A HEALTHY DOSE OF DISRUPTION?
TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIETAL WELL-BEING
EHFG 2019
Evaluation Survey Report

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Executive summary

The 2019 edition of the European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) was attended by 595 delegates from 37 countries.

The EHFG four pillars statistic 2019

Based on overall conference participation
The EHFG 2019 survey was sent out to all delegates via email and was posted on our social media outlets. It remained open for five weeks. The survey was completed by 143 respondents (24.03% of all delegates).

The survey was divided into four parts, in which respondents were asked general questions about the conference overall and specific questions concerning the different sessions they attended. They were asked to express their opinion about the registration and organisational elements of the conference, 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 future 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 respondents were asked to choose one answer that they found most applicable. However, for some questions they were allowed to give multiple answers and express their personal suggestions or points of criticism.

General rating scheme used in this evaluation:

1 = no influence  
1 = total disagreement  
1 = poor (knowledge)  
3 = medium influence  
3 = neutral  
3 = medium (knowledge)  
5 = high influence  
5 = total agreement  
5 = excellent (knowledge)
General survey statistics

Participation in a previous conference

Yes 51%
No 49%

In what way(s) were you made aware of the EHFG 2019? (multiple answers possible)

- Word of mouth: 27.66%
- Social media platforms: 7.09%
- External event calendars: 1.42%
- I was invited to participate: 43.26%
- I am a previous participant: 29.08%
- I am a YFG scholarship recipient: 16.31%

n=143
Session evaluation

Opening Plenary: A healthy dose of disruption?

1=total disagreement, 5=total agreement

I was satisfied with the level of engagement and interactivity: 4.36

The plenary speakers and debate were of a high standard: 4.3

The quality of moderation was high: 4.36

n=126
Thursday Plenary: The human touch in a digital world

1=total disagreement, 5=total agreement

I was satisfied with the level of engagement and interactivity

The plenary speakers and debate were of a high standard

The quality of moderation was high

n=122

Closing Plenary: The Global Climate Crisis – a Public Health Emergency

1=total disagreement, 5=total agreement

I was satisfied with the level of engagement and interactivity

The plenary speakers and debate were of a high standard

The quality of moderation was high

n=122
## Evaluation of forum sessions

1=poor, 5=excellent | top-down

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## Evaluation of workshops

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Comparison of all sessions

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- L6 We are what we eat: 3.63
- F8 Obesity in Europe - time for a new approach?: 3.69
- F4 Towards the Economy of Well-being: 3.85
- F5 When epidemiology meets Big Data: 3.9
- F2 Changing the game on health inequalities: 3.9
- F11 AI: It’s not (just) about the technology!: 4.07
- F1 Public stewardship & economic globalisation: 4.07
- F9 CAR-T: The evolution of a revolution?: 4.08
- F3 The digital future of healthcare: 4.12
- F10 European alcohol policies: 4.13
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- W2 Mind the citizen: 4.5
- F7 Can people afford to pay for healthcare?: 4.5

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Registration, organisation & overall impression
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

- Workshops: 62%
- Networking Opportunities: 53%
- Plenary Sessions: 40%
- Fora: 26%
- Evening Events: 34%

n=135
Comparison to previous EHFGs

- Better: 86%
- No change: 12%
- Worse: 2%

n=45

Would you participate in the conference again?

- Yes: 98%
- No: 2%

n=131