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Peter Anderson; MD, PhD, MPH, FRCP, University of Oxford and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Formerly: eight years as Regional Adviser for Addictions and Director, Public Health, European Office, World Health Organization. Currently, Senior Adviser to the European Commission, WHO, governments and the private sector. Professor, Substance Use, Policy and Practice, Newcastle University, UK; Professor, Alcohol and Health, Maastricht University, Netherlands. Researcher of chronic conditions and leading risk factors, including mental health. Author of over 150 scientific publications and 15 monographs.

Vytėnas Andriukaitis; Minister of Health, Lithuania

Pierre Anhoury; Senior Executive, Accenture; He is focused on R&D consulting for Europe, Africa and Latin America. He has 22 years management consulting experience in healthcare and pharma. Before joining Accenture, he was the Global Senior VP in charge of Treatment Value Consulting at Kantar Health, where his clients included the Pharma leadership (areas of Market Access, Health Economy and R&D). Pierre developed the concept of Early Value Analysis, starting in Phase II, to force R&D people work in an integrated way with the market access and the marketing teams. Before this position, Pierre was with IMS Health in charge of Health Economics and Outcomes Research in Europe. He began his career with Ernst & Young followed by Deloitte. In both companies, he was the Partner in charge of healthcare and Pharma consulting, based in France, and part of several account teams. The projects he was leading were focused on the interactions between the Providers, the Payors and the Pharma and Medical Devices industries. Pierre is an MD specializing in public health, geriatrics and clinical oncology. He was trained at the ECRI Institute in Plymouth Meeting (PA) on Health Technology Assessment, and then in Chicago where he obtained a degree in Healthcare Risk Management.

Elke Anklam; Professor, is a chemist by education with specialisation in food, organic and radiation chemistry. After having obtained her Ph.D., she worked in various European Research Institutions and taught as Professor at the Applied University of Fulda, Germany. Since 1991 she has been working for the European Commission (EC) and since 2006 she has been the Director of the Institute for Health and Consumer Protection in Ispra, Italy which is one of the seven Institutes of the EC-Joint Research Centre.

Raed Arafat; Secretary to the State of Health, Ministry for Health, Romania. Raed is a Palestinian doctor that lives in Romania for more than 30 years. Emergency medicine was his great passion since childhood. He decided to set up a public emergency intervention system (SMURD) at amazing standards that saves everyday hundreds of lives. Starting with just an ambulance car, he arrived this year to buy an airplane in order to transport the patients in a very sensitive health condition. Decorated by two presidents of Romania with the Order of Merit and by the former King Michael I of Romania with the royal decoration.

Alexandru Athanasiu; Council of Europe

Clemens-Martin Auer; (1957), Dr, Director General, Ministry of Health, Austria since 2005; 2003–2007 Chief of Cabinet of former Federal Minister Maria Rauch-Kallat.

Sophie Aujean; joined ILGA-Europe, the European region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, in May 2011 as Policy and Programmes Officer. She works in the fields of health and education. She contributes to securing effective legal protection against discrimination in access to education and health services and to end the pathologisation of trans identities.

Sophie is originally from France but was born in Brussels, and started working with ILGA-Europe in May 2011. She has completed studies in political science and holds Master's degrees in human rights law. After internships within the Secretariat of the Human rights Subcommittee of the European Parliament and the International Campaign for Tibet's Brussels office, she worked from 2007 to 2009, as a lobbyist for the Brussels office of MEDEF. On 2009-mid-2011, she was Programme manager within the Directorate General for Enlargement of the European Commission and organised capacity-building events in order to train civil society organisations from Western Balkans and Turkey on the EU acquis.

Boris Azais; Director Public Policy, MSD

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Daniel Bahr; Minister of Health, Germany

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Ian Banks; BSc BAO BCh MB MSc PhD. British. A&E (Accident & Emergency) doctor and general practitioner/public health. A member of Council of the British Medical Association (BMA) and a recipient of the Association Medal from the BMA. President of the European Men's Health Forum and the England & Wales Men's Health Forum, Vice-President of the International Society of Men's Health. Prolific author of books on health and on medicine.

Juras Banys; Rector of the Vilnius University, Lithuania

Susan Barber; European Men's Health Forum

Andrew J Barnes; Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Healthcare Policy and Research, USA

Nicola Bedlington; (1965), Management Studies and French, British. First Executive Director of the European Patients' Forum (EPF) in Brussels (from 2006); responsible for leading the European Patients' Forum, currently composed of 59 umbrella organisations of national patients' platforms and disease specific organisations, representing the collective interests and rights of over 150 million patients with chronic diseases across the European Union in EU healthcare policy and programme development. EPF's vision is high quality, patient centred equitable healthcare for all EU patients. Previously first Director of the European Disability Forum, Head of the ENSI Network of Education for Sustainable Development, and Commission expert leading the NGO component of an EU Programme on equal opportunities for disabled people.

Stephane Berghmans; is a Doctor in Veterinary Medicine who obtained his Ph.D. studying epigenetic mechanisms of inheritance and developing expertise in genetics and molecular biology at the University of Liege (Belgium). He then became a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard Medical School in Prof. Thomas Look's laboratory, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, where he established zebrafish as a model organism to study cancer. Seeing the opportunity for a more direct application of zebrafish in drug discovery, he moved to the biotech sector and joined DanioLabs (Cambridge, UK) in 2004 where he headed development, implementation and automation of zebrafish drug discovery and

liability assays for early in vivo compound screening. He moved to Portland (Oregon, USA) in 2008 where he joined Znomics as Director of Biology, installing new research teams and facilities. Rich with strategic experience in the private sector and interested in science policy, he joined the European Science Foundation in June 2009 as Head of the Biomedical Sciences Unit. In this position he managed the secretariat general for the European Medical Research Councils (EMRC) with activities spanning from science management to scientific networks and a very strong emphasis on science policy and strategy. Eager to apply his experience and vision for biomedical research he became CEO of SCINNAMIC (Belgium), the newly created 'Centre for Innovation in Medicine' which aims to boost translational research. Since 2013 he is working as VP at ELSVIER.

Richard Bergström; has been the Director General of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) since April 2011. Previously he served for nine years as the Director General of LIF, the Swedish Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry, following positions in Switzerland in regulatory affairs at the pharmaceutical companies Roche and Novartis. Mr Bergström has also been appointed by the Swedish Government to the Board of the Karolinska Institute. He is a pharmacist by training, receiving his MScPharm degree from the University of Uppsala, Sweden in 1988.

Enrique Bernal-Delgado; (Senior Health Services Research, IACS) Enrique Bernal-Delgado is a Medical Doctor, Public Health and Preventive Medicine Specialist. He holds a PhD in Medicine, as well as a Master in Health Economics and doctorate studies in Sociology. He is currently a Senior Health Services Researcher in the Health Services Research and Health Policy Unit at the Institute for Health Sciences in Aragon – IIS Aragon (Spain). Enrique leads the cutting-edge initiative on Variations in Medical Practice in the Spanish National Health System, and is coordinating the EU-funded ECHO project on variations in systems performances across Europe. Other current merits include being the Chief Editor for the Atlas of Variations in Medical Practice in the Spanish National Health System and Associate Editor for BMC Health Services Research.

Annemarie Bevers; Annemarie is a Board Member of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Region Europe, and was previously a board member of the Dutch Diabetes Association (DDA) for eight years. Annemarie's focuses and concerns towards diabetes are proper care, self-management and education. She also has a focus on the young ones in the Netherlands and in Europe with diabetes. Besides her involvement in the IDF and the DDA, Annemarie also volunteers as a Board Member of the Arateus of Cappadocia Foundation (linked to the Free University Academic Hospital in Amsterdam), she is a member of the Social Advisory Council at the Dutch Diabetes Foundation, she was involved in the Kids & Care South Africa organization, and she has been a member of the Advisory Board of the Diabetes Centre of the VU.

