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## A

**Shpend Ahmeti;** completed his master studies in Public Policy at the University of Harvard, US, during 2002-2004, with a major on political and economic development. Shpend completed his graduate studies on Economy and Business Administration at the American University in Bulgaria during 1996-2000, with a master in Applied Economics and Business Administration. From December 2013, Shpend was elected as the Mayor of the city of Prishtina, where he continuously fights for clean governance through policy-making, with an emphasis on wellbeing and the healthcare area.

**Christoph Aluttis;** completed his Master's studies on Public Policy Analysis at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance in 2009. In 2010 he joined the Department of International Health at Maastricht University to work on a review of EU member states' capacities to develop and implement public health policies and interventions. Christoph was further involved in a Council of Europe project which reviewed citizen's participation in public health and health care decision making. Currently, he is working on his PhD dissertation on the role of Europe in a global health context. Christoph is also the secretary of 'Global Health Europe', a think tank for European engagement in global health.

**Antonio L. Andreu Pérez;** born in Barcelona, 26th of November 1960. Graduate in Medicine and Surgery of the "Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona" in 1984. Doctor of medicine from the same University in 2000. Fellow in residency training programme in the speciality of Clinical Biochemistry at the Vall d'Hebron Hospital during the period 1986-1988. Specialist physician assigned to the Department of Biochemistry from 1989. During the period 1998-2001 he moved to Columbia University in New York in order to work in the area of mitochondrial diseases. Since 2001 was responsible for the Laboratory of Genetics of Neuromuscular Diseases at the Hospital Vall d'Hebron in Barcelona, also in the period 2006-2010 he was research coordinator in Neuroscience of the Research Institute Vall d'Hebrón. In 2011, he was appointed Director of the Molecular Medicine Programme at the same Hospital and in October of the same year he obtained a position as Clinical Chief in the Department of Biochemistry. He has been Principal Investigator and collaborator researcher in 20 research programmes in the context of the activities of the Research, Development and Innovation National Plan (Plan Nacional I+D+i). He was Group Coordinator of the Thematic Network of Cooperative Research Mitochondrial Diseases of the National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII), and Group Coordinator of the Centre for Biomedical Network Research on Rare Diseases (CIBERER). He has directed six PhD theses and authored 147 international scientific publications in the area of neuromuscular diseases. He is the author of 82 communications to scientific congresses and 11 book chapters. He has been awarded seven research awards in the genetics field and has also been rapporteur of the Live Science Area in the Monitoring Committee of the VI "Plan Nacional I+D+i". Between 2002-2004 he collaborated with ISCIII through the coordination of the Technical Evaluation Committee of Neurological and Mental Diseases. During the period 2005-2007 was Coordinator of the ISCIII Call for Projects and from 2005 to 2012 led the Technical Evaluation Committee of Human Resources of the ISCIII. He is a member of several advisory and evaluation committees both at national and international levels in research and innovation activities and a Professor of Master's Degrees in the genetics field and scientific management in several Spanish Universities. From April 2012 to March 2013, he was Deputy Director of Evaluation and Research Promotion of the ISCIII and since 2nd March 2013 he is the Director General of the National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII).

**Vytėnis Andriukaitis;** European Commissioner-designate for Health and Food Safety

**Pierre Anhoury;** CEO, Agir Pour l'Audition

**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.

**Boris Azaïs;** MSD, Director, Public Policy Europe Canada. In his capacity, Boris Azaïs interacts with European institutions and governments focusing on industrial policy, competitiveness and innovation in Europe and Canada. He speaks at international conferences, produces position papers, and coordinates advocacy activities related to the policy framework that enables pharmaceutical innovation. Boris Azaïs has participated in working groups of the World Economic Forum and of the Global Health Policy Summit developing position papers on the Future of Healthcare Financing and Innovative Healthcare Delivery Models.

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**Mary Baker;** MBE, is President of the European Brain Council, immediate past President of the European Federation of Neurological Associations, Consultant to the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Chair of the Working Group on Parkinson's Disease formed by the WHO in May 1997. In 2008 the Council of Europe re-appointed Mary for a second term until March 2012 as one of the patient representatives to serve on the Management Board of the European Medicines Agency (EMA), and in the same year she was appointed to the IMI JU Scientific Committee. In 2007 Mary was appointed to the Council of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) and also a Member of the ABPI Code of Practice. Other significant appointments include Director at Large for the World Stroke Association, former patient editor of the British Medical Journal (BMJ). In June 2011 Mary joined the Ethical Issues sub committee of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicines for a period of three years and in July 2011 was invited to become a member of the Network of Global Agenda Councils for a term of one year. In 2009 Mary received the prestigious British Neuroscience Association Award for Outstanding Contribution to British Neuroscience and for Public Service. Mary is a Patron of the European Parkinson's Disease Association (EPDA) and the former past President of EPDA, a position to which she was elected in 1992 when the EPDA was first formed. Mary retired as Chief Executive of the Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom in 2001 where she had worked for 18 years. An Honorary Doctorate from the University of Surrey was conferred upon Mary in 2003 in recognition of her work within the world of Parkinson's disease.

