

# THE FUTURE OF HEALTH

## Advancing the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in Europe

11-12 July, Novotel Brussels City Centre



Join us at our multi-stakeholder health conference in July 2019 taking place just after the European Parliament Elections!

Please save the date!

As a brand new mandate takes us into the third decade of the 21st Century and with a new EU Programming period on the horizon, healthcare and non-healthcare stakeholders will unite to co-create the future of health together with the current and future policy makers. We will define the collective priorities and actions that are needed to advance the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 in Europe, and ensure equitable access to quality healthcare for all.

The conference will expand on the conclusions of the previous multi-stakeholder health conferences in [Vilnius](#) (2013) and [Riga](#) (2015), and it will be closely aligned with the priorities of the Finnish EU presidency under the theme of “The economy of wellbeing”.

Building on the outcomes from the [EP meeting](#) under the auspices of the MEP Interest Group on access and the “Statement on the Future of Health in the European Union”, the event will address the need for stronger impetus on health policy and enhanced inter-sectoral, EU cooperation for equitable access to quality health for all EU patients and citizens.

The main topics on the agenda will provide an overview of existing successful initiatives at EU level while identifying the challenges and opportunities for future health cooperation. Participants will engage in in-depth discussions around the mechanisms and opportunities to overcome current challenges to patient access, through sustained and enhanced cooperation.

The audience will include EU and Member State policy-makers, representatives of the European Commission’s Departments (DG SANTE, DG ECFIN, DG CONNECT, DG EMPL), Members of the European Parliament, representatives of the Presidency of the Council of the EU (Finnish, Romanian, Croatian, German), different stakeholders in health - PACT Partners and affiliates from 27 Member States countries (government officials, healthcare professionals, patient organisations, experts/academia, health NGOs, trade associations), international organisations (WHO, OECD) and Media.

# DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1: Thursday  
11th of July

09:30 - 10:30	<b>Registration and Reception</b>
10:30 - 10:45	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PACT</li><li>• Finnish/Romanian Presidency</li></ul>
10:45 - 12:30	<p><b>Session I: Policy challenges and opportunities for better and effective health cooperation in the EU</b></p> <p><b>The UN Sustainable Development Agenda:</b> Goal 3 “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages” - a prerequisite to achieve all other Goals by 2030.</p> <p><b>The EU commitment and responsibilities:</b> Is health already in all EU, national and regional policies? Are the EU health policies and the cross-sector collaboration adequate to the needs of citizens and Member States towards achieving this agenda by 2030?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What worked well and where did we fail? Evidence based analysis of existing policies at EU, regional, national and local level. What are the obstacles and the challenges towards more effective collaboration in health and all other socio-economic sectors?</li></ul> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p>  <b>Key note presentation:</b></p> <p>The EU before and after the 2019 elections presented by (TBC)</p> <p>  <b>Panel discussion:</b> Finding the right balance between subsidiarity vs. solidarity; addressing monetary/funding restrictions; fostering collaboration between Member States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The key note speaker</b></li><li>• <b>EU Health policy makers (TBC):</b> Commissioner for health</li><li>• <b>EU policy makers from other sectors:</b> Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness and/or Commissioner for digital economy and society etc.</li><li>• <b>MEPs:</b> re-elected and newly elected health champions</li><li>• <b>European Patients Forum:</b> linking the ongoing collaborative EU initiatives with the needs and expectations of EU citizens and patients</li><li>• <b>Other stakeholders</b> from and outside the health field (HCPs/IT Industry, social partners etc.)</li></ul> <p>  <b>Open discussion with the audience</b></p>
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30 - 15:00	<p><b>Session II: How to improve EU health cooperation? The transformation needed on the road to the Sustainable Development Agenda</b></p> <p>How to improve the existing model of cooperation? How to find synergies between different sectors (e.g. social, employment and economic growth, regional development, environment, food and agriculture etc.) which are directly or indirectly linked with health or affected by the lack of coordinated health policies?</p> <p>Building on the lessons from the past and paving the change needed for the future. How to ensure Available, Adequate, Accessible, Affordable and Appropriate health for all?</p> <p>Moderator (TBC)</p>

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## | Presentation

“The economy of wellbeing” - Health in all policies or all policies for health?  
presented by (TBC)

## | Panel discussion:

- Food industry sector (public or private)
- Environmental sector (public or private)
- Regional cooperations on access to medicines (Beneluxa etc.)
- Health industry sector
- EU health Institutions
- Other stakeholders