Audrey Birt; Health and Social Care Alliance

Tonio Borg; originally from Malta, is the European Commissioner for Health since 2012. Borg got involved from an early age with the youth branch of the Nationalist Party (PN), becoming its president at one point.

During his work as a lawyer he specialised in human rights and from 1990 and 1995 he was a member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture.

He was first elected to the Maltese Parliament in 1992 and between 1995 and 1996 served as Minister of Home Affairs, a portfolio that he retook in 1998. In 2004 he was elected deputy leader of the PN and was named as Deputy Prime Minister.

In 2008 he left the Home Affairs Ministry after big appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs while still Deputy PM until his election as European Commissioner.

Dmitry Borisov; Russian, Executive Director, Equal Right to Life Non-Profit-Making Partnership, Russian Federation.

John Bowis; OBE is a former MEP and Member of British Parliament. He currently assumes several leadership positions in the European health policy arena including acting as the President of Health First Europe and Vice-President of the European Health Forum Gastein. From 1987 to 1997, he served as Member of UK Parliament for Battersea, serving two terms in the UK Government as Minister for Health (1992-1996). From 1997 to 1999, John Bowis worked as International Policy Adviser to the World Health Organisation on global campaigns such as 'Nations for Mental Health' and 'Out of the Shadows' dealing with epilepsy. John now acts as an advisor for several organisations in the not-for-profit sector and the healthcare industry including GSK, Conservative Europe Group, the European Alliance for Personalised Medicine, FIPRA, Policy Action and Hanover. He is also Board Member of TBVI, Global Initiative on Psychiatry, Gamian Europe, European Men's Health Forum, SANE, World Federation for Mental Health and Maastricht University European Health Faculty. John is a Patron of the Fund for Epilepsy, Vice President of Diabetes UK and Ambassador of the National Aids trust and Alzheimer's Society. In 1981, John was awarded an Order of the British Empire. He is also an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Royal College of Physicians.

Jacqueline Bowman-Busato; Jacqueline took over as Executive Director of EPPOSI (European Platform for Patients' Organisations, Science and Industry) in July 2010 to drive its new strategic focus on EU health innovation policy. She has over 15 years' experience in the public and private sectors, and association management on an international level, specialising in multi-stakeholder engagement, particularly in the fields of public health and healthcare IT. Jacqueline was previously Communications Director Europe, Middle East and Africa for the Healthcare Information & Management Systems Society (HIMSS); Communications Director for The World of Health IT Conference & Exhibition 2006 & 2007. She has also been Communications Advisor to a number of public health organisations as well as the UN Population Fund (UNFPA). Jacqueline is a Guyanese-(South America) born, British national. She holds degrees in English and French Law, Integrated Communications Management and graduated from the Vlerick Leuven-Ghent Management School in Belgium with a Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Peter Boyle; is a leading epidemiologist, cancer prevention expert and founding President of the International Prevention Research Institute, an independent research institute based in Lyon, France. Peter led the EUROCAN+PLUS project which developed priorities for coordination of cancer research in Europe and held the position of Editor for the World Cancer Report 2008, highlighting the growing global cancer crisis. Boyle led revisions to the European Code against Cancer and has also published widely on the subject of oncology in scientific and medical literature, including textbooks and cancer atlases. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Peter received a BSc, PhD and Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Glasgow, Faculty of Medicine. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Faculty of Public Health and of the Academy of Medical Science. In recognition of his work, Peter has been awarded with honorary membership of several scientific societies and holds honorary Professorships at several prestigious universities. Peter was elected Honorary Member of the Academy of Science of Hungary and is a member of the European Cancer Academy. In 2000, he was awarded the Knight's Cross of Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland for services to Public Health.

Angela Brand; MD PhD MPH, Professor, is Director of the Institute for Public Health Genomics (IPHG) at the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences at Maastricht University, the Netherlands, and Director of the European Centre for Public Health Genomics (ECPHG). Prof. Brand is Coordinator of the Public Health Genomics European Network (PHGEN), President of the Section Public Health Genomics within the European Public Health Association (EUPHA), Editor-in-Chief of the international journal Public Health Genomics, Executive Director of the Public Health Genomics international network GRaPH-Int, Associated Member of the international consortium Public Population Project in Genomics (P3G) on biobanking, Advisory Board Member of Alacris Pharmaceuticals, Advisory Board Member of OncoTrack (IMI), Scientific Consultation Group Member of the European Centre for

Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), and Co-Investigator of PIE (Pharmacogenomics & Innovation in Ethics) within the NIH Pharmacogenetics Research Network (PGRN). Prof. Brand serves as Expert for various organizations such as the European Agency for Reconstruction, the OECD, WHO, the European Commission, the Netherlands Genomics Initiative (NGI), the German Robert Koch-Institut (RKI), Genome Canada, the European Science Foundation. She is Fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation, USA, and of the 21st Century Trust of the Wellcome Trust, UK. She is Pediatrician and Specialist in Public Health Medicine, holds a PhD in pathology (Münster University, Germany) and a Master of Public Health (Johns Hopkins University, USA) and received her habilitation in Public Health Genomics (Bremen University, Germany).

Helmut Brand; Dr. med., Dr. h.c., MSc, MFPH, DLSHTM is Professor of European Public Health and head of the Department of International Health at Maastricht University. He studied Medicine in Düsseldorf and Zürich and earned a Master in Community Medicine from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and London School of Economics. Prof. Brand is a specialist in Public Health Medicine in Germany and the UK. Helmut worked in several Health Authorities and Ministries of Health. For 13 years he was director of the Public Health Institute of North Rhine Westphalia in Germany. Since then European Integration in Health is the main topic of his work. The recent research focus is on the European dimension of cross border health, comparative studies, policy advise and surveillance systems.

Jeni Bremner; Director at EHMA; Holding a degree in philosophy, Jeni Bremner is a trained nurse and health economist who has worked in general health management and as a policy analyst both in the United Kingdom health service and for national and local government. Appointed EHMA Director in 2007, Jeni is responsible for the overall financial responsibility and strategy setting of the European Health Management Association. She has led the development of EHMA's policy portfolio and management improvement activities, and has been involved in a large number of EU-funded projects, with a particular focus on transfer of knowledge and results. Jeni is an experienced moderator and speaker, and has contributed to a high number of publications over the years.

Hannah Brinsden; BSc. RNutr is a Public Health Nutritionist from the United Kingdom. She is the policy and advocacy officer at the International Association for the Study of Obesity (IASO)/International Obesity Task Force (IOTF) where she works to influence international and regional policies on food, nutrition, marketing, obesity and non-communicable diseases. She is also a PhD candidate at City University, London and a 2013 Young Gastein Scholar. Previously Hannah was the lead Nutritionist at Consensus Action on Salt & Health (CASH), a non-profit organisation working to reduce salt consumption in the UK. Hannah is a founding member of Public Health Nutrition UK, a member of the public health theme team at the UK Nutrition Society, as well as a member of World Public Health Nutrition Association and the Association for Nutrition. She also sits on the working party of the Children's Food Campaign which part of Sustain: the Alliance for better food and farming.

Diana I. Brixner; RPh, PhD; is Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacotherapy, College of Pharmacy and Executive Director of the Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research Center, and serves as the Director of Outcomes for the Program in Personalized Health Care at the University of Utah. Her research interests focus on applied outcomes research towards developing evidence for informed decision-making in healthcare, with a recent focus on personalized medicine in cancer. During her career, Dr. Brixner has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals, including the Journal of National Cancer Center Networks, Value in Health, Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety, the American Journal of Managed Care and the Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy, authored three book chapters, has one issued patent, has been an invited speaker at a variety of national and international professional meetings. During her career, Dr. Brixner published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals, including the Journal of National Cancer Center Networks, Value in Health, Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety, and the Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy, written five book chapters, has one issued patent and has been an invited as a speaker at a variety of

national and international professional meetings. She is Past-President of the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) and served on the Board of Directors for the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP). She is currently appointed as a Visiting Professor at the Institute of Public Health, Medical Decision Making and Health Technology Assessment in the Department of Public Health and Health Technology Assessment at UMIT - University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology in Hall i.T., Austria.

