



Active Citizens in Europe advocate for vaccination

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Panelists



Jan de Belie

Professional Affairs Advisor of the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU), representing European Community Pharmacists. Pharmacist by training, Jan coordinates the information flow to Members including fact sheets and various information materials. Other specific responsibilities are to further develop the relationship of PGEU with EMA, with other pharmacy and health professional associations and with parts of the Commission dealing with Pharmaceuticals.



Isabel de la Mata

She is currently the Principal Adviser for Health and Crisis management in the European Commission. Previously, she worked as Counsellor for Health and Consumers at the Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU, as Deputy Director General for Health Planning at the Spanish Ministry of Health, as Adviser to the Vice-minister of Health and several other posts at the Ministry of Health of Spain and the Regional Departments in the Basque Country and in Madrid. In addition, she has been a member of the EURO-WHO Standing Committee of the Regional Committee, and has worked with the Pan American Health Organisation, the Inter-American Development Bank and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation. Dr de la Mata graduated in Medicine and Surgery by the University of Basque Country in 1983 and holds post-graduate degrees from the University of Leuven and Paris VI in Public Health, Hospital Administration and Statistics. She is a specialist in Preventive Medicine and Public Health.



Paul de Raeve

Registered nurse since 1984. He obtained a master's degree in nursing science at the Free University of Brussels, a master's degree in Statistics from the Catholic University of Brussels, and a PhD degree from the Kings College University of London. He was appointed as a staff manager at the Free University hospital of Brussels, part-time delegated to the Belgium Ministry of Health and Environment. In 2002, he was appointed as General Secretary of the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN). EFN activities relate to the promotion and protection of nurses and the nursing profession with particular reference to the EU and Europe.



George Griffin

President of the Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM), he gained BSc in Pharmacology and Molecular Biology at King's College London Sciences, where he was awarded the Delegacy Prize for Excellence in Preclinical Science. He was awarded PhD in Cell Biology/Biochemistry, University of Hull. Professor Griffin's postgraduate training paralleled basic and clinical science. He has chaired scientific advisory boards in major pharmaceutical industry in the USA and UK. He has been chair and member of major Wellcome, Medical Research Council and Gates Foundation committees. He was censor at the Royal College of Physicians. He was appointed to the board of Public Health England where he will help shape strategy for research and clinical development. His research has focussed on the host response to infection at cell, molecular and whole body level. Such work involves immune and metabolic responses in vivo in humans.



Maurice Kelly

He is responsible for all communications in relation to public health, emergency management and quality improvement within the Irish health services. He has extensive communications experience in relation to communicable diseases having worked for a decade in Ireland's specialist communicable disease agency - HPSC. Maurice previously worked as a media and communications advisor for Ireland's ruling party – Fine Gael – and has provided strategic and tactical advice to former Irish prime ministers, Enda Kenny and John Bruton, as well as to many currently serving Irish government ministers. He holds a first class masters degree in public relations.



Mark Muscat

He is a public health specialist with long experience working in the field of epidemiology and surveillance of vaccine-preventable diseases. He currently works as a technical officer at the WHO Regional Office for Europe based in Copenhagen, Denmark, providing support to the vaccine-preventable diseases and immunization programme. His main tasks focus on measles and rubella, both of which are diseases targeted for elimination. Other areas of work include diphtheria and pertussis.



Alberto Villani

He received his M.D. degree cum laude from "La Sapienza" University in Rome. He is Specialist in Paediatrics. He was Research Associate at the Case Western Reserve University, Ohio (1988-1990). Between 1994 and 2001 he served as Pediatrician in the Division of Pediatric end Neonatology, Sandro Pertini Hospital in Rome. In October of 2001, Dr Alberto Villani was appointed and currently serves as Director of Division of General Pediatric and Infectious Diseases in the Department of Pediatrics in the Bambino Gesù Children Hospital in Rome. He teaches Pediatrics and Infectious Diseases at the Residency Program of the "Sapienza" University in Rome and he teaches also at the Residency Program of "Tor Vergata" University in Rome. He serves as Pediatrician in the Heath Service of the Vatican State. He is President of the Italian Society of Pediatrics.



Mariano Votta

Public affairs professional and journalist, is the Director of Active Citizenship Network (ACN), the international branch of the Italian NGO Cittadinanzattiva, where he is responsible for European Affairs. Since 2013, he has been actively involved as ACN stepped up its advocacy activities at the European Institutions, which in 2015 led to the opening of a representative office in Brussels and - above all - to the launch of the MEP Interest Group “European Patients’ Rights & Cross-Border Healthcare”, promoted with the endorsement of almost 100 organizations across Europe. Furthermore, in 2016, Mariano won the Efhre International University Excellence Awards on patients’ rights. Passionate about healthcare and consumer issues, he has more than 17 years of experience in the field of advocacy, stakeholder engagement, European projects, communication and civic information.



Suzanne Wait

She is Managing Director at The Health Policy Partnership a London-based health policy research consultancy. The focus of The Health Policy Partnership is to deliver evidence-based policy reports that help build consensus among different stakeholders on where changes are most needed to improve outcomes for patients. Suzanne has worked on a wide range of topics, including most recently life-course approaches to vaccination, viral hepatitis, oncology, and mental health. She has helped run a number of multi-stakeholder policy initiatives, working closely with leading patient advocates, civic society, healthcare professionals and policymakers. She has published extensively, and taught Health Policy for five years at the School of Public Policy at University College London. She is a former Nuffield Trust Research Fellow at the Judge Institute of Management at Cambridge University and was Adjunct Professor at the University of Strasbourg.

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