

CONFERENCE
of the EESC's Civil Society Organisations' Group
The State of Health in the EU

4 June 2024

Address: Théâtre de Liège, 16 Place du 20-Août, B-4000 Liège

DRAFT PROGRAMME

08:15-09:00 ***Welcome session***

09:00-10:00 ***Official opening***

- **Séamus Boland**, President of the Civil Society Organisations' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC);
- **Marc De Paoli**, Managing Director of the Liège University Hospital;
- **Didier Reynders**, European Commissioner for Justice (*to be confirmed*);
- **Sabine Stordeur**, Director-General of the Directorate-General for Health Care at the Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment FPS;
- **Jean-Pascal Labille**, Secretary-General of Solidaris Mutualité – ‘Changing the paradigm for Europe; the call of Belgian civil society in light of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the next legislative term’.

10:00-11:15 ***Commitment to One Health***

Moderator: Alain Coheur, Vice-President of the EESC's INT Section and Director of European and International Affairs, National Union of Socialist Mutuality Societies (UNMS)

Keynote address

- **Sandra Gallina**, Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety – ‘One health for all, all for one health’;
- Professor **Marius Gilbert**, Epidemiologist and Vice-rector of research and valorisation at the Université Libre de Bruxelles;
- Professor **Nicolas Antoine Moussiaux**, Coordinator of the Advanced Master in Integrated Management of Sanitary Risks at the University of Liège;
- *Q&A session.*

11:15-12:30

Digital innovations: what impact on health?

- Moderator: **Danko Relić**, member of the EESC's Civil Society Organisations' Group

Keynote address

- 'The path to transformation through digital health'
- **Cristian-Silviu Busoi**, MEP (EPP, Romania) (*to be confirmed*);
- **Fulvia Raffaelli**, Head of the Digital Health Unit at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety;
- **Gaëtan Letesson**, Head of the Nuclear Medicine Department at the Citadelle Hospital;
- **Edouard Louis**, Head of the Gastroenterology Department at the Liège University Hospital, and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Liège (*to be confirmed*);
- Q&A session.

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-14:45

Sustainability and future-proofing health systems through social investment

- Moderator : **Sif Holst**, Vice-President of the Civil Society Organisations' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), President of the 'Equality' Group of the EESC and Vice-Chair of the Disabled People's Organisations Denmark

Keynote address

- to be confirmed
- **Francesco Corti** and **Milagros Paniagua**, Coordinators of the Informal Working Group on Social Investments and Fiscal Rules (*to be confirmed*);
- **Baudouin Regout**, Commissioner at the Federal Planning Bureau (*to be confirmed*);
- **Pascal Garel**, Director-General of the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation – 'Representing hospitals in the European health landscape';
- A Citadelle representative – 'Supporting sustainable best practices at hospitals: the case of green blocks';
- Q&A session.

14:45-16:00 *The global fight against health inequalities through the prism of European solidarity: the case of rare diseases*

Keynote address

- to be confirmed
- **Yann Le Cam**, Director-General of EURORDIS (*to be confirmed*);
- **Anne-Sophie Lapointe**, Head of the project 'Mission rare diseases', organisation of the general direction of healthcare provision, French Ministry of Labour, Health and Solidarity;
- *Q&A session*.

16:00-16:30 *Summary of work and prospects*

- **Alain Coheur**, Vice-President of the EESC's INT section and Director of European and International Affairs at the National Union of Socialist Mutuality Societies (UNMS);
 - Family photo and recreational time.
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