**Ian Banks;** BSc BAO BCh MB MSc PhD. British. A&E (Accident & Emergency) doctor and general practitioner/public health. A member of the Council of the British Medical Association (BMA) and a recipient of the Association Medal from the BMA. Chair of European Forum Against Blindness (EFAB) 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.

**David Barron;** has worked in the English NHS since 2003. He has held a variety of operational and strategy roles and has experience of working at the local, regional and national levels of the NHS including time in the private office of the NHS Chief Executive. David recently authored the 'Closing the Gap' report on the future direction of the NHS and he previously was a member of the European Health Forum Gastein Advisory Board and on the panel for EU Health prize for journalists. David is passionate about improving the English NHS. He has worked with many international healthcare organisations across Europe and the US on ways to improve the delivery of patient care in England. David holds a BA in Politics and an MA in Public Administration and Public Policy from the University of York.

**Deniz Baskent, Prof. Dr.;** Baskent is Professor of Auditory Perception in the Audiology group of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, University Medical Center Groningen, University of Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands. She is also affiliated with the Research School of Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience. Baskent studied Electrical Engineering (BSEE; MSEE) at

Bilkent University, Turkey, and Biomedical Engineering (PhD) at University of Southern California, USA, and worked as a research scientist at Starkey, the largest manufacturer of hearing aids in the USA. With a wide range of experience in various fields of hearing, hearing impairment, and hearing devices, Baskent's research interest focuses on all effects of hearing impairment on both a scientific level, such as using measures of psychoacoustics and speech perception, as well as at the social, psychological, and societal levels, such as using measures of quality of life.

**Nicola Bedlington;** is British and was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland. Nicola studied business and human resource management in the UK and France. She lived for almost 10 years in Brussels, Geneva for 12 years, moving to Vienna in 2011. Nicola was the founding Director of the European Disability Forum, an umbrella organisation uniting over 70 European disability NGOs and National Councils of Disabled People to advocate for the human rights and inclusion of disabled citizens in Europe (1996 to 1999), and prior to this she worked as an external expert for the European Commission, heading the NGO unit within the HELIOS Programme, a European Commission Action Programme promoting equal opportunities for disabled people (1991-1996). From 2004 to 2006, she worked for the Swiss Government, leading the Environment and Schools Initiatives Secretariat (ENSI), an international government-based network set up by OECD focussing on innovation, action research and policy development in the field of Education for Sustainable Development. Whilst in Switzerland, she has also worked as an independent consultant/evaluator, specialising in European social and development policy and health advocacy. Nicola joined the European Patients' Forum as its first Executive Director in June 2006. In this capacity, she is the Co-ordinator of the European Patient Academy on Therapeutic Innovation (EUPATI).

**Hédinn Svarfdal Björnsson;** MA; Björnsson is a health promotion specialist at the Icelandic Directorate of Health, where he's the programme manager of projects such as Health Promoting Secondary Schools and Health Promoting Communities, with a particular emphasis is on Social Marketing and Health Literacy. He previously worked at the Public Health Institute of Iceland. He also teaches subjects relating to Health Promotion at three Icelandic universities and offers practical workshops on Motivational Interviewing, mostly to healthcare professionals. His background is in Social Psychology, but his current PhD project is within the sphere of Public Health (Health Literacy).

**Edith Bon;** is a French lawyer running her own law firm in Paris. She studied European and international law and holds both a Master in European law and in European policies. She is specialised in product safety, labelling and packaging and in consumer and patient rights. She is involved in many activities relating to environmental health. She focuses more particularly on the use of dental mercury at the French, European and international level and works regularly with different actors from civil society on this topic.

**Mathias Bonk;** Dr., MD, a paediatrician with working experience in Germany, India and the United Kingdom and trained in Tropical Medicine and International Health (MSc), is currently working as a freelance Global Health consultant and is undertaking a research project on Germany's global health policies at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He has been the Program Director of the World Health Summit at the Charité in Berlin, and the coordinator of the M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers, Universities and National Academies. In addition, together with The Lancet, he initiated and co-organized the "New Voices in Global Health Program", a competitive abstract submission and selection program designed to highlight important research, policy and advocacy initiatives of new and future leaders in global health. Within the WHS-context he has been working with a broad range of academic, political, non-governmental and private sector organizations, especially with WHO, TDR, UNICEF, GAVI Alliance, UNAIDS, the European Commission and the World Bank. Dr. Bonk is a member of the German Society for Child- and Adolescent Health, German Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases and the Working Group on Tropical Paediatrics.

