



## EUREGHA AND WHO REGIONS FOR HEALTH NETWORK – JOINT CONFERENCE

# The role of regions towards future-proof, resilient and connected health systems

5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 (14.00 – 18:00 CET)

Brussels, European Committee of the Regions (room JDE51) & live-streamed

This High-Level Conference, hosted by the European Committee of the Regions and **jointly organised by EUREGHA – European Regional and Local Health Authorities and the WHO Regions for Health Network**, will put the spotlight on moving beyond the current crisis towards strengthened, more resilient and future-proof health and care systems in Europe, focusing on the role of regions and taking into account the EU direction towards the European Health Union project.

The event will first feature a series of scene-setting high-level keynote speeches. Following the opening, the discussion will then dive into three main topics at the heart of EUREGHA's and the **WHO Regions for Health Network** work and that are central to build back better health and care systems: value-based healthcare, digital transformation, and cross-border cooperation in health.

For **value-based healthcare**, the panel discussion will focus on how the shift to the value-based approach can be key in ensuring better use of scarce resources in healthcare and delivering better care to patients, and how regions are looking at this theme. The second session will look at how regions can contribute and make the most out of **health systems' digital transformation**, covering in particular the EU European Health Data Space initiative and the WHO regional digital health action plan. Finally, we will look at the **cross-border cooperation** dimension in light of the COVID-19 experience: what did we learn, where do we stand and what should be prioritised going forward to build better connected health and care systems beyond borders.

The conference will be finally followed by a networking reception where participants will be also able to discover a mini-exhibition of regional profiles and best practices from EUREGHA and WHO Regions for Health Network members.

The conference is organised in the framework of the activities by EUREGHA and the WHO Regions for Health Network to celebrate, respectively, their 10th and 30th anniversaries. The event will also set the scene for potential future collaboration between EUREGHA and the WHO Regions for Health Network, opening the ground for more future joint activities.

## Provisional agenda

14:00–14:20 Registration and exhibition area

14:20 – 14:40 **Opening of the meeting**

**Giovanni Gorgoni**, Chair, EUREGHA – European Regional and Local Health Authorities, Brussels, Belgium

**Bettina Maria Menne**, Coordinator of the healthy settings program, WHO Regional Office for Europe – European Office for Investment for Health and Development, Venice, Italy

14:40 – 15:10 **Welcoming speeches**

**Hans Henri Kluge**, WHO Regional Director for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark - (online)

**Hilde Crevits**, Vice-Minister-President of the Government of Flanders and Flemish Minister for Welfare, Public Health and Family, Flanders, Belgium - (online)

**Vasco Alves Cordeiro**, President, European Committee of the Regions - (online)

15:10 – 16:00 **Value-based healthcare: the way to future-proofing our health systems?**

**Dimitra Panteli**, Programme Manager, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, Brussels, Belgium

**Sally Lewis**, National Clinical Director for Value-Based Healthcare, Wales, United Kingdom

**Kaisa Immonen**, Director of Policy, European Patients’ Forum, Brussels, Belgium

Q&A

16:00 – 16:50 **The role of regions in the digital and data transformation**

**David Novillo**, Unit Head, Data and Digital Health, WHO Europe

**Isabelle Johansson**, Head of Region Östergötland’s EU Office, Region Östergötland, Sweden

**Fulvia Raffaelli**, Head of Unit, Digital Health, DG SANTE, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

Q&A

**16:50 – 17:40**    **Cross-border cooperation in healthcare: new trends and lessons learned from COVID-19**

**Matthias Wismar**, Programme Manager, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, Brussels, Belgium

**Julia Winkler**, EU Project Manager, Lower Austria / Healthacross

**Donata Meroni**, Head of Unit, Health Monitoring and Cooperation, Health Networks, DG SANTE, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

**Q&A**

**17:40 – 17:45**    **Take away messages and closure of the meeting**

**Bettina Maria Menne**, Coordinator of the healthy settings program, WHO Regional Office for Europe – European Office for Investment for Health and Development, Venice, Italy

**Michele Calabro'**, Director, EUREGHA

**17:45 – 19:00**    **Networking reception**

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*Venue*

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