

The winners were announced by Health Commissioner, Mr Tonio Borg, at an award ceremony in Brussels on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April. Out of more than 850 articles entered into the competition, 28 national finalists were chosen by juries in each EU country. Amidst the shortlist of 28 excellent articles, the winners are:

**1st place:** Henk Blanken writing for Dagblad van het Noorden (the Netherlands) for his article "Carel's Head", a story which follows a young man suffering from Parkinson's disease from diagnosis to treatment, and gives a detailed and emotional account of the pioneering surgery he receives.

**2nd place:** Christiane Hawranek and Marco Maurer, writing for Die Zeit (Germany) for their sharp, 'documentary-style' article "The Patient Traffickers" which highlights dubious practices in non-regulated medical care across borders.

**3rd place:** Mette Dahlggaard writing for the Berlingske newspaper (Denmark) for "Am I Killing Someone?", the story of a sperm donor who discovers that he carries the gene for a highly hereditary form of cancer, but hits a brick wall when he tries to find a way of warning potential children who could be affected.

You can find more information on the winners in the Journalist's Prize website: [http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/journalist\\_prize/2013/winners/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/journalist_prize/2013/winners/index_en.htm)

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ceremony and pictures in the links below:

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