**Andre Boorsma;** Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO), the Netherlands

**Elio Borgonovi;** SDA Bocconi University, Italy and President, Research Centre of Health and Social Service Management (CERGAS)

**Kristensen Finn Børlum;** EUnetHTA. Finn is Chairman of the Executive Committee, European Network for HTA (EUnetHTA) since 2009, and Director of the Coordinating Secretariat of EUnetHTA Joint Actions, Danish Health and Medicines Authority (DHMA), Denmark. He has been an adjunct professor in health services research and health technology assessment (HTA) at University of Southern Denmark since 1999. Previously, Dr. Kristensen was Director of the Danish Centre for HTA (DACEHTA), Danish Health and Medicines Authority (DHMA), Denmark 1997–2009; Director of Research, Danish Institute for Health Services Research, DSI, 1994–97; and PhD Fellow, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Copenhagen 1984-1994.

**John Bowis;** OBE is a former MEP and Member of the British Parliament. From 1987 to 1997, he served as Member of the 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 Organization 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.

**Jack Bowman;** CEO, Handle My Health. By approaching every project with vigour, Jack has developed everything from patient centred systems to medicine adherence programs to multi-system integrations and much more! At HandleMyHealth, Jack works to develop a medication compliance and quality of life support system for more personalized medicine and more effective treatment.

**Angela Brand;** MD PhD MPH, Founder and Full Professor of the Institute for Public Health Genomics (IPHG) at the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences at Maastricht University, the Netherlands, as well as Dr. T.M. Pai Endowed Chair on Public Health Genomics at Manipal University, India. Specialist in Public Health Medicine, Master of Public Health (Johns Hopkins University), Pediatrician; Worked in the clinics, at various academic institutions and in governmental bodies in the USA and Germany; Director of the European Centre for Public Health Genomics (ECPHG), Coordinator of the Public Health Genomics European Network (PHGEN, [www.phgen.eu](http://www.phgen.eu)) and the FP7 ERAfrica project innXchange on innovation creation and management ([www.erafrica.eu](http://www.erafrica.eu)), Full Partner of the FP7 CSA PerMed on Personalised Medicine ([www.permed2020.eu](http://www.permed2020.eu)), President of the Section Public Health Genomics within the European Public Health Association (EUPHA), Editor-in-Chief of the international journal Public Health Genomics, Advisory Board Member of the EU Innovation Medicine Initiative (IMI) project OncoTrack ([www.oncotrack.eu](http://www.oncotrack.eu)), Scientific Advisory Board Member of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Health Technology Assessment (LBI), Scientific Advisory Committee Member of the Genomic Medicine Alliance (GMA), Steering Committee Member of the "Forward Look on Personalised Medicine" of the European Science Foundation and of the European Alliance for Personalised Medicine (EAPM, [www.euapm.eu](http://www.euapm.eu)); Expert for the European Agency for Reconstruction, OECD, WHO, European Commission, ECDC, Netherlands Genomics Initiative (NGI), German Robert Koch-Institut (RKI), Genome Canada etc. Fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation, USA, and of the 21st Century Trust of the Wellcome Trust, UK.

**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. He has 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 has been the main topic of his work. His recent research focus is on the European dimension of cross border health, comparative studies, policy advice and surveillance systems.

**Maria Luisa Brandi; Dr.**, took the MD Degree in 1977, the Board in Endocrinology in 1980 and the PhD Degree in Cell Biology in 1987. She is Full Professor of Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases at the University of Florence, Florence, Italy. She is directing the Regional Programme on Hereditary Endocrine Tumours and the Bone Metabolic Unit at the University of Florence. The Unit is active both in clinical and in basic research for bone and mineral metabolic disorders. Her basic background is in molecular endocrinology applied to clinical medicine. She developed several novel cell biological models used in basic research worldwide. Her reputation in the area of bone and mineral metabolism is well recognised nationally and internationally. She owns seven patents and has published over 500 papers in peer reviewed journals and 200 chapters in books. She has been and is the main investigator for several major applications granted from national and international Agencies and Institutions. She was the President of the Italian Society of Osteoporosis, and serves as a member of the Scientific Committee of the International Osteoporosis Foundation. She is General Secretary of the European Society for Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis and President of the Fondazione Italiana per la Ricerca sulle Malattie dell'Osso. She is the Editor-in-Chief of Clinical Cases in Mineral and Bone Metabolism.

**Eleanor Brooks;** Lancaster University; Research Associate, European Public Health Alliance

**Peter Brosch;** Dr. (born 1957) studied Science of Communication, is Head of the Unit "Hospital Financing, DRG, Semantics" at the Austrian Ministry of Health. He worked in several information projects, Austria's EU-integration and several working groups at the European level, among others on eHealth. Main areas of work are the Austrian DRG-system and the improvement of medical documentation primarily in the ambulatory care sector, aiming at a better integration of inpatient and outpatient care services. By now work on European level focuses on Semantic Interoperability.

**Chris Brown;** has over 25 years of international experience in working in different policy sectors to reduce poverty and support sustainable and inclusive growth; she currently works in the WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development leading a programme on Social Determinants of Health and Development. The most recent publication 'Governance for Health Equity' explores why efforts to integrate health equity and development succeed or fail in practice.

