

Health for a stronger European Union

High time for action!

Europe stands at a pivotal moment for health and well-being. Health is not only a social good but a strategic pillar of European unity and resilience. Recent crises, from the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis to demographic and technological change, have exposed the limits of fragmented national responses and the risks of weakening solidarity, cross-border cooperation, and trust in scientific evidence.

A stronger European Health Union must be part of a broader vision that counters divisive politics, reinforces shared values, and safeguards the EU's capacity to act collectively for the well-being of all citizens. As we negotiate the next Multiannual Financial Framework, now is the time for stakeholders to champion health, solidarity, and equity not as costs but as investments for a resilient future.

A Europe fit for the future begins with healthier people, and the time for action is now! Join us in Gastein and online from 29 September - 2 October. Through collaboration and solution-oriented dialogue, the EHFG will provide a dose of sanity in this polarised world.

Day 1: Tuesday 29 September

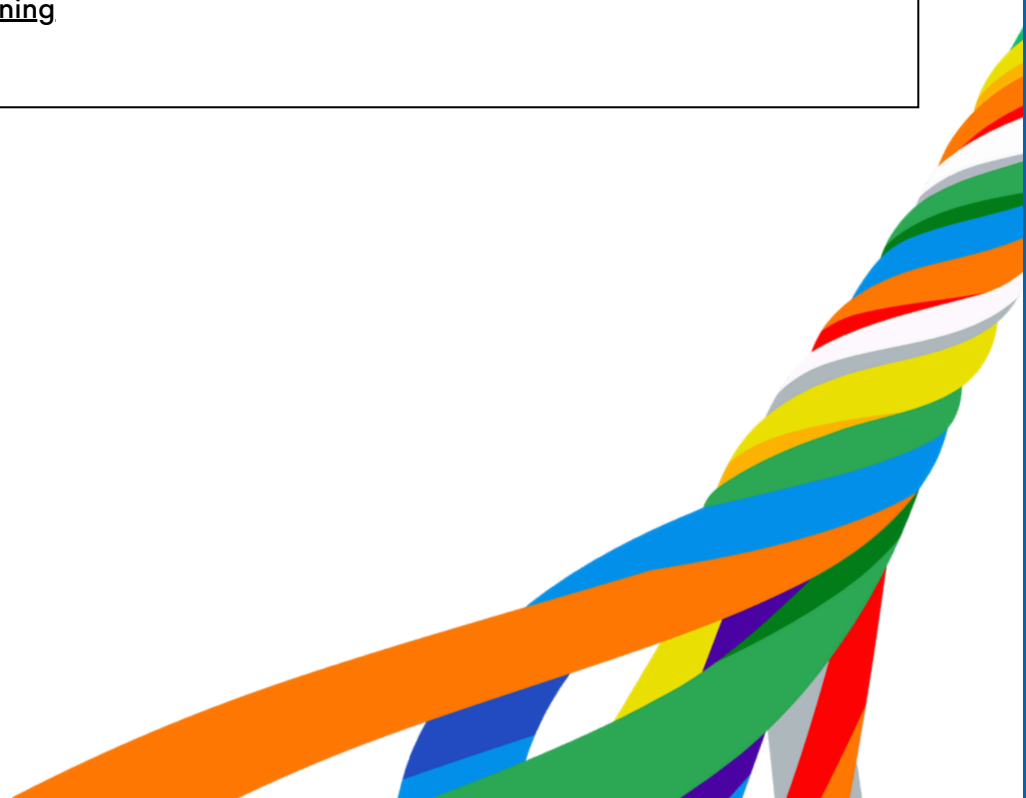
12:30-14:00	<u>Walking the Ottawa Charter forwards</u> <i>Alpenarena</i>	
14:00-14:30	<u>Women in Global Health networking break</u> <i>Conference Centre Foyer</i>	
14:30-15:45	<u>Turning evidence into action</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>	
15:45-16:15	<u>Gastein newcomers & returners</u> <i>Room Praxis</i>	
16:15-17:30	<u>Climate-driven vector-borne diseases</u> <i>Kursaal</i>	<u>Beyond hospital walls</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>
18:00-19:00	<u>Tackling the antimicrobial resistance challenge</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>	
19:00-21:30	<u>Welcome buffet</u> <i>Hotel Sendlhofers</i>	

Day 2: Wednesday 30 September

08:00-08:45	<u>Fireside chat on women's health</u> <i>Bürgersaal</i>	
09:00-10:00	<u>Patient power walk - in memory of Tessa Richards</u> <i>Conference Centre entrance</i>	<u>A European innovation fund for transformative health technologies</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>
10:00-10:30	<u>Atypical lives</u> <i>Conference Centre registration desk</i>	
10:30-11:45	<u>Unlocking European competitiveness</u> <i>Kursaal</i>	<u>Private equity in healthcare</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>
11:45-12:15	<u>Participation in action</u> <i>Press Centre</i>	
12:15-13:30	<u>Patients for innovation</u> <i>Kursaal</i>	<u>Securing Europe's access to future medical breakthroughs</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>
13:30-14:30	Lunch <i>Kursaal Tent</i>	
14:30-15:45	<u>A competitive Europe starts with health!</u> <i>Kursaal</i>	
15:45-16:15	<u>Ask the authors!</u> <i>Kursaal Tent</i>	
16:15-17:45	<u>Advancing national policy solutions for equitable rare disease access and care</u> <i>Kursaal</i>	<u>Convergence science testbeds and digital twins</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>
18:15-19:15	<u>With a little help from my (neighbouring) friends</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>	
20:00-23:30	<u>Networking evening</u> <i>Angertal</i>	

Day 3: Thursday 1 October

09:00-10:00	<u>Digital mental health in Europe</u> <i>Kursaal</i>	<u>Translating EU pharma reform into patient access</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>
10:30-11:45	<u>The invisible burden of mental health on non-communicable diseases</u> <i>Kursaal</i>	<u>New threats, new responses</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>
12:15-13:30	<u>Immunisation as a strategic investment</u> <i>Kursaal</i>	<u>Maintaining momentum in Europe's Beating Cancer Plan</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>
13:30-14:30	Lunch <i>Kursaal Tent</i>	
14:30-15:45	<u>Europe's health security as strategic defence</u> <i>Kursaal</i>	
16:15-17:45	<u>Transforming for health and security.</u> <i>Kursaal</i>	<u>The regulatory shield</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>
18:00-19:30	<u>Public Health Diplomaton</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>	
20:00-23:30	<u>Gala evening</u> <i>FestAlm</i>	



Day 4: Friday 2 October

09:00-10:30	<u>Shaping resilient generations</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>	
11:00-12:15	<u>The implementation gap</u> <i>Kursaal</i>	<u>Regulatory sandboxes as innovation partnerships</u> <i>Conference Centre</i>
12:45-14:00	<u>Health sovereignty, global solidarity & the WHO</u> <i>Kursaal</i>	

