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A Political Scientist, Peggy has worked at the international level over the last twenty- five years highlighting the need for gender equity in biomedical research, public health and social policy. Peggy is responsible for policy and strategy for the European Institute of Women's Health (EIWH). Prior to her role as Director General at the EIWH, Peggy was Director of Development at the National Maternity Hospital, Dublin and Director of the Research and Education Foundation at the Irish College of General Practitioners.

As an advocate for a health literate public, Peggy developed a cancer communication and information initiative for and by women to ensure cancer information was women led. As part of her commitment to gender equality, Peggy has been a member of the WHO expert group on gender mainstreaming and contributed to the WHO Women's Health Strategy for Europe. In 2014 Peggy worked on amendments to the Clinical Trials Regulation to ensure gender and age were included. Peggy is also former President of the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA). Peggy has initiated and contributed to EU projects such as Engender-Inventory of good practices in Europe for promoting gender equity in health; Engendering Research Ethics Committees (RECs) and EugenMEd, leading the research and the workshop on the inclusion of Sex and Gender in Healthcare Professional Education.

In 2019, the Minister for Health in Ireland appointed Peggy co-chair of the Women's Health Task Force. Peggy's research and advocacy work supports gender equity, ageing, patient and disability rights as well as the implications of the commercial and social determinants on health and wellbeing. In October 2021, the WHO Academy Quality Committee announced the appointment of Peggy to its Board and chair of the patient and community engagement working group. Peggy is also a board member of the European Policy Centre.

Peggy developed the EIWH Manifesto for Women's Health calling for an EU Strategy for Women's Health and in October 2023 Peggy and the EIWH launched the Women's Health Interest Group in the EU Parliament in Brussels.