed evaluation of experimental modes of payment in primary care.

John Bowis; OBE, is President of Health First Europe; Chairman, Health Advisory Board, GSK; Adviser to FIPRA, Policy Action and Instinctif; Board Member: TBVI, Global Initiative on Psychiatry, GAMAIN Europe, European Men's Health Forum, European Institute of Health, Sane, Mental Disability Advocacy Centre and Maastricht University European Health Faculty; Patron Fund for Epilepsy; Vice President, Diabetes UK; Ambassador, National Aids Trust and Alzheimer's Society. John Bowis is a former Member of the European Parliament for London (1999- 2009) and EPP/ED Group Coordinator/Spokesman on Environment, Health and Food Safety and a former Member of the Development Committee and Vice President of ACP JPA. He was Rapporteur for the Parliament on Food Safety; Health and Enlargement; Professional Qualifications;

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Health and Poverty in Development Policy; the European Centre for Disease Prevention & Control; Patient Mobility; Mental Health; Neglected Diseases; and Cross Border health. He was a former International Policy Adviser to the World Health Organisation on global campaigns: 'Nations for Mental Health' and 'Out of the Shadows' (epilepsy) and former Member of UK Parliament for Battersea. He served as UK Health Minister 1993-6 and Transport Minister 1996-7. He was elected Hon. Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists 2003 and Hon. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians 2009. He was the first recipient of the European Public Health Alliance Award for Service to Public Health 2009. He is currently chairing round tables on Personalised Medicine and on Access to Medicines.

Jacqueline Bowman-Busato; Independent Senior Policy Advisor; Porter Novelli. Jacqueline joined Porter Novelli Brussels office in 2015 as a Senior Policy Advisor in 2015 to collaborate on pan-European and global policy projects focussing on policy-driven stakeholder engagement. Jacqueline brings almost 20 years' healthcare & life sciences policy-driven advocacy, stakeholder engagement and strategic alliance-building experience to the team. Prior to joining, Jacqueline has spent her career in EU and global health policy and stakeholder engagement environments in Brussels, EMEA and developing countries (LDCs & MICs). She started her career as an Advisor to a Member of the European Parliament on international human rights issues, moved through major global consultancies, international institutions and international NGOs always focusing on policy-driven stakeholder engagement and policy advocacy. Jacqueline has worked extensively in the field of health systems strengthening. Specializing in sexual reproductive health and rights in developing countries (including HIV/AIDS), she built up the Brussels Representation office of the international NGO Marie-Stopes International and spearheaded the increased political will of EU Member States to raise their commitment to the GFTAM from 10 million to 130 million euro at the outset of the Fund. She also headed the Expert Secretariat for the European Parliamentary Working Group on SRHR Population & Development. She has advised the WHO on health systems strengthening in Africa. She has also provided policy support to GAVI in the Brussels space on resource mobilisation. Jacqueline advises international public institutions on patient and civil society engagement in medical innovations strategies, resilient health systems and Self-Care; in this capacity, she is a full consortium member of the PisCE project funded by DG Santé. She supports pharmaceutical, MedTech, diagnostics and Healthcare ICT companies and associations to creatively set policy agendas across stakeholder groups in women's health, health technology assessment, men's sexual health and self-care. Jacqueline has a unique background in healthcare public affairs. She is one of very few whose core competence is to work in a multi-stakeholder environment to reach policy impact at global as well as regional levels. She has worked successfully with the healthcare community (patients' organisations, HCPs, academics and industry) to create models (holistic management of chronic conditions) which have subsequently been integrated into national as well as European policies and regulations. She was also responsible for ensuring the only think-tank to be asked to head the EIP-AHA Group on Integrated Care during her tenure as head of a multi-stakeholder think-tank focussing on healthcare and innovation policies at EU level. Jacqueline Holds an LLB Hons (English Law & French Law), a Post graduate diploma in Strategic Communications and an MBA from the Vlerick Business School. She is Guyanese (South America)-born, British English mother tongue and also speaks French fluently with a passive knowledge of Flemish.

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Helmut Brand; Prof. Dr. med., Dr. h.c., MSc, DLSHTM, is Jean Monnet Professor of European Public Health and head of the Department of International Health at Maastricht University, The Netherlands. He studied Medicine in Düsseldorf and Zürich and holds a Master in Community Medicine from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and London School of Economics. Brand is a specialist in Public Health Medicine. After working in several Health Authorities and Ministries of Health he was director of the Public Health Institute of North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany. Since then European Integration in Health is the main topic of his work. He is past-president of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European region (ASPHER), president of the European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) and co-chair of the European Alliance for Personalised Medicine (EAPM). As policy advisor he serves on the European Advisory Committee on Health Research (EACHR) of WHO Europe and on the Expert Panel on “Investing in Health” (EXPH) for the European Commission. He is also member of the steering committee of the Maastricht Centre for European Governance - a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence.