Bernhard Bührlen; Dr. phil. (1965) German, psychologist, works as senior scientist and project manager in the department for quality and processes at the Psychiatric University Clinics in Basel. After studying psychology at the University of Freiburg i. Br. with a focus on research methods and health promotion, he worked as evaluation researcher at the Hochrhein-Institute for Rehabilitation Research in Bad Säckingen. Between 2002 and 2010 he was senior scientist and Manager of the Business Unit 'Innovations in the Health System' at the Fraunhofer-Institute for Systems and Innovation Research, Karlsruhe, Germany. Main fields of research were innovations in nutrition and healthcare as well as health technology assessment. He is member of the scientific steering board of the MetaForum 'Innovation for more Health', which is active as a think tank that aims at fostering innovative approaches in health policy, health promotion and healthcare delivery.

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Michael Cashman; Member of the European Parliament

Harry Cayton; OBE, BA, Bphil, DipAnth, FFPH is chief executive of the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care, the statutory body which oversees the regulation and registration of health and care professions in the UK. From 2001-2007 he was National Director for Patients & the Public at the Department of Health following 20 years in the voluntary sector, latterly as chief executive of the Alzheimer's Society. He is member of the World Economic Forum Council on Digital Health, chair of the Patient & Public Involvement Advisory Group of the Commission on Human Medicines, a trustee of Comic Relief, and advisor to several charities.

Gediminas Cerniauskas; Vice Minister of Health, Lithuania

Tsung-Mei Cheng; Princeton University; Tsung-Mei Cheng is Health Policy Research Analyst at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She is an expert on comparative health systems with an emphasis on Asian countries. Cheng writes and lectures internationally on topics ranging from single payer systems, health systems change, health care technology assessment and comparative effectiveness research, health care quality, financing, pay for performance focusing on East Asian health systems, to the impact of the WTO and GATS on national health policy. She is the co-founder of the Princeton Conference, an annual national conference on health policy that brings together the U.S. Congress, government, and the research community on issues affecting health care and health policy in the United States.

Cheng is an adviser to the China National Health Development Research Center (CNHDRC), the official Chinese government think tank for health policy under China's Ministry of Health charged with, among other things, conducting policy-oriented research and making recommendations on national health care development strategy for the Chinese government. She is also an advisor to NICE International, which advises governments and agencies overseas on capacity building for an evidence base to inform national health policy as well as knowledge transfer among decision-makers across national borders.

Cheng is a member of the International Advisory Group of Academy Health and a board member of the America-China Medical Association. Cheng also serves on the International Advisory Board of the Elsevier On-line Encyclopaedia of Health Economics. In 2003 Cheng was an adviser to the Strategic Review Board of the Science and Technology Advisory Group (STAG), a body charged with advising

the Office of the Premier of Taiwan on policies relating to the development of science and technology in Taiwan. Currently she is working on cross-national comparisons of health systems in East Asia focusing on health reforms in China and Taiwan, and comparative effectiveness research in China's latest health reform.

Cheng appears frequently as a commentator in the media, and is the host, writer, and executive editor of the "International Forum," a Princeton University-based television program on international affairs focusing on current global political, economic and security issues, as well as issues concerning global health.

Oleg Chestnov; Dr, was appointed Assistant Director-General for non-communicable Diseases and Mental Health in February 2012. Prior to that, Dr Chestnov was the Deputy Director for International Relations at the Ministry of Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation, a post he occupied from 2005. During his career at the Ministry, Dr Chestnov acquired broad technical experience in public health at both the national and international level. Dr Chestnov held high-level posts as Coordinator for health during the G-8 Presidency of the Russian Federation and Chair of health-related expert groups. Dr Chestnov participated with WHO in the organisation of the 1st Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and non-communicable Diseases Control, which resulted in the Moscow Declaration on NCDs, endorsed by the World Health Assembly in May 2011. A national of the Russian Federation, Dr Chestnov earned a degree in Medicine in 1979 from the Saratov State Medical Institute and a doctorate of Philosophy in Medical Sciences from the Russian Federation in 2008. Dr Chestnov began his career as a physician and worked for 10 years at the primary care level in various states within the former Soviet Union. On joining the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in 1987, Dr Chestnov worked in several countries affected by conflict as well as natural and technical disasters (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, the Russian Federation, the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and Ukraine), where he was engaged in managing the delivery of humanitarian aid assistance.

Shu-Ti Chiu; MD, PhD, MSc, a board-certified family physician and a PhD in Epidemiology, is Director-General of Bureau of Health Promotion, Department of Health, Taiwan and the assistant professor of Institute of Public Health, National Yang-Ming University. She is specialized in preventive medicine and health services research. In 2006, Dr. Chiu and her colleagues established the Taiwan Network of Health Promoting Hospitals. She is the Chair of the Governance Board of the International HPH Network, elected in May 2012 with a term of two years. She is also Chair of the Task Force on Health Promoting Hospitals and Environment and Chair of Working Group on Health Promoting Hospitals and Age-friendly Health Care of the International HPH Network.

Wen-Ta Chiu; Minister, Department of Health, Executive Yuan, R.O.C.(TAIWAN) Professor Chiu serve as the Minister of Department of Health, Executive Yuan, R.O.C.(TAIWAN) on February 9th, 2011. He previously served as president of Taipei Medical University from 2008 to 2011, investigator of National Health Research Institute(Taiwan) since 2005 and guest researcher of NIH (US) from 2009 to 2014. He also has served as superintendent of two TMU-affiliated hospitals and as TMU vice president, chairman of the School of Public Health and director of the Institute of Injury Prevention and Control. Prof. Chiu's extensive service to international academic associations included (1) Former Presidents of Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) and Academy for Multidisciplinary Neurotraumatology (AMN); (2) Former President-elect of Asia-Oceanian Neurotrauma Society (AONTS) and International Society of Reconstructive Neurosurgery (ISRN); (3) secretary of the Neurotraumatology Committee, World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (NTC-WFNS). He serves as an editor for five international journals and as publisher of another international journal. Prof. Chiu graduated from School of Medicine, Chung Shan Medical University (1975). He obtained doctoral degree of epidemiology, University of Pittsburgh, PA, U.S.A., D.MSc of neurology, Nihon University, Tokyo, Japan, and research fellow of neurosurgery, Stanford University, CA, U.S.A.. Professor Chiu has been dedicated to traumatic brain injury (TBI) researches for 30 years. He has completed 82 TBI and related research projects and built a leading global TBI database (184,622 cases), has published more than 400 papers and 30 books and chapters. His publications in TBI rank

number one in Taiwan, and even leading in the Asia and in the world (Scopus). The research results had successfully promoted the legislation for helmet use law in June, 1997. After the law has been implemented for a decade, 3000 people had been saved every year that changed the injury deaths from the third leading cause of deaths in 1996 to the sixth in 2008. Professor Chiu has won more than 10 academic awards included 2012 David P. Rall Award for Advocacy in Public Health, Legacy Laureate of University of Pittsburgh, the 17th Medical Dedication Award, the APACPH Contribution Award, Excellence Research Award of International College of Surgeon (Chicago) twice, the Top 50 Alumni Award at the 50th Anniversary of the University of Pittsburgh, and the 6th Wang Ming-Ning Award, etc.

