

Make the European Health Union a reality: The regional perspective

EUREGHA's Annual Conference Online event | 9 December | from 10:00 to 12:10

While the European Union and its Member States are still facing the Covid-19 threat, the huge impact that the pandemic has had on the long-term functioning of our health and social care systems has become clearer.

There is no doubt that a better coordination is needed among European countries and territories to protect people's health, both during a crisis and in normal times. The European Health Union underpins this coordination through several initiatives: the European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA), the Pharmaceutical strategy, the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan. Moreover, the European health data space should be a key enabling tool to ensure the transformation of the health and social care systems.

Nonetheless, to improve the protection, prevention, and preparedness of the health and social care systems we need to invest in a proper way and train the healthcare workforce. To this extent, regional health authorities, the European structural and investments funds, and the National recovery and resilience facility plans play an important role.

EUREGHA's Annual Conference will bring together members of the European parliament, EU civil servants, regional policy makers and representatives of the health eco-systems to discuss how to best cooperate among the different levels of government to build an optimal health care system. During the discussion EUREGHA' representatives will share the vision of the association and all the activities implemented over this year, while addressing the topic of where and how to invest in an efficient way to make the European health union a reality.

Programme

10:00 - 10:10 Connection to Zoom platform

10:10 - 10:20 **Welcome and introduction from the moderator**
Giovanni Gorgoni, Chair of EUREGHA.

10:20 - 10:30 **How to make the European Health Union a reality?**
Cristian-Silviu BUŞOI, Chair of the ITRE Committee, European Parliament.

10:30 - 10:40 **The ESIFs in the context of the European Health Union cooperation: where to invest**
Normunds Popens, Deputy Director-General, Director General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission.

10:40 - 10:50 **Investing in health systems in the Recovery and Resilience Facility and EU4 health programme 2021 Work programme**
Maya Matthews, Head of Unit B1 Performance of Health Systems, DG SANTE – European Commission.

10:50 - 11:00 **European Health Data Space, Aging society and the Digital Europe programme**
Irina Kalderon Libal, Policy officer, eHealth, Wellbeing and Ageing unit, DG CNECT, European Commission

11:00 - 11:40 **What role for regional actors in the European Health Union?**
Solvejg Wallyn, Policy Officer at Flemish Community - Agency Care and Public Health
Dr Sally Lewis, Director of the Welsh Value in Health Centre
Andrea Pavlickova, International Engagement Manager at TEC and Digital Healthcare Innovation, Scottish Government
Maria Luisa Moro, Director, Agenzia Sanitaria e Sociale Emilia-Romagna.

11:40 - 12:00 Q&A

12:00 - 12:10 **Closing Remarks**
Giovanni Gorgoni, Chair of EUREGHA