Jeni Bremner; BA MSc RGN, (1960) British; Director of the European Health Management Association. She is a qualified nurse and also holds an MSc in Health Education from the University of London and an MSc in Health Economics from the University of York. She has substantial experience in the management and design of health and social care systems both working within health and social care systems and as a consultant. She has many years of political and policy experience in the fields of public health, healthcare and social care. Prior to taking up post at the European Health Management Association (EHMA) she worked in the UK leading the national local government policy agenda across a number of areas including children services, education, health, public health, social care and criminal justice. She has been Director of EHMA since March 2007.

Iain Bruce; Prof, works at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, UK. Prof Bruce qualified in Medicine from Queen's University Belfast in 1988 and gained his MRCP in 1991. His clinical training in medicine and rheumatology was in Northern Ireland and he completed his MD Thesis on the pathogenesis of systemic vasculitis in 1995. From 1996-1998 he was the Geoff Carr Lupus Fellow at the University of Toronto (Profs M Urowitz and D Gladman). He moved to Manchester in 1998 initially as an NHS consultant but later transferred to the University in 2003. He was appointed Professor of Rheumatology in August 2010 and an NIHR Senior Investigator in April 2013.

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Ana Maria Carriazo; MD PhD, Dr. Carriazo is currently Head of the Unit for external action at the Regional Ministry of Health of Andalusia. She has been in charge of the same responsibility at the former Regional Ministry of Equality, Health and Social Policies since April 2012 and in the field of health since June 2008. She has been the Scientific Coordinator for the PALANTE project (funded by the EC CIP programme). Previously, she joined the Cabinet of the Regional Minister of Health of Andalusia, in March 2007. Before, she had worked at the Andalusian Health Service for more than 19 years, with different responsibilities (health information systems, healthcare basket of services among others). She gained her degree in Medicine and her PhD in Public Health at the University of Seville (1986 and 1997). She also holds a Degree in Statistics from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (2001). She is a specialist in Preventive Medicine and Public

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Health (2003). She has collaborated at the Department of Preventive Medicine /Social and Health Sciences, of the University of Seville, and has published both at the national and international level.

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Oleg Chestnov; was appointed Assistant Director-General for Non-communicable Diseases and Mental Health at the World Health Organization in February 2012. Prior to that, Dr Chestnov was the Deputy-Director for International Relations at the Ministry of Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation, a post he occupied from 2005. During his career at the Ministry, Chestnov acquired broad technical experience in public health at both the national and international level. Chestnov held high-level posts as Coordinator for health during the G-8 Presidency of the Russian Federation and Chair of health-related expert groups. Chestnov participated with WHO in the organization of the 1st Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and Non-communicable disease Control, which resulted in the Moscow Declaration on NCDs, endorsed by the World Health Assembly in May 2011. A national of the Russian Federation, Chestnov earned a degree in Medicine in 1979 from the Saratov State Medical Institute and a doctorate of Philosophy in Medical Sciences from the Russian Federation in 2008. Chestnov began his career as a physician and worked for 10 years at the primary care level in various states within the former Soviet Union. On joining the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in 1987, Chestnov worked in several countries affected by conflict as well as natural and technical disasters (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, the Russian Federation, the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and Ukraine), where he was engaged in managing the delivery of humanitarian aid assistance.

Shu-Ti Chiou; M.D. Ph.D. MSc, a board-certificated family physician and a Ph.D. in Epidemiology, is Director General of the Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan. She specialised in preventive medicine and health services research. In 2006, Chiou and her colleagues established the Taiwan Network of Health Promoting Hospitals. Currently, she is the President of the International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services (initiated by WHO), elected in April 2012 with a term of two years. She is also the Chair of the International Task Force on Health Promoting Hospitals and Environment, the Chair of the International Task Force on Health Promoting Hospitals and Age-Friendly Health Care. In 2013, she was elected as the Global Vice President of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE).

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Massimo Ciotti; Dr, is a medical doctor specialised in public health and medical statistics. He has been working in international health since 1988, mainly in the communicable disease field, living in developing and developed countries. His first international assignment was in Burundi as a medical officer for WHO. He then moved to other countries in Africa and Europe. During his career he participated in the work of different WHO programmes as a medical officer of the organisation until March 2006. He was seconded by WHO to the European Commission just before the SARS outbreak (November 2002) and contributed significantly to the coordination of SARS surveillance and control in Europe as well as in the efforts for the influenza pandemic preparedness. As a liaison officer in Luxembourg he had a key role in strengthening the cooperation between the European Union and WHO. He then moved to the ECDC (European Centre for

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design framework that can serve as a guideline to create a fit between older nurses and the work environment within the NHS in England. The findings of this research study and the design framework that is being developed will inform policy-makers and contribute immensely to the existing body of knowledge of age-friendly workplaces within the NHS in England.

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