**James Buchan;** Queen Margaret University, UK. Professor James Buchan is based in the School of Health in Queen Margaret University. He is also an Associate at the WHO European Observatory on Health Systems, and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia. Professor Buchan has more than twenty years experience of practice, policy research and consultancy on HR and workforce strategy and planning in the health sector. He has worked throughout the UK, and also has international work experience in a range of countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. In 2000/01, he was seconded to work on HR issues at WHO. He has also worked in the USA as a Harkness Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Claus Burci Nielsen;** Vice Chair, Continua Health Alliance, Denmark

**Harry Burns;** Professor of Global Health, University of Strathclyde, UK. Sir Harry Burns graduated in medicine from Glasgow University in 1974. He trained in surgery in Glasgow and developed a research interest in the metabolic consequences of illness and injury. He was appointed Honorary Consultant Surgeon and Senior Lecturer in Surgery in the University Department of Surgery at the Royal Infirmary in Glasgow in 1984. Working with patients in the east end of Glasgow gave him an insight into the

complex inter-relationships between socioeconomic status and illness. He completed a Masters Degree in Public Health in 1990 and shortly afterwards was appointed Medical Director of The Royal Infirmary. In 1994, he became Director of Public Health for Greater Glasgow Health Board, a position he occupied until 2005. During his time with Greater Glasgow Health Board he continued research into the problems of social determinants of health but also worked on measurement of outcomes in a variety of clinical conditions, including cancer. In 2005, he became Chief Medical Officer for Scotland where his responsibilities included aspects of public health policy, health protection and, for a time, sport. In April 2014 he became Professor of Global Public Health at Strathclyde University. He continues to work on the determinants of wellbeing and the methods that can be used to improve wellbeing in communities.

**Tatjana Buzeti;** MBA, BA, food science and technology, project manager; Tatjana has more than 10 years experience in public health as a field worker, researcher and policy advisor. She was head of the Research and Development Unit at the Regional Institute of Public Health Murska Sobota for more than 4 years. As a program manager of the pilot program Mura, she worked closely with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia (MOH) and the WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development in Venice. She was a member of the programming board for the regional development program 2007- 2013. Her major areas of work include the development and implementation of the investment for health approach, cross-sectoral cooperation, nutrition and physical activity programs, and tackling socio-economic determinants of health. From 2010 to 2013 she worked at the MOH in the area of public health. She was also head of WHO Collaborating Centre for capacity building in cross-sectoral investment for health from 2009 to 2013. She is co-author of different publications including, "Positioning health equity and the social determinants of health on the regional development agenda", published in 2013, "Health Inequalities in Slovenia", published in 2011, "Investment for health and development in Slovenia-Programme Mura", published in 2008 and a Health Promotion Strategy and Action Plan for Tackling Health Inequalities in the Pomurje Region, published in 2005.

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**Goran Cerkez;** Assistant Minister for International Cooperation and Coordination of Strategy Development, Federal Ministry of Health, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Chair of the Executive Committee, South-eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN)

**Lourdes Chamorro;** Health and Social Affairs, European External Action Service (EEAS)

**Nathalie Chaze;** Head of Unit, Healthcare Systems Unit, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission

**Hung-yi Chiou;** Ph.D., Prof, is the current Vice President of Taipei Medical University and Director of the Dr. Chi-Hsin Huang Stroke Research Centre. Furthermore he acts as a Director of the Health and Clinical Research Data Centre and is Professor at the School of Public Health at the Taipei Medical University. Besides holding many leadership positions in the past he is currently also Honorary Treasurer at the Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health and President of the Taiwan International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) Association.

**Shu-Ti Chiou;** M.D. Ph.D. MSc, a board-certificated family physician and a Ph.D. in Epidemiology, is Director General of the Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan. She specialized in preventive medicine and health services research. In 2006, Dr. Chiou and her colleagues established the Taiwan Network of Health Promoting Hospitals. Currently, she is the President of the International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services (initiated by WHO), elected in April 2012 with a term of two years. She is also the Chair of the International Task Force on Health Promoting Hospitals and Environment, the Chair of the International Task Force on Health Promoting

Hospitals and Age-Friendly Health Care. In 2013, she was elected as the Global Vice President of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE).

