Health and Sustainable Development
Bold political choices for Agenda 2030
Evaluation Survey Report
EHFG 2018
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The European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) was founded in 1998 as a European health policy conference and has become the leading annual health policy event in the EU. With its wide-ranging three-day programme, the Forum offers an unparalleled platform for decision-makers in various fields of public health & health care representing government, business, civil society, academia and the media.

Integrating diverse national, regional and European perspectives, the Forum facilitates the exchange of views and experience amongst key actors and experts from the 28 EU member states, the EU candidate and EEA countries, as well as the rest of the 53 countries of the WHO European Region.

The EHFG guarantees that all stakeholders in the European health arena: (1) politicians and public servants; (2) representatives of business and industry; (3) advocates of citizens’ and patients’ concerns; (4) scientists and members of the academic community can discuss key health issues on a level playing field. It aims to establish a broad basis for health policies and to lay out a framework for European health policy in the 21st century.

Amongst others, the EHFG is co-organised and supported by the Austrian Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection, the European Commission, Land Salzburg and the Main Association of Austrian Social Security Institutions.

For the last twenty years, the EHFG has focused on a broad range of topics. Within this framework, the EHFG is on the front foot of health policy developments and is involved in finding common solutions across Europe.
### Main themes of the European Health Forum Gastein conference

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Executive summary
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The annual European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) was attended by 587 delegates from 54 countries this year.

The EHFG four pillars statistic 2018
Based on overall conference participation

- Private sector (business & industry): 34%
- Public sector (government & administration): 29%
- Science and academia: 19%
- Civil society: 17%
- Other: 1%
The EHFG 2018 survey was sent out to all delegates via email and was posted on our social media outlets and was open for five weeks. The survey was completed by 123 respondents (21% of all delegates).

The survey was divided into four parts, in which respondents were asked general questions, questions concerning the different sessions and workshops they attended. They were also asked to express their opinion about the registration and organisational elements, and their overall impression of the conference. In the last part of the survey, there were open ended questions about the participants’ recommendations for improvement of the next years’ conferences. For reasons of text length and legibility, the open comments were not added to the report, but were discussed and evaluated internally.

In most of the survey questions the respondents were asked to choose one answer they find most applicable. However, to some questions they were allowed to give multiple answers and express their personal suggestions or points of criticism.

General rating scheme used in this survey:
1 = no influence 3 = medium influence 5 = high influence
1 = total disagreement 3 = neutral 5 = total agreement
1 = poor (knowledge) 3 = medium (knowledge) 5 = excellent (knowledge)
General survey statistics
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Gender

- Female: 57%
- Male: 43%

Participation in a previous conference

- Yes: 47%
- No: 53%

n = 123
n = 112
In what way(s) were you made aware of the EHFG 2018? (multiple answers possible)

- I am a previous participant: 31%
- I was invited to participate: 32%
- Word of mouth: 34%
- I am a YFG scholarship recipient: 24%
- Social media platforms: 8%
- External event calendars: 1%

n=119
Detailed analysis
Evaluation of the sessions – detailed analysis

Opening Plenary Session

1=total disagreement, 5=total agreement

- Overall evaluation: 4.09
- The plenary speakers and debate were of a high standard: 4.15
- The quality of moderation was high (Tania Dussey-Cavassini): 4.25

n=117
Thursday Plenary Session

1=total disagreement, 5=total agreement

Overall evaluation

The plenary speakers and debate were of a high standard

The quality of moderation was high (Josep Figueras)

n=118

Closing Plenary Session

1=total disagreement, 5=total agreement

Overall evaluation

The plenary speakers and debate were of a high standard

The quality of moderation was high (Martin McKee)

n=116
Comparison of the plenary sessions – average ratings
1=poor, 5=excellent

Overall session quality assessment

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Quality of speakers & debate assessment

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Comparison of the parallel forum sessions – average quality rating

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### F1: How good are our medicines

1 = total disagreement, 5 = total agreement

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### F2: All Policies for Health