George Christodoulou; World Federation for Mental Health

Helen Chung; Helen is Head of Health Policy Research at Swiss Re. Her current interests include: the impact of improvements in cancer control on longevity; medicines access policy; and consumer perspectives on innovation in health care. Her background connects medical and actuarial fields with health policy. She worked in the UK National Health Service for 7 years, initially as a hospital doctor and later as an Associate Director in the Centre for Health Technology Evaluation at the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence. She is qualified as an Associate of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, with experience in health insurance at Munich Re and actuarial benefits consulting at Aon.

Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea; Aurel is the Director for Fundamental Rights and Union Citizenship in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Justice. Mr. Ciobanu-Dordea was chief negotiator for Romania's accession to the European Union between December 1999 and January 2001, and held the post of State Secretary within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Romania and, subsequently, was the head of European affairs in Romania. He was also the agent of the Government of Romania for the European Court of Human Rights and, later, for the European and has an LL.M. from the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. from the University of Bucharest

Vincent Clay; EU Government Affairs and Stakeholder Engagement, Pfizer

Jonathan Cohen; Open Society Foundations; is deputy director of the Open Society Public Health Program. From 2002 to 2006, Cohen was a researcher with the HIV/AIDS and Human Rights Program at Human Rights Watch, where he conducted numerous investigations of rights violations linked to the AIDS epidemics in sub-Saharan Africa, southeast Asia, and North America. A Canadian lawyer, Cohen served as a law clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada in 2001 and was co-editor-in-chief of the University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review. He has degrees from Yale College, the University of Cambridge, and the University of Toronto Faculty of Law.

Marco Comaschi; Professor, ICLAS Rapallo, Italy; Marco Comaschi has many years of experience in working with diabetes mellitus patients and in 2011 Dr Comaschi started the Unit of Care for Diabetic Foot in ICLAS - Villa Azzurra in Rapallo (Genoa - Italy). Dr. Comaschi has served as the Director of the Center of Studies and Research of the Italian College of Dialectologists. Dr. Comaschi is a member of the special committee of the Italian Ministry of Health for the National Diabetes Plan. From 2009 he has been the Coordinator of the Chronic Diseases Network Plan of the region of Liguria. He is a member of the Scientific Committee of the Italian Barometer Diabetes Observatory (IBDO), and coordinator for the Basilicata Diabetes Project. Recently, as a member of EUPHA (European Public Health Association) he has been called to participate in the WHO Committee for Treatment of Chronic Diseases in Europe.

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D

Maggie Davies; Maggie is the Executive Director of the Health Action Partnership International (HAPI). HAPI was set up 3 years ago by the Department of Health (UK) to act as a broker to bring together professionals and organisations from across the globe to work on health and its social determinants. In this context, Maggie manages several multi-country projects on behalf of the EU and other international organisations on a range of health related topics.

Maggie is the lead tutor on the Distance Learning MSc in Health Promotion for the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and she is on the board of the People's University. Maggie is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health. Maggie has a record of publication in the field and most recently has been an editor on books on assets and health and governance for health in all policies.

Maggie has been a volunteer for non-government agencies and has been a director of the Terrence Higgins Trust and Rape Crisis, Croydon. She is a Global Vice President for the International Union of Health Promotion and Education. Previously a lecturer in semiotics, Maggie has over 20 years experience of work in the field of public health which has ranged from managing local services, to national government, to large-scale international projects.

Jacques de Haller; MD (1952), Switzerland, has been general practitioner in his own surgery for more than 20 years in Geneva – an urban practice with a majority of elderly or "marginal" patients. In 2004, he was elected President of the Swiss national medical association FMH, until 2012, after having been President of the Swiss Society of General Medicine for 4 years. During his presidency, promoting dialogue among the different partners of the Swiss healthcare system and with the national Authorities, he achieved placing the FMH at the very centre of health politics in Switzerland, giving it an unprecedented role in national politics and in the development of the Swiss healthcare system. He now works as a consultant in health politics and lobbying, and in supporting different associations.

Isabel de la Mata was born in Bilbao (Spain). She graduated in Medicine at the University of Basque Country in 1983 and holds post-graduate degrees from the University of Leuven and Paris VI. She is specialist in Preventive Medicine and Public Health. She worked at the Ministry of Health of Spain and at the Regional Departments of Health in the Basque Country and in Madrid. She has an experience working with International Organisations, such as the WHO, Pan American Health Organisation and Inter-American Development Bank. From 2004 until February 2008 she worked at the Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU. Since 1 March 2008 she works as Principal Adviser for Public Health at Directorate SANCO – Health & Consumers.

Paul de Raeve; born in Belgium; Paul De Raeve graduated as registered nurse in 1984. He obtained a Master degree in Nursing Science at the Free University of Brussels in 1989. In 1996 he received a Master degree in Statistics from the Catholic University of Brussels. He is actually Doctoral Student at the Kings College University of London. Since 1984 Paul De Raeve worked full time as a Registered Nurse in a centre for children with muscular disease. He was a Head nurse Neonatology in the Al Hada Hospital in Saudi Arabia from 1990 up to 1992. On his return from the Middle East, he was appointed as a staff manager at the Free University hospital of Brussels, part-time delegated to the Belgium Ministry of Health and Environment. He was responsible for developing a national comparable data warehouse for nursing, introducing qualitative indicators within the hospital financing system and providing data for the political decision-making process.

In 2002, Paul De Raeve was appointed as General Secretary of the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN). EFN activities relate to the promotion and protection of nurses and the nursing profession with particular reference to the EU and Europe. Working towards this mission includes ensuring that nursing is central in the development, implementation and evaluation of the European Health Policy in the field of education, workforce, and quality and safety. Outcomes are achieved in partnership with other health providers, patients' organisations, civil society and many other European stakeholders.

Giulia Del Brenna; (1970), Italian, Political Sciences & European Affairs; Adviser / Cluster Coordinator for Public Health in the Task Force for Greece; Head of the Food and Healthcare industries, Biotechnology Unit in DG Enterprise and Industry (ENTR.F.5 from 2008); has been working for the European Commission in a number of positions since 1996.

Dessislava Dimitrova; former Deputy Minister of Health, Bulgaria

Corinne Duguay; Vice-President European Public Affairs, Sanofi ; Corinne Duguay is a medical doctor. She began her career as a specialist in rheumatology. In 1995, she joined the French affiliate of Sanofi where she held positions in various areas: medical (rheumatology and cardio-vascular), pharmaco-economics and market access. From 2007 to 2009, she held the position of Vice-President Public Affairs for Sanofi France, in charge of market access and institutional relations. In 2009, she was appointed Vice-President European Public Affairs for sanofi Europe. Corinne Duguay is also Head of the Sanofi Brussels Office since 2010.

E

Falk Ehmann; MD, PhD, MSc, is currently working in the Scientific Support and Project Section of the European Medicines Agency (EMA). His main responsibilities include holding the Scientific Secretariat of the Innovation Task Force promoting Innovation and new methodologies in drug development and being involved in the development of policies, guidelines and the annual working program in these areas. Areas of expertise include Pharmacogenomics, Nanomedicines and Borderline and Combined Medicinal Products (including Devices), and other -omics especially in connection with Personalised Medicine. He has special expertise in the development of Similar Biological Medicinal Products with focus on monoclonal antibodies and Vaccines. He held various positions and responsibilities at the EMA since 2004, including Scientific Advice during product development and working in the Oncology and Anti-Infectives therapeutic area of the EMA Unit for Human Medicines Development and Evaluation. Prior to joining the EMA Dr. Ehmann was a Public Health Researcher at the Robert Koch Institute in Berlin and Medical Intern at different University Hospitals including Bordeaux, Munich, Berlin, Geneva and Tanzania where he achieved his Master in Public and International Health. Falk Ehmann wrote his PhD thesis on Molecular Intra Cellular Cell Signaling in the department for Cellular Signal Transduction at the University Hospital Hamburg-Eppendorf in the Centre of Experimental Medicine of the Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Tamas Evetovits; Dr. Senior Health Financing Specialist and Acting Head of the Barcelona Office of the WHO Regional Office for Europe. He is leading WHO's technical assistance to member states on health financing in the European region. Prior to joining WHO he worked as director of international programs at the Health Services Management Training Center at Semmelweis University, Budapest, where he was responsible for the World Bank Institute's regional Flagship courses delivered jointly by Semmelweis University, WBI and WHO Europe. He has extensive experience in training and consultancy in the areas of health financing policy and capacity building in countries of Central and Eastern Europe. In particular, his main area of professional interest is in provider payment reforms and coordination of care across the vertical spectrum of health service provision. He is a medical doctor by training and holds two MSc degrees in the areas of health policy and management from Semmelweis University (Budapest) and the University of London.