## | Open discussion with the audience

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 16:45

**First round of parallel workshops:** Given the challenges presented before, 3 workgroups will focus on potential solutions in the following specific areas (see further description of each session after the agenda):

### Area 1: Prevention

| Presentation and open discussion with the audience

**Area 2: Available, Adequate, Accessible, Affordable and Appropriate health and healthcare for all**

| Presentation and open discussion with the audience

**Area 3: Workforce challenges**

| Presentation and open discussion with the audience

**Area 4: The multiple dimensions of health and wellbeing**

| Presentation and open discussion with the audience

16:45 – 18:00

**Second round of parallel workshops:** Given the challenges presented before, 3 workgroups will focus on potential solutions in the following specific areas (see further description of each session after the agenda):

### Area 1: Prevention

| Presentation and open discussion with the audience

**Area 2: Available, Adequate, Accessible, Affordable and Appropriate health and healthcare for all**

| Presentation and open discussion with the audience

**Area 3: Workforce challenges**

| Presentation and open discussion with the audience

**Area 4: The multiple dimensions of health and wellbeing**

| Presentation and open discussion with the audience

19:00

Dinner & Networking

# DRAFT AGENDA

Day 2: Friday  
12th of July

10:00 – 12:00

## Session III: Establishing the priorities for the future of health in the EU together

The place of health in the next Multiannual Financial Framework. The vision for the future of cooperation in healthcare in the EU in concordance with the underlying values and in favor of achieving the key healthcare targets, stipulated in the Sustainable Development Agenda.

Future policy makers together with stakeholders discuss the priorities presented before and during the conference as well as the pathway ahead.

Moderator: (TBC)

### | 4 key note presentations

4 keynote speakers will present the priorities that stakeholders have determined on each of the 4 working areas and each presentation will be followed by an open discussion with the panelists and all participants

- **Presenter from area 1, 2, 3 and 4 (TBC)**

### | Panel discussion

- **Members of European Parliament**
- **WHO**
- **Finnish presidency**
- **German/Croatian Presidency**
- **OECD**

### | Open discussion with the audience

## Presentation of “The health PACT”\*

Moderator: (TBC)

Building on the Statement on the Future of Health in the EU, and the discussions in the context of the conference, a conclusions document which shall outline a vision for the future of cooperation in healthcare in the EU in concordance with the underlying values and in favor of achieving the key healthcare targets, stipulated in the Sustainable Development Agenda.

### | Open discussion with the audience

12:00

Closing remarks and departure

# WORKSHOPS

Each workshop will begin with a brief introductory presentation which will be followed by an interactive discussion among the participants. Each session will be moderated by an expert who will report the findings and conclusions during session III in day 2.

The participants will have the opportunity to join 2 out of the 4 following workshops:

### **Area 1: Prevention:**

- **Focus:** How to support effective health promotion, prevention and early detection.
- **Focus:** The burden of non-communicable diseases and the importance of social determinants of health. The user's perspective and their proactive role in making health systems accountable, non-discriminative and outcome-oriented.

**Presenter:** (TBC), **Moderator:** (TBC), **Room** (TBC)

**Area 2: Available, Adequate, Accessible, Affordable and Appropriate health and healthcare for all:** Strengthening and supporting healthcare systems and assuring access to standardized, quality health across all Member States. Future approaches to improve healthcare in line with the Sustainable Development Agenda. Health digitalization as a means to support and sustain these process.

**Presenter:** (TBC), **Moderator:** (TBC), **Room** (TBC)

**Area 3: Workforce challenges:** Migration of healthcare workforce and the role of training, skills and education as means to improve access to quality healthcare. The role of socio-economic determinants in assuring sufficient, motivated and well trained health workers.

**Presenter:** (TBC), **Moderator:** (TBC), **Room** (TBC)

**Area 4: The multiple dimensions of health and wellbeing:** Strengthening inter-sectoral synergies to assure that health is a common and priority factor across all sectors (environment, food, markets, security etc.) Health and social care as a contributor to socio-economic growth.

**Presenter:** (TBC), **Moderator:** (TBC), **Room** (TBC)

**\*"The Health PACT":** The stakeholders will present a conclusions document which shall outline a vision for the future of cooperation in health in the EU in concordance with the underlying values and in favour of achieving the key healthcare targets, stipulated in the Sustainable Development Agenda. This document will be drafted by the Multi-stakeholder COC prior to the conference and a preliminary draft will be shared with all participants in advance for consideration. The PACT will be further edited during and after the conference to reflect accurately the identified conclusions.