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F3: The future is now - AI as a driver of sustainable healthcare?
1=total disagreement, 5=total agreement

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All the main aspects of the subject were dealt with
There was enough time for discussion (and I had the opportunity to participate)
The discussion was oriented towards concrete results and followed clear objectives
The discussion was of a high standard
The quality of the presentations and speakers was high

n=18

F4: Reaching the SDG targets on Health by 2030
1=total disagreement, 5=total agreement

Overall this forum was of a high quality
All the main aspects of the subject were dealt with
There was enough time for discussion (and I had the opportunity to participate)
The discussion was oriented towards concrete results and followed clear objectives
The discussion was of a high standard
The quality of the presentations and speakers was high

n=28
F5: Patient insights for sustainable care
1=total disagreement, 5=total agreement

- Overall this forum was of a high quality: 4
- All the main aspects of the subject were dealt with: 3.85
- There was enough time for discussion (and I had the opportunity to participate): 3.92
- The discussion was oriented towards concrete results and followed clear...: 3.75
- The discussion was of a high standard: 3.83
- The quality of the presentations and speakers was high: 4

n=13

F6: Innovative Medicines for the good of all
1=total disagreement, 5=total agreement

- Overall this forum was of a high quality: 3.96
- All the main aspects of the subject were dealt with: 3.96
- There was enough time for discussion (and I had the opportunity to participate): 3.92
- The discussion was oriented towards concrete results and followed clear...: 3.69
- The discussion was of a high standard: 3.92
- The quality of the presentations and speakers was high: 4.04

n=26
**F7: Digital and Access to Care for All**

1=total disagreement, 5=total agreement

- Overall this forum was of a high quality: 4.07
- All the main aspects of the subject were dealt with: 3.73
- There was enough time for discussion (and I had the opportunity to participate): 3.53
- The discussion was oriented towards concrete results and followed clear objectives: 3.8
- The discussion was of a high standard: 4
- The quality of the presentations and speakers was high: 4.27

n=15

**F8: Health as an Asset**

1=total disagreement, 5=total agreement

- Overall this forum was of a high quality: 3.74
- All the main aspects of the subject were dealt with: 3.48
- There was enough time for discussion (and I had the opportunity to participate): 3.52
- The discussion was oriented towards concrete results and followed clear objectives: 3.5
- The discussion was of a high standard: 3.74
- The quality of the presentations and speakers was high: 3.81

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F9: Improving cancer care

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F12: Sustainable strategies for addressing health inequalities
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The discussion was oriented towards concrete results and followed clear objectives
The discussion was of a high standard
The quality of the presentations and speakers was high

n=18
n=24
Evaluation of workshop sessions

Ranking of all workshop sessions
1=poor, 5=excellent

- W1 A workforce for primary healthcare: 4.59
- L1 Policy in Evidence: 4.55
- L5 Man vs. Machine: 4.53
- L3 Setting priorities for public health in the EU: 4.39
- L4 Global and national health strategies: 4.35
- W2 Personalised Medicine & Health Literacy: 4.32
- W3 Knowing When to Partner: 4.19
- L8 Long-term access to vaccination across Europe: 4.05
- W4 A new era for Alzheimer’s: 3.94
- W5 Health, Data, Ethics: A European Journey: 3.89
- L2 Economic strategies for health equality: 3.89
- L7 The value of evidence in outcomes-based healthcare: 3.87
- L6 Tackling uncertainties for rare diseases: 3.79
Comparison of all sessions – quality assessment

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Evaluation of organisational elements of the conference
1=poor, 5=excellent
Rating of conference networking
1=poor, 5=excellent

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Most rewarding activities at the conference

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- Networking Opportunities: 55%
- Workshops: 61%
- Evening Events: 34%
- Plenary Sessions: 28%
- Fora: 29%
Comparison to previous EHFGs

- Better: 29%
- Worse: 5%
- No change: 51%

n=113

Would you participate in the conference again?

- Yes: 97%
- No: 3%

n=119
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