F

Nick Fahy; Nick is an independent consultant in health policy and innovation, supporting clients across the public and private sector ranging from individual hospitals to global organisations such as A&R Edelman, and from local and national governments to the World Health Organization. Particular achievements include teaching European health issues within a training programme for the Italian regions, publishing analysis highlighting the health systems impact of the Eurozone 'bailout' programmes, and co-directing a summer school on health system responses to ageing for the European Observatory on health systems and policies. Nick Fahy has over fifteen years of experience at senior level in European health policy, including ten years in the Health and Consumers Directorate-General of the European Commission, most recently as head of unit for health information. During his time in the Commission, he led the development of major European initiatives such as the multi-stakeholder European Partnership for Action Against Cancer, and represented the European Union in international forums such as the World Health Assembly. Nick also contributes to academic work, both through his own PhD research at Queen Mary University of London and as a visiting lecturer at Maastricht University and at Management Centre Innsbruck.

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Alessandra Ferrario; is a Swiss citizen and Research Officer in pharmaceutical and health policy at the London School of Economics. Her research focuses on access to medicines and non-communicable diseases. One of her current research projects looks at improving budget impact and cost-effectiveness of pharmaceutical products through the introduction of managed entry and risk-sharing agreements. She is also studying the burden and management of diabetes, both from a health and economic perspective, as part of a multi-country study in low- and middle-income countries. As part of her work on access to medicines, Alessandra is working with the World Health Organization on issues around availability, affordability and quality of medicines in the Republic of Moldova. She is a PhD candidate and holds an MSc in Health Policy, Planning and Financing (LSE/LSHTM), MSc in Epidemiology (Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, University of Basel) and BSc in Molecular Biology (University of Basel).

Josep Figueras; MD, MPH, PhD (econ) Spanish, is the Director of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and head of the WHO European Centre on Health Policy in Brussels. In addition to WHO, he has served other major multilateral organizations such as the European Commission and the World Bank. He is a member of several advisory and editorial boards and has served as advisor in more than forty countries within the European region and beyond. He is member of APHEA board of accreditation; honorary fellow of the UK faculty of public health medicine, has

twice been awarded the EHMA prize, and in 2006 received the Andrija Stampar Medal. He was head of the MSc in Health Services Management at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and he is currently visiting professor at Imperial College, London. His research focuses on comparative health system and policy analysis and is editor of the European Observatory series published by Open University Press. He has published several volumes in this field, the last two: Health systems, health and wealth: assessing the case for investing in health systems (2012) and Health professional mobility and health systems (2011).

Katrín Fjeldsted; was born 1946 in Reykjavík, Iceland. She completed her general practice training in 1979 (United Kingdom) after receiving her Medical Degree from the University of Iceland in 1973. She has been a family physician at Efstaleiti Health Centre since 1980. She was the assistant Reykjavík City Medical Officer 1979-1980. Her political, social and civic activities are as follows: Member of Reykjavík City Council 1982-1994, member of the City Executive Council 1986-1994, Chairman of the Icelandic College of Family Physicians 1995-1999, Member of Board of the Icelandic Medical Association 1997-1999, Head of the Icelandic delegation to CPME since 2000, elected internal auditor for the CPME in April 2001, re-elected 2003, elected CPME Vice President for 2006-2007, re-elected for 2008-2009 and elected treasurer 2010-2012. Member of Althingi for the Reykjavík constituency 1999-2003, Deputy parliamentarian 1995-1999 and 2003-2007, Member of the Standing Committee on Judicial and Ecclesiastical Affairs 1999-2003, Member of the Standing Committee on Health and Social Security 1999-2003, Member of the Standing Committee on the Environment 1999-2003, Substitute member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs 1999-2003. Vice-Chairman of the Icelandic Delegation to the Western European Union Assembly 1999-2003, Substitute member of the Icelandic EFTA-delegation since 1999-2003, Member of the Icelandic parliamentary delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in 1999 and 2000, Member of the Icelandic delegation to the U.N. conference on sustainable development in Johannesburg S-Africa in 2002. She was also a book critic for the Morgunbladid daily newspaper for many years and translated (with Dr. Egilsson) the play Amadeus by Peter Shaffer in 1980. She got married to Dr. Valgarður Egilsson in 1967. They have had 4 children, 3 of whom are alive. There are 6 grandchildren.

Angus Forbes; Professor, King's College London, FEND Chair of Diabetes Nursing, UK. Professor Forbes holds the FEND Chair of Diabetes Nursing. He is based at King's college London and has held an honorary post as a specialist diabetes nurse at King's College Hospital since 2003. Professor Forbes is an active researcher in diabetes. His recent studies include: a national scoping project on diabetes care and organisation; an assessment of the nursing contribution to chronic disease management (diabetes); and the relationship between cognitive impairment and diabetic retinopathy. Professor Forbes also runs a wide range of different courses for health professionals in diabetes. He has an interest in E-health and psychological interventions in diabetes. Angus was previously a senior lecturer in diabetes at King's College London and a lecturer in health services research at University College London Medical School.

G

Gauden Galea; World Health Organization

Detlev Ganten; MD, PhD; President World Health Summit Charité Berlin, Chairman of the Board, Charité Foundation. Professor Ganten was born in Lüneburg in 1941. He studied medicine at the universities of Würzburg, Montpellier (France) and Tübingen. After taking his degree, he spent several years as a research scientist at the Clinical Research Institute in Montreal (Canada), and earned his Ph.D. at McGill University. In 1975 Detlev Ganten was appointed Professor at the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Heidelberg. From 1991 to 2004 Professor Ganten was the founding director and president of the Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (MDC) Berlin-Buch. He also was Director of the Department of Pharmacology at the Benjamin Franklin Medical

Center of the Free University of Berlin. From 2004 to 2008 Professor Ganten was Chief Executive Officer at the “Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin”, the joint medical faculty of the Free University and Humboldt University of Berlin. Since 2005 Professor Ganten is the Chairman of the Board of the Charité Foundation. Since 2009 he is also Chairman of the joint Board of Trustees of the Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces and of the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology. As a research scientist in the field of hypertension, Professor Ganten elucidated fundamental mechanisms of the pathophysiology and molecular biology of high blood pressure. His area of research include the hormonal regulation of blood pressure, especially the renin-angiotensin system, and the molecular genetics of cardiovascular diseases.

Pascal Garel; (1966), French, Political Science, Law, Hospital Management; Chief Executive of the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation (HOPE) in Brussels; member of the Association des Directeurs d’Hôpital.

Adonis Georgiades; Minister of Health, Greece

Paul Giepmans; Dutch, Paul Giepmans has been involved with a wide range of project and policy issues, including FP7 management, which has given him significant experience in managing multi-country initiatives and consortia. He also contributed to the dissemination work of EU-funded projects, providing expertise on and setting up the facilitation of high-level knowledge exchange between stakeholders, target groups and the project consortium. He has particular expertise in health workforce policy and management, and a keen interest in the development of sustainable and effective healthcare services.

