



## EUREGHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

# Driving implementation forward – Regional and local health authorities as key partners in the new European mandate

5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024 (14.00 – 17:30, followed by networking reception until 19:00 CET)  
Northern Ireland Executive Office, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Chaussee d’Etterbeek 180, 1040 Etterbeek, Brussels

The 2024 EUREGHA Conference will spotlight the pivotal role of regional and local health authorities in driving the implementation of European legislation, initiatives, and health system innovations. Positioned as essential partners to European institutions and health stakeholders, these authorities are key to bridging policy and practice.

The event will begin with an opening keynote, followed by a policy-focused dialogue that will connect regional and European experts and policymakers to explore the drivers and challenges of fostering stronger partnerships for progress, building on the published [EUREGHA Manifesto ‘for 2024 and beyond’](#). A practice-oriented session will then showcase regional examples of innovation and implementation, complemented by insights from relevant stakeholders on key health policy areas.

Before the closing, the event will highlight EUREGHA’s latest initiative: a series of informative factsheets on its members, aimed at promoting their work and facilitating partnerships across Europe

The event will conclude with a **networking reception**, providing participants with valuable opportunities to connect, exchange insights, and learn about key regional and European projects featuring significant regional involvement.

## Agenda

**14:00–14:25** Registration

**14:30 – 14:40** **Opening of the meeting**

**Michele Calabro**, Director, EUREGHA – European Regional and Local Health Authorities, Brussels, Belgium

**Andrea Pavlickova**, Chair, EUREGHA – International Engagement Manager, Directorate for Health and Social Care Finance, Digital and Governance, Scottish Government / NHS NSS

**14:40 – 15:30** **Building Collaborative Pathways for stronger health systems between Europe and Regions**

*This session will connect regional and European experts and policymakers to explore the drivers and challenges of fostering stronger partnerships for health in the context of the new EU mandate and the future of the European Health Union.*

**Speakers:**

**Katarzyna Kielar**, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG SANTE, State of Health, European Semester, Health Technology Assessment

**Isabelle Johansson**, Head of EU Office, Region Östergötland

**Simona Ferlini**, Senior officer in European and International policies, Department of Innovation in Health and Care services – Directorate General Care, Health and Welfare, Regione Emilia Romagna

**Dorota Tomalak**, Deputy Head of Unit, Secretariat of the Commission for Natural Resources (NAT), European Committee of the Regions

**15:30 – 15:45** **Q&A**

**15:45 – 16:00** **Short break**

**16:00 – 17:00 From policy to practice – debating regional experiences**

*This practices-oriented session will then showcase regional examples of innovation and implementation, complemented by insights and comments from relevant stakeholders on key health policy areas.*

**Speakers:**

***Regional Representatives from Wales***

**Emma Spear**, Deputy Director, Health, Social Care & Early Years Group Director General's Office, Welsh Government.

- **Focus:** Healthy Weight, Healthy Wales initiative.

***Regional Representative from Flanders***

**Thomas Van Langendonck**, Vitalink Analyst, Team eHealth, Department of Care, Flanders

- **Focus:** EHDS – Interoperability Test Beds

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**Simone Boselli**, Policy Officer, DG Reform – European Commission

**Lars Münter**, Founder and International Director  
Nordic Wellbeing Academy

**17:00 – 17:15 Q&A**

**17:15 – 17:30 Take away messages and closure of the meeting**

**Michele Calabrò**, Director, EUREGHA

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**17:30 – 19.00 Networking reception**

*Venue*

Northern Ireland Executive Office in Brussels  
Chaussee d'Etterbeek 180, 1040 Bruxelles ([Google maps location](#))