

*Voice of the People*

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- Do you believe that the Slovenes are healthy people?
- I don't think so.
- Why?

MELITA CIMERMAN

We eat too much of greasy food.

Slovenes are relatively healthy people, as healthy as the most of other European nations. We are liable to contemporary, civil diseases. Lately it is becoming more and more clearly, that pollution of environment is greatly affecting our health. We have to realize that protecting our health doesn't mean just healthy lifestyle and food, but clean environment.

- I live in Germany. There you have to pay for every visit to a doctor. I hope things won't be the same here?

MELITA CIMERMAN

I am convinced that so far Slovenia has had very efficient health service. I don't see any reasons why this system should stay one of our top priorities. It is very clearly stated in the constitution of EU and in all other documents, that health service is a matter of individual member state. Meaning, that if Slovenia decides that this stays one of our priorities, to protect health of our people then this is the way it is going to be. Accession to the EU won't change a thing.

- Maybe we will be able to visit doctors on the other side of the border.
- Do you believe it will be cheaper there?
- I am not sure. It will be the same, I guess. You would be able to get a second opinion?

MELITA CIMERMAN

Probably we will be able to visit doctors abroad in future, too. I don't believe conditions will change dramatically. This will depend on international conventions because, as I have already stated, protect of peoples health is a matter of an individual member state.