Sylvain Giraud; Head of Unit, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission

Cecile Greboval; Secretary General of the European Women’s Lobby

A French national, Cécile Gréboval holds a master degree in European Public Policies from the Institute for Political Studies in Strasbourg, and an academic background spanning also law and gender studies. She lived in France, The Netherlands and Germany before moving to Brussels.

Cécile joined the European Women’s Lobby, the largest umbrella organisation of women’s association in Europe, in 1996. Starting as Information Officer, she has occupied different positions in the EWL Secretariat since then.

An experienced public policy expert, Cécile has been responsible for the work of the EWL related to European gender equality legislation, women in decision-making and women’s rights in an international context. Cécile is also a member of the UN Women Global Civil Advisory Society Group. Since January 2009, Cécile played a key role contributing to the strategic development of the European Women’s Lobby, in support of the leadership, including in terms of management, liaising with the membership, advising and producing strategic policy input, contributing to fundraising and representing the organisation externally. Cécile was appointed Secretary General of the EWL in 2011.

Scott Greer; Ph.D., a political scientist, does research on the consequences for health policy and the welfare state of federalism, decentralization, and European integration. He has done research on health politics and policy in the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, France, Germany and Spain as well as EU politics and policy. Before coming to Michigan, he taught at the University of London. He currently directs a two-year project on the consequences for health services and political participation of elections to health boards in Scotland, is editing two books (on decentralization in health care with Joan Costa I Font of the LSE and on EU public health policy, with Paulette Kurzer of the University of Arizona), and is writing a book with Margitta Maetzke of Johannes Kepler University Linz on the role of the state in English, German and American health care.

H

Ernst Hafen; PhD (1983) Swiss, is a Professor of Systems Genetics at ETH Zurich and former President of ETH. In addition to 26 years of academic research, he has founded and advised several biotechnology companies. He endeavours to assist scientific discovery and its efficient translation into products that help society and the economy. As a trained geneticist, Ernst Hafen has a strong interest in human genetics and personalized medicine. He posits that an individual's control over his or her personal health data will be a key asset for better and more effective health care. In 2012 he acted as a founding member of the Association Data and Health ([DatenundGesundheit.ch](http://www.datenundgesundheit.ch/)) whose aim it is to discuss legal, ethical and societal issues about health data ownership and to find commercial models permitting owners not third parties to benefit from their personal data assets.

Esko Hänninen; graduated with a MSc in Social Sciences and from the University of Jyväskylä (Finland) and has taken part in post-graduation studies in Helsinki School of Economics, College of Europe & Bundesakademie für Öffentliche Verwaltung (Austria). During the last 40 years he has held leading positions of Finland's social welfare and health policy administration at local, regional, national and international levels. He has accumulated a large spectrum of expertise, e.g. dissemination of social and health service innovations, disability and mental health (MH) policy. Until his retirement in spring 2009 he was full-time Director of Unit for Inclusion and Accessibility of the Finish National Institute for Welfare and Health (THL). He is a board member of the worldwide Clubhouse International (formerly ICCD), chair of WG research of the Clubhouse Europe (formerly EPCD), and board member of the Association for Clubhouses in Helsinki which is running two mental health rehabilitation Clubhouses.

John Hearne; IBM

Svenja Herrmann; World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe

Anke-Peggy Holtorf; Managing Director, Health Outcomes Strategies GmbH, Basel, Switzerland. Dr. Holtorf is the founder of Health Outcomes Strategies. Her areas of expertise is value based market access strategies for the Life-Science Industry including policy decisions on healthcare products, reimbursement strategies, outcomes research and health economics, health technology assessment processes, payer interactions, product / service synergies, and targeted therapies.

Dr. Holtorf has served as visiting faculty at the University of Utah between 2006 and 2007 and remains adjunct faculty in the Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research Center at the University of Utah College of Pharmacy, where she in addition to her academic contributions participated as investigator in a variety of outcomes studies. She has published broadly, among others on subjects of evidence based decision making and quality control in healthcare. As member of the Health Technology Assessment international Association (HTAi) and the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) she is engaged in the Health Technology Assessment working groups for pharmaceuticals, medical devices and diagnostics and in the Personalized Medicine workgroup. Dr. Holtorf has also been appointed as evaluator at the EU-commission on multiple occasions.

Dr. Holtorf obtained her PhD in natural sciences from the University of Marburg (Germany) and her MBA from the University of Birmingham (United Kingdom). She looks back on over 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical and chemical industry in research and marketing with global responsibilities. Among others, she was responsible for the global Disease Management strategy and activities of Novartis Pharma, AG. Between 2000 and 2004, Dr. Holtorf managed the biotech business unit of a mid-sized Swiss chemical company and held a seat in the executive committee.

Denis Horgan; European Alliance for Personalised Medicine

Michael Hübel; Head of Unit, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission; Michael undertook his primary and secondary education in Germany and the United States. He majored in Political Science then studied Public Law and History in Bonn/Germany and Canberra/Australia. Following that he worked in a number of different German youth and social welfare organisations. Between 1989 and 1995 he worked in the Social Welfare Division of the German Red Cross, initially in the Social Policy Unit, then as the European Representative of the German Red Cross. He has been working for the European Commission since 1995, initially in DG V (Employment and Social Affairs); but since 2000 in the DG Health and Consumer Protection, Public Health Directorate. He worked on general health policy analysis and development until 2003, but since September 2003 he has been working in the Health Determinants unit, with responsibility for social and environmental determinants of health. In June 2004 he became Deputy Head of Unit, then in November 2005 he was appointed Head of Unit (with responsibilities including nutrition and physical activity, mental health, addictions (alcohol and drugs), HIV/AIDS, and wider determinants of health).

I

Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous; MA, Finnish, is Senior Policy Adviser at the European Patients' Forum (EPF). She is responsible for leading EPF's policy formulation and advocacy work at EU level; policy analysis and advice, liaising with the EU institutions and stakeholder organisations, and developing EPF's advocacy strategy. Her areas of responsibility include patient empowerment and improving the quality of healthcare services; clinical trials; cross-border healthcare; the EU regulatory framework on pharmaceuticals; and patient safety. She has previously worked in EU health policy, patient advocacy and external communications roles in the private and non-profit sector. EPF is a not-for-profit, independent umbrella organisation of patients' organisations in the EU, currently with 61 member organisations active in public health and health advocacy. Its mission is to ensure the patients' community drives policies and programmes that affect patients' lives, to bring the changes needed to empower them to be equal citizens in the EU.

J

Zsuzsanna Jakab; Hungarian, WHO Regional Director for Europe, leads and guides the work of WHO in the European Region, and manages the Regional Office. From 2005-2010 Ms Jakab served as the founding Director of the European Union's European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) in Stockholm, Sweden. Between 2002 and 2005, Ms Jakab was State Secretary at the Hungarian Ministry of Health, Social and Family Affairs, managing the country's preparations for European Union accession in the area of Public Health; and from 1991 and 2002, Zsuzsanna Jakab worked at WHO's Regional Office in a range of senior management roles. Ms Jakab holds a Master's degree from the Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest; a postgraduate degree from the University of Political Sciences, Budapest; a diploma in Public Health from the Nordic School of Public Health, Gothenburg, Sweden; and a postgraduate diploma from the National Institute of Public Administration and Management, Hungary. She began her career in Hungary's Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in 1975, being responsible for external affairs, including relations with WHO.

