Rise like a phoenix
Health at the heart of a resilient future for Europe
EVALUATION OUTCOMES
EHFG 2021 Statistics at a glance

2021 marked the 24th edition of the European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) conference and as the second digital edition of it. For the first time ever, the conference took place through five days, from 27 September to 01 October 2021. 988 participants from the public and private sector, civil society and science & academia signed up to discuss how Europe can rise like a phoenix from the COVID-19 crisis and stand stronger, smarter, and more equitable in the future. This publication presents how the EHFG 2021 was perceived by the participants.

![Network icon](network_icon.png)

**988 participants**

![World icon](world_icon.png)

**51 countries of residence**

![Bar chart](bar_chart.png)

**Public sector 44%**

**Science & academia 23%**

**Private sector 15%**

**Civil society 14%**

**Press & media 4%**

**SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS**

Total number of speakers and moderators involved

- **86 Males**
- **85 Females**

![Speaker icon](speaker_icon.png)

**171**

Ways participants were made aware of the EHFG 2021:

- **Word of mouth**: 16%
- **EHFG Newsletter / mailing list**: 14%
- **Social media platforms**: 12%
- **External event calendars**: 1%
- **I was invited to participate**: 45%
- **I am a previous participant**: 26%
- **I am a YFG scholarship recipient**: 14%
- **I participated as a speaker/moderator**: 9%
- **I am a session partner**: 9%

**n = 69; multiple answers possible**

Most speakers were affiliated with the public sector (68 people). Press & media was presented by 3% (5 people) who were mainly professional moderators.

Sources: EHFG 2021 Evaluation survey, n=74, 10/2021 Idloom Statistics
Overall impression

**OVERALL CONTENT OF THE EHFG 2021**

Nearly all (96%) respondents rated the conference content either with four or five stars.

- ★★★★★: 48% (31)
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- ★★★: 3% (2)
- no answer: 2% (1)  n = 65

**TAKE AWAY MESSAGES FROM THE EHFG 2021**

- “The rising power of health – might be a steam train, but certainly gathering speed”
- “More integrated, collective action is needed.”
- “Health policy needs to be inclusive and equitable”
- “Partnerships, cooperation and transparency are key elements in ensuring a future resilient health system”

*If you would like to learn about the EHFG 2021 outcomes, click here*

**MOST REWARDING ACTIVITIES**

- 70% Sessions
- 50% Plenaries
- 28% Networking opportunities  n = 64

**Number of sessions people attended during the EHFG 2021**

Most respondents followed up to three sessions during the conference.

- 1-3 sessions: 45%  n = 74
- 4-6 sessions: 30%
- 7-10 sessions: 14%
- more than 10: 12%

Sources: EHFG 2021 Evaluation survey, n=74, 10/2021 Idloom Statistics
Networking & social programme

Did you enjoy the networking and dissemination activities offered in the Brella Networking Lounges (reflection roundtables, networking breaks, etc.)?

- Yes: 46%  
- No: 1%  
- I did not participate in these activities: 52%

n = 67

How would you rate the opportunities to make new contacts?

- 5 stars: 23% (15)  
- 4 stars: 27% (17)  
- 3 stars: 19% (12)  
- 2 stars: 5% (3)  
- 1 star: 5% (3)  
- no answer: 22% (14)

n = 64

How were the opportunities to progress international health work?

n = 65, star rating 1-5

ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE EHFG STAFF DURING THE CONFERENCE

77% of responders gave either four or five stars to the provided assistance of the EHFG staff.

- 5 stars: 58% (39)  
- 4 stars: 19% (13)  
- 3 stars: 6% (4)  
- 2 stars: 1% (1)  
- no answer: 15% (10)

n = 67

Sources: EHFG 2021 Evaluation survey, n=74, 10/2021 Idloom Statistics
Online conference tools

To evaluate how the conference tools were perceived among the participants, the survey inquired information on the user experience of the particular tools.

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FEEDBACK ON THE TOOLS

Some participants pointed out dissatisfaction with Brella in terms of access and the one-to-one meeting feature.

“The Brella Meetings for networking with other participants face to face did not work because of technical reasons.”

“In the beginning it was a little bit confusing to find the right content in Brella’s room, but it got better. Secondly, the networking lounges did not work properly for many participants”

“Much simpler and user-friendly technical environment than last year”

“The digital setting was made as well as it could, but I would still prefer a F2F setting next year.”

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