**Dijana Cimera;** Assistant Minister, Ministry of Health, Croatia

**Francesca Colombo;** OECD, Head of Health Division. As Head of the OECD Health Division, Francesca Colombo is responsible for OECD work on health, which aims at providing internationally comparable data on health systems and applying economic analysis to health policies, advising policy makers, stakeholders and citizens on how to respond to demands for more and better health care. She works with the Director and Deputy Director of the OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs to support the strategic orientations of the Secretary-General and their implementation in the area of health. Mrs. Colombo was a Senior Health Policy Analyst in the Health Division and since November 2013 has been acting Head of the Health Division. She has led projects on the performance of health systems in OECD countries, covering a wide range of topics, including quality of health care policies, health financing and the impact of private health insurance on health systems, health workforce and the international migration of doctors and nurses. She has been responsible for OECD Asian Social and Health activities with non-member countries, working with the OECD/Korea Policy Centre. More recently, she was responsible for a major review of health care quality policies across over a dozen OECD countries. She is a leading international expert on health and care issues for elderly populations and also held responsibilities for co-ordinating OECD involvement at high-level meetings such as on diabetes and dementia. Mrs Colombo joined the OECD in 1999. Prior to that, she was seconded to the Ministry of Health and Labour of Guyana as Acting Head of the Planning Unit, where she was instrumental to the implementation of financing and governance reforms of the health system, and also worked at UNCTAD. Over her career, she has travelled extensively in Europe, South America and Asia, advising governments on health system policies and reforms. Mrs Colombo holds a MSc Development Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science (United Kingdom) and BSc in Economics and Management from Bocconi School of Economics (Italy).

**Clive Cookson;** has worked in science journalism for the whole of his professional life. He graduated with a First Class degree in chemistry from Oxford University in 1974. After journalism training on the Luton Evening Post, he became science correspondent of the Times Higher Education Supplement in London and then spent four years in Washington as American Editor of THES. He returned to London in 1981 as technology correspondent of The Times and moved to BBC Radio as science correspondent in 1983. He joined the Financial Times as technology editor in 1987 and has been Science Editor of the FT since 1991.

**Caroline Costongs;** is Managing Director at EuroHealthNet, a European Partnership for improving health, equity and wellbeing ([www.eurohealthnet.eu](http://www.eurohealthnet.eu)). EuroHealthNet is based in Brussels and is supported by the EC Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI). Its principal partners are national and regional public health institutes and health authorities and key activities are policy development (health equity, social investment, health promotion), advocacy, project and research development, communication and networking. Caroline represents EuroHealthNet on the EU Expert Group on Health Inequalities and Social Determinants and supports APHEA (public health accreditation) as a Board member. Caroline has a MSc in Public Health from the University of Maastricht. Being at EuroHealthNet since 1999, she managed several EC co-funded projects on health inequalities, healthy ageing, HiAP, social inclusion and capacity building for health promotion. Before she joined EuroHealthNet, she worked at the Netherlands Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation (NOC\*NSF) where she set up and coordinated a national campaign on physical activity promotion for young people. Caroline also worked at the Health Institute of the Liverpool John Moores University where she did research on intersectoral collaboration for health as part of an EU FP4 urban health research project. Before that, she was active at the National Capacity Building Institute of the Ministry of Education in a Latin-American country.

**John Crawford;** Healthcare Industry Leader, IBM Europe. John is jointly responsible for IBM's Healthcare business in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He is a member of several healthcare IT industry groups, including COCIR, vContinua Health Alliance and Intellect. He represents IBM on the industry Team Steering Group of epSOS, an EU project to enable cross-border digital health services. He is often invited to provide expert commentary about developments in eHealth, and has spoken at many conferences including EuroPACS, MIR, ECR, TTeC, pHealth, World of Health IT, the BCS Healthcare Computing Conference, the Danish eHealth Observatory, and the Global eHealth Forum. He has presented on the evolution of eHealth at the INSEAD Business School, Fontainebleau, and he provides briefings on IBM's healthcare business and eHealth to the press and analysts.

**Wendy Currie;** Professor of Information Systems, Audencia Nantes University, France; Editor in Chief, Health Policy & Technology. Wendy Currie is Professor of Information Systems at Audencia, School of Management, Nantes, France. She is Editor-in-Chief of the new FPM journal Health Policy and Technology. Her research focuses on ICT and health policy and practice.

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projects and are currently being evaluated at large scale and in RCTs as part of the EU project RENEWING HEALTH. Claus Duedal Pedersen has been working in MedCom - the national Danish organisation for implementation of electronic communication in the health and social care sector. From 2000 – 2003 Claus Duedal Pedersen was in charge of establishing the national Danish IP-based healthcare network. From 2003 – 2008 Claus Duedal Pedersen was the head of MedCom's international department and project manager of a number of EU projects and is at the moment coordinator of the RENEWING HEALTH project. Claus Duedal Pedersen graduated from University of Southern Denmark with a master degree in Economic in 1995.

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**Jason Hu;** Dr., the incumbent Mayor of Taichung City, has been elected 3 times by the citizens of Taichung and has since 2001 been Taichung mayor till today. He received his bachelor degree in the field of Diplomacy from Taiwan's National Chenchi University in 1970 and later went to Britain for post-graduate studies. He first got an MA from South Hampton University and later went to Balliol College of Oxford University from which he received his Ph.D in International Relationship. He first taught in Chungshan University after returning from Oxford to Taiwan and later was invited to work for the Presidential Office and then started his public service career. Since then, he has served as Director-General of Government Information Office, (National Spokesman) and then appointed as R.O.C. Representative to the United States (De Facto Taiwan's Ambassador to the U.S.) and later became Minister of Foreign Affairs. He came back home to run for mayor when his party KMT lost power in

2000 and won a land-slide victory in the mayoral election and was elected 2 more times as mayor for his vision to turn Taichung into a prosperous international cultural city. Taichung City has thus been internationally recognized as the best Culture and Art City in 2007, Most Inhabitable City in 2009 and Most Intelligent City in 2013, among others. In addition, Mayor Hu was reported as "10 City Slickers--Noticeable Mayors Worldwide" for his crime-batting achievement by the British "MONOCLE" magazine. Facing the rapid aging issues, Mayor Hu took actions to join the WHO "Active Aging Internet in Ireland" in 2011 and started to promote the project of "Friendly-aging City".

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**Martin Seychell;** A graduate in chemistry and pharmaceutical technology, Mr. Seychell specialized in Chemical analysis. He has held important positions on several government boards and commissions in Malta, including the Food Safety Commission and the Pesticides Board. Mr. Seychell occupied the post of Head of Directorate at the Malta Standards Authority between 2001 and 2006. He has been responsible for the implementation of a number of EU directives in the areas of risk assessment, food safety, chemicals and cosmetic products legislation, and has actively participated in negotiations on major technical proposals such as the new chemicals legislation, REACH, and in screening processes

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**Ratso Signe;** DG TRADE, European Commission

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Kristine Sorensen; Maastricht University

**Carina Spak;** has been Director of AmberMed since 2009, having worked since 1996 with the Diakonie on development and refugee issues, including various management roles. AmberMed is an activity of the Diakonie Refugee Service, in cooperation with the Austrian Red Cross, to provide patients without health insurance outpatient medical care.

**Milica Stanisic;** SEEHN Regional Health Development Centre for NCDs

**Pascal Strupler;** After studying law at the University of Bern, Pascal Strupler (lic. iur. and diploma from the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration – IDHEAP) pursued a career in the Federal Administration of Switzerland, where he took on various positions in four different ministries. He firstly worked in the Federal Department of Finance before joining the Federal Office for Foreign Economic Affairs, SECO, where he worked in different units. After a period at the Swiss Embassy in Moscow, from where he moved into the European Integration Office, he worked at the Federal Department of Economic Affairs as the personal advisor to the Minister and then spent eight years as the Secretary-

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**Franz Terwey**; Director, European Social Insurance Platform (ESIP)

**Nikola Todorov**; (1979), Macedonian, Minister of Health of the Republic of Macedonia, 2011 to date. From 2009 to 2011 he held the position of Minister of Education and Science in the Government of the Republic of Macedonia. From 2008 to 2009, he was member of the Supervisory Board for Control of the Financial Activity of the Public Enterprise “Water Supply and Sanitation”, Skopje, following the managerial position at the Cadastre Centre for Real Estate – Skopje, assumed in October 2007. He was also the founder and the first president of the Assembly of the “Youth of the Euro-Atlantic Club of Macedonia”, non-governmental organisation which is a full-fledged member of the Youth Atlantic Treaty Association. Todorov holds a postgraduate degree in Civil Law from the Faculty of Law at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University as well as a bar exam certificate.

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**Eva Turk**; joined DNV GL Strategic Research and Innovation, in 2012, where her responsibilities include research in person-centred care, risk management, technology leadership and collaboration in the European Joint Action on Patient Safety and Quality of Care. Prior to joining DNV GL, Eva worked at the National Institute of Public Health in Slovenia, where she was responsible for the implementation and development of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) in Slovenia. She has been involved in many European research projects and also in the EUnetHTA Joint Action, where she was the lead partner and project manager for Slovenia. Eva has significant experience in capacity building and knowledge transfer at national and international levels. She has been involved in national and international networks in health technology assessment, outcomes research and quality improvement, as well as long-term care. Moreover, she acted as an independent national expert in assessing the socio-economic impact of social reforms on behalf of the European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. Eva has coauthored several scientific articles and publications, such as the *Health Systems in Transition – Slovenia and Health in Slovenia*. She was a member of the first Task Force of the Young Forum Gastein.

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**Annemiek van Bolhuis;** (1961), MSc, MBA, is Director of Public Health and Health Services at the National Institute of Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) in the Netherlands. Originally trained as a nurse and political scientist, Annemiek van Bolhuis has over 20 years' experience in (international) public service and has held various top level positions. She started her career in addiction care and continued as programme officer for the UN Drug Programme (UNODC) in the regional office for the Caribbean. She then moved on to the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport where she became the Coordinator for International Drug Policy. In 2002, she was appointed Director of International Affairs with coordination of the Dutch EU Presidency (2004) on health-related issues as her main task. In 2006 she took up her next leading position at the Ministry as Director of Nutrition, Health Protection and Prevention, and Deputy Director General for Public Health and Sport. From 2010-2013 she was seconded to WHO Headquarters in Geneva, where she worked as a Strategic Advisor in the Non-communicable Diseases (NDC) and Family, Women and Children (FWC) clusters. She moved back to the Netherlands to take up her position at the RIVM in the autumn of 2013.