Kevin Jones; an Irish national, is the current Secretary General of EUFAMI (European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness). His current positions include: Council Member of Shine Ireland, which supports people with mental ill health and their families; member of the Mental Health Tribunals in Ireland and a national organiser with ACROSS Ireland, a voluntary organisation for persons with physical disabilities. He is also the Co-Chair of REFOCUS, the College of Psychiatry of Ireland Service User and Family Member/Carers forum. His former positions include acting Chair of the Board of Beaumont Hospital in Ireland between 1997 and 2000; member of the

Irish Health and Social Care Professionals Council, and the national Chairperson and Treasurer of Shine from 2000-2008. Kevin was a board member of Children in Hospital Ireland in addition to having worked in a number of high profile international information technology and communication companies.

K

Karin Kadenbach; Karin is an Austrian social democratic politician. She is Member of the European Parliament since 2009. Within the Parliament, she is member of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, the Committee on Regional Development as well as the Committee und Agriculture and Rural Development. Furthermore Karin Kadenbach is member of the Delegation for the Relations with the countries of South Asia and substitute Member in the Delegation for the Relations to the United States of America. Prior to joining the European Parliament in 2009, Ms. Kadenbach served for sixteen years as municipal councillor in her municipality Großmugl and was a member of the Lower Austrian Regional Assembly for seven years. From 2007 to 2008, she was regional minister, holding the portfolio "health and nature protection" in the Lower Austrian Regional Assembly. After graduating in Advertising and Marketing (university course) at Vienna University of Economics and Business, she worked at J. W. Thompson advertising agency. Karin Kadenbach lives in Großmugl and Brussels and is a mother of five children

Zoltán Kaló; is an Associate Professor at the Department of Health Policy and Health Economics, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. He is a program director of postgraduate courses in Pharmaceutical Policy and Pharmacoeconomics and in Health Policy, Planning and Financing. Dr. Kaló is also the founder and CEO of Syreon Research Institute, an international research corporation specializing in health economic modelling and technology assessment. He is member of ISPOR Board of Directors (<http://www.ispor.org/board/index.asp>), Chair of the ISPOR CEE Network Executive Committee, founding member and previous president of the Hungarian Health Economics Association, Board Member of the Hungarian Society of Personalized Medicine. He graduated from the Budapest University of Economics (Bachelor of Economics), the Semmelweis Medical University (Medical Doctor), the University of York (MSc in Health Economics). Later he received scientific degrees from the Semmelweis University (PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences) and Eötvös Loránd University (DrHabil in Sociology).

He has more than 15 years of international experience in academia and industry, specializing in health systems design, health technology assessment, outcomes research, economic modelling and pricing policies of healthcare technologies. Dr. Kaló serves as a policy advisor to public decision-makers and global health care corporations.

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Ingrid Keller; Executive Agency for Health and Consumers, European Commission

Patricia Kelly; Journalist

Barbara Kerstiöns; MD, MPH is the head of the Public Health Section within the unit of Infectious Diseases and Public health in the Health Directorate of the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation at the European Commission. She has a long experience in international public health, working for Médecins Sans Frontières, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public health and DG Development and Cooperation of the European Commission. She recently joined DG Research and Innovation. Her main interests lie in health services organisation and management.

R Khabriev; Institute of Public Healthcare, Russian Federation

Morten Kjaerum; (1957) Danish, is Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in Vienna since 2008. He was the founding Director of the Danish Institute for Human Rights and developed it within 17 years from a small organisation to a large internationally recognized institution. Mr. Kjaerum was a member (2002-2008) of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and was a member of the EU network of independent experts responsible for monitoring compliance with the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (2002-2006). In 2004, he was elected chair of the International Coordinating Committee for National Human Rights Institutions. From 1986 until today, he has written extensively on issues related to a number of human rights issues and in particular refugee law, the prohibition against racial discrimination and the role of national human rights institutions. In 2013, Mr. Kjaerum was awarded an honorary professorship at the University of Aalborg, Denmark.

Ab Klink; is a former Dutch politician of Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA). He was Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport in the Fourth Balkenende cabinet. He is currently professor at the Free University in Amsterdam.

Hans Kluge; is a Belgian trained medical doctor with a Masters degree in Public Health. He has a wealth of country and management experience spanning several WHO Regions (Myanmar, Liberia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Caucasus, Russia/ Siberia, Central Asian Republics). Previously based in the WHO Country Office in Myanmar and the WHO Director-General's Special Representative Office in Russia, Hans has a background in health systems, public health and infectious diseases. Between 1999-2004, Hans also served as the Special UN Representative for TB and TB/HIV Control in the Russian Federal Penitentiary System. Hans moved to the WHO Regional Office, Copenhagen in 2009 when he was recruited to the position of Unit Head, Country Policies and Systems and has since worked also as the Regional Director's Special Representative to Combat M/XDR-TB in the WHO European Region. In 2010, he was appointed as the Director, Division of Health Systems and Public Health. His portfolio includes the following technical programmes: human resources for health, public health services, health system governance (including health system performance assessment), health service delivery, health financing, pharmaceuticals and health technologies, and (multidrug resistant) tuberculosis. Dr Kluge is the health systems focal point at WHO Europe for two cross-Divisional programmes: Health System Strengthening for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases and MDR-TB. Hans is also the focal point for the organization of the upcoming regional high level technical conferences on the financial crisis in Oslo, April 2013, hosted by the Norwegian Government and on the 5th anniversary of the Tallinn Charter on Health Systems for Health and Wealth in Tallinn, October 2013 hosted by the Estonian Government. He is based at the WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen.

Sandra Kooij; Expertise Centre Adult ADHD

Kirstine Korsager; Danish, Ministry of Health; Co-ordination of processes in political negotiations on the financial bill and political negotiations between the Danish Government and the Danish Regions that operates the hospital sector, including formulating final agreements and preparing press material. Supporting the Government Committee on Better Incentives in the Health Care Sector, including preparation of committee meetings and conducting analysis on (1) how to set up incentives that stimulate continuity and coordination and (2) how to promote a simultaneous focus on economy

and quality. Formulating the Ministry's transparency reform which entails maximum visibility and transparency on results in the healthcare sector.

Monika Kosińska; Monika is the Secretary General of the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA), a non-governmental organisation committed to bringing about change to national and EU policy that impacts on health, social justice and equity. Recent areas of work include global complexity theory, emerging social and technological changes, rethinking corporate and economic governance and cooperative approaches to delivering social and economic change. Monika was appointed as Secretary General in recognition for her strong leadership and management in the public and private sector, working towards improving public policy to achieve better health outcomes. She was previously acting Executive Director of a Think Tank working in the US, France and the UK to develop new thinking on future population challenges to health, International Corporate Affairs Manager at a global retailer working globally with senior company executives to improve understanding and relations with national authorities and local stakeholders, and a founder and Co-Chair of EUREGHA, bringing together local and regional authorities from across Europe working on health. Her experience in high-level and strategic representation includes being a board member for the Health and Environmental Alliance, the Civil Society Contact Group, the European Bachelor and Master in Public Health programme at Maastricht University, and former chair of the Action for Global Health network. In addition, she is a member of the EY Alcohol and Health Forum, EU platform for action on diet, physical activity and health, the EU Health Policy Forum, and the DG SANCO Stakeholder Dialogue group. She holds a first class degree in Social Sciences, MA in International Peace and Security and was educated at Liverpool, Bonn and King's College London. A first generation immigrant to the United Kingdom, she speaks Polish, English and German fluently and can communicate in an additional five languages.

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P Luhan; Member of the European Parliament

Fergal Lynch; Deputy Secretary General, Department of Health, Ireland

Kathleen Lynch; T.D., Minister for Disability, Equality, Mental Health and Older People at the Department of Health and Department of Justice, Equality and Defence. Appointed on 10th March 2011. Minister Lynch was elected to Cork Corporation in 1985 and first elected to Dáil Eireann in 1994. She was subsequently elected again in 2002 and has retained her seat since. Minister Lynch was a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, 2007, Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights 2002-2007 and member of Joint Committee on Enterprise and Small Business, 2002 - May 2006. Married with 4 children.

