



## **Third forum of the Scientific Panel for Health<sup>1</sup>**

# **'Enabling health equality in Europe – the role of health research'**

**Charlemagne building, rue de la Loi, 170**

**1040 Brussels, Belgium**

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**Pre-final PROGRAMME**

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<sup>1</sup> The European Commission's Scientific Panel for Health) is a science-led expert group based on the provisions of the Horizon 2020 Specific Programme, which is tasked with helping to achieve better health and wellbeing for all.  
<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/scientific-panel-health-sph>

## Objectives of the forum

Based on interactions with stakeholders during conferences and workshops, the Scientific Panel for Health set out a vision for the future of health and biomedical research in two consensus documents: 'Better Research for Better Health' in 2016, and a proposal 'Building the Future of Health Research' in 2018.

Health is a fundamental right. Yet health inequalities within Europe and across regions are significant and remain present. Can increased engagement with health research inform and support more effective prevention measures and improve access to appropriate healthcare, and thereby reduce inequalities?

The forum explores the current situation, barriers in participation and engagement with health research, and potential ways forward, with different examples.

**09.30 – 10.00**      **Registration and welcome coffee**

**10.00 – 10.30**      **Welcome and opening addresses**

Karin Sipido	Chair SPH
Carlos Moedas	Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation - tbc
Martin Seychell	Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), European Commission
Sorina Pintea	Minister of Health, Romania – tbc
Cristian Busoi	Member European Parliament – tbc

**10.30 – 12.15**      **Session 1: Challenges in health equality**

*Objective: Sketch important elements of inequality in access to appropriate care from different perspectives, formulate the status and the challenges that need to be addressed.*

Chairs and discussion leaders: Detlev Ganten, SPH – NN, DG SANTE

12-15' talks + 45' discussion

**1.1 Access to care**

Jean-Paul Moatti - Chairman of the Board and CEO of the French Research Institute for Development, FR

**1.2 Tackling socio-economic determinants of health**

Johanna Hanefeld, Berlin Charité Centre for Global Health & London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, DE

**1.3 Inequity and inequality in health policy making**

Miklos Szocska - Director of the Health Services Management Training Centre of the Semmelweis University, HU

**1.4 Migration**

Alfred Spira, National Academy of Medicine, FR

**1.5 Patient perspectives**

Radu Ganescu - Romanian Patient Platform, RO

***Panel discussion - Q&A with participants***

**12.15 – 13.00**      **Lunch**

**13.00 – 14.45**      **Session 2: Challenges in health research**

*Objective: Zoom in on the aspects of inequality from a perspective of health care & research organization: workforce, research policies, funding sources. Formulate the status, the challenges that need to be addressed, and indicate ways to move forward.*

Chairs and discussion leaders: Dainius Pavalkis, SPH / NN, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation

12-15' talks + 45' discussion

**2.1 Workforce/brain drain**

Claudia B. Maier, TU Berlin, DE & Penn University, USA

**2.2 Health research in Poland**

Lucyna Wozniak - Vice rector Research and International Relations, Medical University of Lodz, PL

**2.3 Use of structural and investment funds in health research**

Liubove Murauskiene, Lithuania - Public Health Institute, Univ. Vilnius, LT

**2.4 Taking up of research results into innovation in health**

Mark McCarthy – University College London, UK

**2.5 Academic societies addressing health inequalities through research**

Lina Badimon - Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, Barcelona, SP

***Panel discussion - Q&A with participants***

**14.45 – 15.15**      **Tea break**

**15.15 – 17.00**      **Session 3: Ways forward to improve health equality**

*Objective: Approaches that provide elements of success in improving health equality, with actors from national governments, international organizations and partnerships, patients and enterprises. Examples from the areas of infectious diseases & vaccination, rare diseases, public-private partnerships and*

*digital solutions.*

Chairs and discussion leaders: Hans Hofstraat, SPH / NN, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology

5\*10' talks + 45' discussion

3.1 Role of the World Economic Forum (WEF)

Arnaud Bernaert, World Economic Forum, CH – to be confirmed

3.2 Innovation partnerships and focus on (validated) outcomes

Margot Cooijmans, Philips Foundation, NL

3.3 Rare diseases and access to European Reference Networks

Birute Tumiene, Centre for Medical Genetics, Vilnius University Hospital, LT

3.4 Digital health and access to care

Ricardo Baptista Leite, Univ Catolica Lisbon, Member of Parliament, PT

3.5 Patient partnerships

Stanimir Hasurdjiev - Secretary General of the European Patient Access Partnership PACT, BG

***Panel discussion - Q&A with participants***

17.00 – 17.15

Closing Session

***Recommendations and closing words by the European Commission and by the Scientific Panel for Health***