



**Right from the Start:
Resetting the Agenda in Women's Health in Europe**
*European Institute of Women's Health
21st Anniversary Expert Conference*



*European Economic and Social Committee
Room TRE 7701, Trèves Building, 7th floor, 74 rue de Trèves, 1040, Brussels, Belgium
4-5th December 2017*

Day One: Evaluating the State of Women's Health

*The first day will set the scene and lay the foundation for the next phase of the **European Action Plan for Women's Health** by exploring the existing evidence base and central issues in women's health across the lifespan.*

10:30-11:00 *Registration with tea and coffee*

11:00-12:30 **Welcome, Conference Objectives and EIWH History**
Hildrun Sundseth, President of the Board, European Institute of Women's Health (EIWH)
Peggy Maguire, Director General, European Institute of Women's Health (EIWH)

Setting the Scene: EU Gender Equality Policy
Greet Vermeylen, Gender Equality Unit, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers

How Has Gender Equality Progressed Over the Past Ten Years?
Dr. Marre Karu, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Right from the Start: Early Intervention in Maternal and Child Health Panel
Co-Chairs: Prof. Dr. Alexandra Kautzky-Willer, Professor of Gender Medicine, Deputy head of the Department of Internal Medicine III, Medical University of Vienna, President of the International Society for Gender Medicine and the Austrian Diabetes Association, and **Hildrun Sundseth**, President of the Board of the EIWH
Professor Corinne de Vries, European Medicines Agency
Professor Dr. Roland Devlieger, UZ Leuven and European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (EBCOG)
Professor Helen Dolk, Ulster University and EUROmedICAT Project
Dr. Nico Hartwig, Franciscus Gasthuis & Vlietland

12:30-13:30 **LUNCH**

13:30-13:40 **The Importance of Women's Health Internationally**
Madi Sharma, Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship (SOC), Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

13:40-14:40 **A Life-Course Approach to the Health in Women and Families Panel**
Co-Chairs: Peggy Maguire, Director General of the EIWH and **Kristin Semancik**, Public Health Manager at the EIWH
Dr. Isabel de la Mata, DG SANTE
Dr. Paul De Rave, Secretary General of the European Federation of Nurses Associations
Professor Marc Bardou, CHU de Dijon, INSERM
Paula Mee, Consultant Dietitian
Anca Toma Friedlaender, Smoke Free Partnership

14:40-14:50 *Tea/coffee*

14:50-16:30 **Active and Healthy Ageing Panel: Promoting Brain Health and Combating Cancer**
Co-Chairs: Dr. Mercè Boada, Founder and Medical Director of Fundació ACE at the Institut Català de Neurociències Aplicades and **Maeve Cusack**, Cancer Control Unit at the HSE in Ireland and EIWH Board Member
Alojz Peterle, MEPs Against Cancer and Member of the European Parliament from Slovenia
Dr. Nicoletta Iacobacci, European Brain Project and Hyperloop Transportation Technologies
Dr. Wendy Yared, European Cancer Leagues
Stecy Yghemonos, Executive Director of Eurocarers

Day One Closing: The State of Play on Women's Health in Europe
Next Steps
Sinead Hewson, Managing Director TpEBO and EIWH Board Member

19:00-21:00 **Evening Dinner for Conference Participants**
Leopold Hotel Brussels EU, Rue du Luxembourg 35, 1050 Ixelles, Belgium (TBC)

Day Two: Resetting the Agenda in Women's Health

Throughout the session, the multidisciplinary group expert delegates will work together to develop the **European Action Plan for Women's Health**, a blueprint for the future action. Day Two focuses on four central policy topics related to Women's Health.

09:00-09:15

Welcome

Dr. Maria Merce Rovira Regas, EIW Board Member

Day 2 Keynote Address

Francesca Colombo, Head of Health Division, OECD

09:15-10:15

Resetting the Agenda: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Chair: Nina Renshaw, Secretary General of the European Public Health Alliance

Peggy Maguire, European Institute of Women's Health (EIWH)

Isabel Yordi, World Health Organization (WHO)

Susanne Løgstrup, Director of the European Heart Network

Caroline Costongs, Director of EuroHealthNet

Dr. Maria Teresa Ferretti, Women's Brain Project

10:15-10:30

Tea/coffee

10:30-11:30

Resetting the Agenda: Research and Personalised Medicine

Chair: Prof. Dr. Ineke Klinge, Chair of the H2020 Advisory Group for Gender at European Commission

Dr. Terje Peetso, Head of Policy Sector in the CNECT Unit E-Health, Wellbeing and Ageing, DG Connect

Dr. Gesa Hansen, Senior Expert in the Health Strategy unit, DG RTD

Prof. Orla Sheils, Director of the Trinity Translational Medicine Institute, Professor in Molecular Pathology and Director of Medical Ethics at the School of Medicine at Trinity College Dublin

Prof. Dr. Marco Stramba-Badiale, Director, Department of Geriatrics and Cardiovascular Medicine, Istituto Auxologico Italiano, Milan, Italy

Nathalie Moll, Director General of European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA)

11:30-12:30

Resetting the Agenda: Access, Treatment, Care and Responsive Health Care

Chair: Dr. Katrín Fjeldsted, Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)

Kenneth Johannesson, Representative for Equal Opportunities in the Committee on Social Policy & Public Health, Assembly of European Regions; County Councillor, Värmland (SE)

Prof. Bharati Shivalkar, Director of Cardiac Imaging, Professor of Cardiology, Antwerp University Hospital, Faculty of Medicine, University of Antwerp

Dr. Meryam Schouler-Ocak, Universit ts lini der harit

Ber Oomen, European Specialist Nurses Organisations

Katie Gallagher, European Patients' Forum

12:30-13:30

LUNCH

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Resetting the Agenda: Education, Training and Health Literacy

Chair: Dr. Janusz Janczukowicz, AMEE—an International Association for Medical Education and Medical University of Lodz-Poland

Dr. Heidi Siller, Gender Medicine, Medical University of Innsbruck

Mervi Jokinen, President of the European Midwives Association (EMA)

Jūratė Švarcaitė, Secretary General of the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU)

Kathi Apostolidis, Vice President of ECPC-European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC)

Dr. Teuta Azizi, President of the European Medical Students' Association (EMSA)

14:30-14:45

Tea/coffee

15:00-16:00

Putting it All Together: Creating an European Action Plan for Women's Health

Peggy Maguire, Director General of the EIWH and **Sinead Hewson**, Managing Director TpEBO and EIWH Board Member

Closing Remarks and Conclusions

Mr. Xavier Prats Monné, Director General of the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety

Rapporteur: Vanessa Moore, Senior Researcher at the European Institute of Women's Health

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