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Luis Mendao; European AIDS Treatment Group

Bernard Merkel; European Commission

Gay Mitchell; Member of the European Parliament

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Concerning health literacy consultancy Kristine Sørensen has engaged with WHO, Council of Europe, European Parliament, the Healthy City Network, the Joint Venture on Health Literacy and a variety of other private and public networks and institutions. She is currently the focal point of Health Literacy Europe. She has been a guest lecturer in the European Public Health programme and at the Centre for European Studies at Maastricht University; Copenhagen University and National School of Public Health in Lisbon. Kristine Sørensen has received two research awards and held several organizational honorary positions at national, regional and world level. Currently she is member of the programme organization committee of the Netherlands School of Primary Care Research (CaRe); and the board of commissioners in Kindante – a foundation for fifty primary schools in the Netherlands.

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Key international posts held by Dr. Sprenger include founding Chairman of the ECDC Management Board's (2004 – 2008), and member of the Executive Board of the International Association of Public Health Institutes (IANPHI) (2008-2010). Dr. Sprenger is a medical microbiologist with a degree in

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Dr Sprenger has authored, co-authored or contributed to more than 100 publications. His academic publications include work in diverse areas such as epidemiology, influenza, virology, health economics and antimicrobial resistance.

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Kirsten Steinhausen; European Science Foundation

Alois Stöger; Minister of Health, Austria.

Education and training: apprenticeship as a machinist, final apprenticeship examination in the trades of toolmaker and lathe operator, 1986-87 Social Academy of the Chamber of Labour, Vienna, 1995-96 European Trade Unions Academy, 1997-2000 Degree Course in Social Practice at Marc Bloch University Strasbourg and Linz, graduated with the Diplômé des Hautes Etudes des Pratiques Sociales; professional experience: 1975-79 apprenticeship as machinist at Voest Alpine, 1979-1986 skilled worker, 1986-2008 secretary of the Austrian Metalworkers, Miners and Energy Supply Workers Trade Union, 2005-08 Chairman of the Upper Austrian Regional Health Insurance Fund, since 2008 Austrian Minister of Health.

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Miklós Szócska; Dr. Miklós Szócska is Minister of State for Health at the Ministry of National Resources of the Republic of Hungary since June 2010. Miklós graduated at Semmelweis University of Medicine in 1989. His interest in the management of health services organisations emerged in the late '80s when he was a student president elected from the opposition. After graduation, he and his colleagues initiated the creation of the Health Services Management Training Centre. Since then Dr. Szócska has leading responsibilities in the development of the Centre as an institution and the development and implementation of its training programmes.

Between 1995, the official creation of the Centre and June 2000, he was responsible for the every day operations as deputy director. In June 2000 he has been appointed as acting director of the Centre, of which he became the director in October 2009. Next year, in 2010 he has been appointed as dean of the Faculty of Health and Public Administration of the Semmelweis University in Budapest. He also had critical role in establishing the Centre's international relationships and recognition. At present, the Centre also serves as the Partner Institute of the World Bank Institute for its Flagship programme on health reform and sustainable financing. He serves on the boards of the European Health Management Association and the European Health Property Network. The Centre is the Hungarian representative in the European Health Property Network, the organisation that aims the renewal of European health infrastructure investment strategy.

His research activities cover various domains of health management and policy. His recent research projects address the critical aspects of management of change, migration of health professionals and the implications of social network studies on the organisation of health care systems.

He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a Ph.D. from the Semmelweis University in the field of change management.

Among other public service duties, Dr. Miklós Szócska was member of the Supervisory Board of the National Health Insurance Fund in 1992-1993, elected by National Parliament.

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Els Torreele; Els is the director of the Open Society Public Health Program's Access to Essential Medicines Initiative. Torreele graduated as a bioengineer and obtained a PhD in applied biological sciences from the Free University Brussels. As a research and development coordinator at the Flanders Interuniversity Institute for Biotechnology, she worked on policy issues related to biomedical research agenda-setting, patenting of research findings, and the commercialization of biotechnology research. Torreele joined the Médecins Sans Frontières Access to Essential Medicines Campaign in its pioneering years as chair of the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Working Group, a think tank to come up with new ideas to foster needs-driven research and development of treatments for diseases that primarily affect developing countries. A key outcome of this group was the creation in 2003 of the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi), a non-profit drug development organization which she joined as a founding team member. At DNDi, Torreele was responsible for several research and development projects from discovery through clinical trials, including capacity strengthening for research in endemic countries, and international advocacy for increased research and development for neglected diseases.

Olaf Tscharnetzki; Unilever

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Ewout van Ginneken; Ph.D., a 2011-12 Dutch Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice, is senior researcher at the European Observatory/WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Systems Research and Management, Berlin University of Technology. Previously, he was a lecturer in finance and management at the Instituto Tecnológico y Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico. Van Ginneken is co-author of 8 books, including the last two European Observatory Health Systems in Transition (HiT) books on the Dutch health care system and reforms. With a team of U.S. researchers, led by Thomas Rice, professor of health services at the University of California, Los Angeles, van Ginneken is currently working on the first European Observatory HiT review of the U.S. health care system. Van Ginneken holds a doctorate in public health from Berlin University of Technology and a master's in health sciences and health policy and administration from Maastricht University.

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Frank Vanbiervliet; Doctors of the World

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Olivia Wigzell; Deputy Director General, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden; Before this she was director at the National Board of Health and Welfare. She has been an investigator for the Government, which resulted in a report on Equal healthcare and a report on stewardship, governance and division of responsibilities in the Swedish healthcare sector. She was also County Council Commissioner in the Greater Stockholm Region and, after that, vice Mayor in the City of Stockholm. She has a university degree in political science and communication.

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Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch; Executive Coordinator, European Science Foundation

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V Yanin; Minister of Public Health Krasnoyarsk Region , Russian Federation

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SW Yau; CEO John Tung Foundation

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Thomas Zeltner; former Secretary of Health of Switzerland and Director-General of the Swiss National Health Authority (1991-2009), has a long history as an innovative and progressive leader in public health. He currently serves as Special Envoy of the World Health Organization (WHO). In this capacity he advises the Director General of WHO Margaret Chan in critical areas of the current reform of this UN agency (how to cooperate with NGO's, academia and the private sector without compromising WHO's integrity; how to better align WHO's priorities with the monies available to finance them). He is Co-Founder of the Global Patient Safety Forum, a convening organization of the world leading patient safety organizations and is Managing Editor of the Journal of Patient Safety. He is also member of the Global Agenda Council on Digital Health of the World Economic Forum (WEF). He is a member of the board of Interacademy Medical Panel (iamp) and of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences. Since 1992, he has been Professor of Public Health at the University of Berne and is a Visiting Scientist at the Harvard School of Public Health (Boston). He chairs the Advisory Board of the Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute in Geneva and lectures health diplomacy there. As Secretary of State for Health, Zeltner regularly represented Switzerland at the World Health Assemblies (1991-2009). He was a member and Vice-President of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (1999-2002) and chaired many committees, such as the open ended intergovernmental group to review the working methods of the Executive Board (2001-03) and the committee on multinational tobacco companies and their attempt to undermine tobacco control activities of the World Health Organization (2000). He was instrumental in establishing and implementing a common Health Foreign Policy between the Swiss Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Health (2006). As Director-General of the Federal Office of Public Health of Switzerland he was a key actor in Swiss health policy. He has presided over changes to transform the regulated market model of the Swiss health care sector into a more value and consumer driven health care system. The Swiss model of health care, which guarantees access to a comprehensive benefit package to all residents, is gaining increased international interest and attention. Thomas Zeltner is born in Bern (Switzerland) in 1947. He graduated with an MD and a Master's degree in Law from the University of Bern. He is a 2010 Fellow of the Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative.