

YFG 2017- Who is who

Andriukaitis Vytenis was appointed European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety in November 2014. Born in Siberia, Vytenis Andriukaitis holds degrees in medicine and history. One of the founders of the Lithuanian social-democrat party and a signatory of independence act of Lithuania, Andriukaitis was a Member of Parliament for six mandates. From 2012 to 2014 Vytenis Andriukaitis was Minister for Health. The commissioner is one of the co-authors of Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania adopted in 1992 and has led the Lithuanian delegation to the Convention on the Future of Europe.

Bekker Marleen is a health and social policy analyst at Radboud University, section Public Administration. She acts as project leader/senior investigator in the interdisciplinary research group Governance and Innovation in Social Services (GAINS). Projects include the evaluation of the program All about Health... (part of the National Prevention Programme); the governance of youth care; and School Board Supervision by the Inspectorate of Education. She is also President of the EUPHA Section Public Health Practice and Policy. Her expertise includes participatory research methods such as responsive evaluation, game simulations and normative future explorations.

Cattarin Francesca joined BEUC (The European Consumer Organisation) in February 2016 as Health Policy Officer. In her capacity, Francesca deals with access to medicines and eHealth in Europe, by monitoring the regulatory and political developments in both fields. She believes in an equitable healthcare system where public health is put at the centre. Francesca gained previous work experience as Health Policy Advisor for the Italian Ministry of health, after a collaboration with the European Social Observatory (ESO) where she investigated the Directive on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare.

Leite Ricardo Baptista is Member of the Portuguese Parliament, Medical Doctor trained in infectious diseases, Head of Public Health at the Católica University of Portugal and City Councilor of Cascais. Under the auspices of UNAIDS, Ricardo is the Founder and President of 'UNITE – Parliamentarians Network to End HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and Tuberculosis', a global platform of policy makers. Awarded by 'The Economist Intelligence Unit' as a 'HCV Change Maker' (2016). This acknowledgment, attributed to solely six people globally, came in due recognition of Ricardo's academic work and policy leadership in the field of hepatitis c. In the past, practicing physician during 7 years, including a 5-year Infectious Diseases residency program at the Western Lisbon Hospital Center. Intern in public health (HIV, Hepatitis and STI's) as a formal collaborator of the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, based in Copenhagen (2011).

Natsis Yannis joined EPHA (European Public Health Alliance) in January 2016 as the Policy Coordinator on Universal Access and Affordable Medicines. He follows closely the regulatory developments in the field of medicines, issues of medical innovation and access of patients to their treatments. He is committed to promoting transparency and public scrutiny of EU decision-making and believes strongly in a public-interest pharmaceutical model. He has worked at the European Parliament, the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the UN and the private sector in Brussels and Athens. Between 2013-2015, Yannis served as the Advocacy Advisor on access to medicines and access to knowledge for the TransAtlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD). He has also worked as an investigative reporter for "Fakeli", a leading television news programme in Greece. Yannis is fluent in Greek, English and French.



Rose David is Director of LACS Training in Brussels. David is a communications expert with a 17-year track record of delivering consultancy, moderation and training services both across the EU-28 and internationally. He works with European institutions and agencies, national governments, international organisations, advocacy associations and the corporate sector. In parallel, he has been extensively involved in capacity development programmes for EU candidate and accession countries, as well as assisting a range of member states in preparing for their presidencies of the Council of the European Union. His current areas of professional interest include public speaking, meeting facilitation, event design and moderation, speechwriting, and consultancy on public information and advocacy campaigns.

Told Michaela is currently Executive Director of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. Prior to moving into academia, she worked with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement at local, regional and international levels in all continents, most recently heading the Principles and Values Department of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva. She was also involved in negotiations and policy-making within the statutory bodies of the RCRC Movement at all levels. Earlier in her career, she worked with the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Division of Development Cooperation and later served as Secretary General of an international women's human rights NGO based in Geneva. In her current position at the Graduate Institute she is responsible for the successful implementation of all activities of the Centre. She also serves as Deputy Director of the Centre and of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Governance for Health and Global Health Diplomacy. In this capacity she leads and sets the strategic orientation, together with the Centre's Director. In her research and teaching she focuses on global health governance and diplomacy in various settings, among others, she conceptualises and directs a number of executive courses in global health diplomacy online and face-to-face worldwide and she regularly teaches at the University of Geneva. She holds a MSW (School of Social Work, Vienna), a MCom (Development Economics, University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna), and a MA in Development Studies (Women & Development, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague), as well as a PhD (School of Law and Social Sciences, University of East London, UK).