**Ewout van Ginneken;** Ph.D. is a senior researcher at the Berlin University of Technology and an honorary research fellow at the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. In 2011–2012, he was a Commonwealth Fund Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice at the Harvard School of Public Health. Van Ginneken coordinates the activities of the Berlin hub of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, and is a series editor of the Health Systems in Transition (HiT) reviews. He is coauthor of HiT reviews on the Dutch, Czech, Estonian, Bulgarian, Lithuanian, Slovenian, and Slovakian health care systems and reforms. Furthermore, Van Ginneken has acted as editor of the first European Observatory HiT review of the U.S. health care system, which was published in 2013. He has also written peer-reviewed journal articles on competitive health insurance, undocumented migrants' access to care, and health systems and policy issues in various countries. In addition, he has authored book chapters on health financing issues, governing competitive insurance, and cross-border health care. Van Ginneken holds an M.Sc. in health policy and administration from Maastricht University in the Netherlands, and a Ph.D. in public health from the Berlin University of Technology

**Michel Van Hoegaerden;** Eng., M.Sc. Michel is currently Programme Manager, on behalf of the Belgian Federal Public Service of Health of the Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning & Forecasting, co-financed by the EU. The Joint Action is supported by 30 associated partners and 45 collaborating partners, among which almost all member states and representative associations (see: [www.euhwforce.eu](http://www.euhwforce.eu)). By the time of the 2010 Belgian EU Presidency Conference on Health Workforce and the Joint Action that followed, Michel was General Manager in charge of Health Workforce, Primary Care, Emergency Care & Crisis Management within the Belgian Federal Public Service of Health. After 9 years in charge, Michel decided to fully dedicate time to specific challenges among which the Joint Action was one. He is also a member of the scientific staff of the Catholic University of Leuven. Michel studied Civil Engineering (Chemistry) and obtained a Master in Environmental Sciences at the Free University of Brussels, the Belgian city where he was born. He has had a very diverse career, with both public and private positions, including Various Public Management positions, teaching, reengineering, consulting & policy advising, building a broad experience in programme management and public management.

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research areas such as EU external action, EU development cooperation and trade policy and scarcity of natural resources. Louise carried out consultancy research for governments, (international) foundations, the private sector, the European Commission, the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency and others. Louise has a Master's degree in Public Administration from Leiden University and a PhD in Political Science from the KU Leuven. Prior to joining Clingendael in 2006, she was a Research Fellow at CEPS, the Brussels-based think tank, for four years.

**Frank Vanbiervliet;** is an experienced psychiatric nurse and a social & cultural anthropologist. In the past he has worked with different groups facing multiple vulnerability factors – sex workers, homeless people, people with both acute and chronic mental disorders, HIV-positive and undocumented migrants – be it as a volunteer, nurse, psychosocial and community counsellor, team manager or Board member. After coordinating the domestic projects of MdM Belgium, he currently coordinates the European advocacy project for MdM. Médecins du monde International Network is an independent international movement of 15 organisations working across the world, both at home and abroad since 1980, and led by volunteers. Its main mission is to provide access to healthcare through freely accessible frontline medical and social services for people and communities who face barriers to the mainstream healthcare system. Through innovative socio-medical programmes, data collection and patients' and communities' empowerment in claiming their right to health, they advocate for universal access to preventive and curative healthcare.

**Effy Vayena;** MSc, PhD. Vayena is a senior research fellow at the Institute of Biomedical Ethics (IBME), University of Zurich and the academic coordinator of the PhD programme in Biomedical Ethics and Law/medical track. Before joining the IBME she worked for several years at the World Health Organization headquarters where she was involved with the Organization's activities on research ethics, and reproductive health research. She has served as a member of the WHO's Research Ethics Review Committee and she continues consulting for the Organization. She has published on the ethics of health research, on issues surrounding assisted reproductive technologies, biobanks, paediatric research, genomics and research with online health data. Her current research focus is on ethical and policy issues that arise in the areas of genomics (including direct-to-consumer genomics), personalised medicine, the novel uses of online health data for research, data-sharing for health research and health research led by participants.

**Matthias Vey;** Dr. is a chemist by training and studied at the Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany. After his studies he had a short time training as a perfumer and then started in fragrance research and development for Marbert Cosmetics in Duesseldorf, Germany. He then became Global Regulatory Affairs Manager of Coty/Lancaster in Mainz, Germany. Since 2000 as the Scientific Director of IFRA, located in Brussels, Belgium, he has been responsible for the management of the fragrance industry's worldwide safety programme, including the IFRA Code of Practice and IFRA Standards. He manages all of IFRA's technical committees as well as the Association's compliance programme.

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**Andrej Vršič;** is a Managing Director at the Local Tourist Board Prlekija Ljutomer, Slovenija ([www.jeruzalem.si](http://www.jeruzalem.si)). This is a public institution and it carries out public services in the field of tourism. It

was founded by the Ljutomer Commune in 1999. The main activities of the LTO Prlekija Ljutomer are the following: providing information on what the tourist area Ljutomer/Jeruzalem has to offer; publishing tourist brochures; promotion of the tourist area Jeruzalem/Ljutomer; communicating with the tourist markets in Slovenia and abroad; encouraging the development of the tourist infrastructure/human resources; organising local guided tours; organising events, organising guided excursions. Andrej graduated at the Faculty of Art in Ljubljana, Slovenija in the subjects: German philology and Sociology. From 1994-1996 he also studied in the Department for Germanic Philology and Sociology at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He has been working for the Tourist Board Prlekija Ljutomer, since 2001. He has participated in several projects: Cycling trails, Internet information system, Kult pro, Cross border region goes digital, City cooperation. He is a field worker and has daily contacts with his tourist providers, local producers, clubs and other public institutions from all branches.

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**Petra Wilson;** Dr. Wilson joined the International Diabetes Federation as Chief Executive Officer in November 2013. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) is an umbrella organisation of over 200 national diabetes associations in over 160 countries. It represents the interests of the growing number of people with diabetes and those at risk. The Federation has been leading the global diabetes community since 1950. Prior to her appointment at IDF, Petra was Director of the European Healthcare and Life Sciences team in Cisco's Consulting Services, focussing on helping health and care providers develop their strategies for making good use of communication and collaboration technology. Previously, she was Deputy Director of the European Health Management Association (EHMA), a membership organisation committed to improving healthcare in Europe by raising standards of managerial performance in the health and care sectors. Prior to EHMA, Petra worked for the European Commission in its eHealth Directorate. She worked specifically on the European eHealth Action Plan, which commits all Member States of the European Union to adopting road maps for the implementation of Connected Health solutions. Petra also advised the Commission on legal and ethical issues surrounding use of information technologies in healthcare. Originally trained in law, Petra spent several years as a lecturer and Senior Research Fellow at Nottingham University, UK, specialising in healthcare law. She has a Ph.D. in public health law from Oxford University, and has published widely on the legal aspects of using information technologies in healthcare. Originally from the UK, she is fluent in English, German, and French.

**Matthias Wismar;** Matthias holds a doctorate in political sciences. He is a Health Policy Analyst at the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. He has been technical consultant, and a member of scientific advisory boards at the supranational, national and regional level. Currently his research focuses on health impact assessment and on good governance and stewardship in terms of health policy formulation and implementation. His research interests cover a wide range of topics including European integration, mental health, health care policy and health promotion and prevention. Before joining the Observatory he was the Head of the Health Policy Unit in the Public Health Department of the Medical School Hannover (Germany).

**Leonard Witkamp;** Prof. Dr. Witkamp is a former dermatologist and Director of the KSYOS TeleMedical Centre, the first virtual hospital in The Netherlands. He has recently been appointed by the Royal Dutch Medical Association (KNMG) as Professor in TeleMedicine at the Department of Medical Informatics of the Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam. He founded the KSYOS organisation in 2001. KSYOS Research develops TeleMedicine services that may add to increased efficiency of the primary healthcare process. With the use of the Health Management Practice model, KSYOS investigates the efficiency increasing potential of these TeleMedicine services in cooperation with future users, thereby creating broad basic support. The KSYOS TeleMedical Centre subsequently takes care of the implementation and operation of the TeleMedicine services in regular healthcare. KSYOS works together with a network of over 7.000 healthcare workers in TeleDiagnosis, TeleConsultation and TeleMonitoring. KSYOS annually performs over 100.000 Teleconsultations. His experience as a

research fellow in market research, as university teacher and researcher, as practicing dermatologist and as Director of KSYOS has been an excellent base for his present function of Professor in Telemedicine. By teaching, doing research and promoting the use of Telemedicine in regular healthcare he helps the KNMG to reach its mission: maintaining accessibility of the healthcare system for the general population by increasing efficiency.

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**Sally Wyke;** Prof, Dr, BSc PhD, FRCGP (hon), is Interdisciplinary Professor of Health and Wellbeing at the University of Glasgow. She studied Human Sciences at University College London, and did her PhD in Healthcare Research at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. She is a social scientist who applies social scientific theory and methods to complex interventions to improve health and well-being. She also has expertise in developing pragmatic approaches to robust evaluation of complex interventions using comparative designs and mixed methods and applies her skills to support health in community and primary care settings. She was co-PI (with Kate Hunt) on “Football Fans in Training” (FFIT) a hugely successful lifestyle programme for men delivered through Scottish top flight football clubs. She is PI on EuroFIT, an FP7 award, that extends the ideas of FFIT to football clubs in Europe.

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