

***Protecting the value of prevention across Europe:
focus on Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) & Maternal Vaccination***
EU policy workshop

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SPEAKERS' LIST

Tonia A. Adamidi



Dr Tonia Adamidi graduated from the University of Ioannina (Greece) Medical School in 1994. She specialized in Respiratory Medicine (Pulmonology) in Chest Diseases Hospital in Athens and received a master degree in Health Management and a PhD in University of Crete Medical School concerning differential diagnosis of pleural effusions.

She has an expertise the last 20 years in Interstitial Lung Diseases (lung fibrosis), lung transplantation (transplanted patients follow up), pulmonary arterial hypertension, asthma biological therapies and cystic fibrosis, Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Pulmonary Function test/Cardiopulmonary Exercise test. She is also an experienced lecturer and researcher with international presentations and publications and served in the past as president of Cyprus Respiratory Society.

She works since 2000 as a Pulmonologist in the Respiratory Department of Nicosia General Hospital and since 1.10.20 until today as a Director of the Respiratory Department in Nicosia General Hospital.

Bianca Ferraiolo



Bianca Ferraiolo is the Head of the Cittadinanzattiva – Active Citizenship Network's Representative Office to the EU, a position she has held since its opening in March 2015, working as Senior Manager for European Affairs.

She is involved in many European-level activities, with a particular focus on health and patient advocacy issues and represents Cittadinanzattiva – Active Citizenship Network in several multi-stakeholder initiatives. She also liaises with all relevant stakeholders, including umbrella and national patient associations, private companies, and European institutions. She was responsible for establishing and manages the secretariats of the Members of the European Parliament Interest Groups “European

Patients' Rights & Cross-Border Healthcare" (2015) and "SDGs for Well-Being and Consumers' Protection" (2021). She is also actively involved in European project management and the organisation of important European initiatives, such as the "European Patients' Rights Day".

She is a certified pharmacist, holds a master's degree in chemistry and a postgraduate diploma in marketing and communications.

Silke Mader



Silke Mader has been a passionate and influential advocate for maternal and newborn health for over 28 years. As a former patient with HELLP syndrome and mother of preterm babies at week 25 (twin boy survived at 515 grams, twin girl deceased), she uses all her personal experience to improve care for parents, preterm babies, and sick newborns. Care that hardly existed at the time. She knows from her own experience that a strong partnership between health professionals and parents is the best way to face the emotional roller coaster ride of a preterm or sick baby and to overcome the obstacles. This led to establishing EFCNI – European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants in Munich 2008 where she functioned as Chairwoman and founding member. One of the major achievements of the foundation was the establishment of World Prematurity Day, the development as well as the implementation of The European Standards of Care for Newborn Health and the founding of the Global Alliance for Newborn Care (GLANCE). In April 2025, EFCNI transitioned to the [Global Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants \(GFCNI\)](#), reflecting the expanded global mission to advocate for newborn health worldwide.

Silke Mader is Chairwoman of GFCNI as well as author and editor of many publications on topics related to maternal and newborn health and received several national and international awards and medals for her engagement. In June 2024 she also received the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Daniela Quaggia



Daniela Quaggia is a project coordinator who graduated in Communication Science and holds a second-level university master's degree in institutional communication. She has worked in the institutional relations office at Cittadinanzattiva for four years and has been a member of Active Citizenship Network staff and project manager of EU projects related to health and citizen involvement since January 2010. She is also responsible for networking activities and internal communication with the ACN's almost 100 EU partners, facilitating the exchange of information, experience and good practices, and encouraging involvement in projects and political activities.

Laura Reali



Dr. Laura Reali is a primary care paediatrician based in Italy and currently serves as President of the [European Confederation of Primary Care Paediatricians \(ECPCP\)](#), a network representing paediatricians committed to advancing the quality of care for children across Europe. She has longstanding experience in clinical practice, education, and advocacy in paediatric primary care.

Dr. Reali previously held the role of paediatric primary care professor and currently serves as a paediatric tutor at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome. Her academic interests focus on paediatric preventive care and the impact of environmental factors on child health. She has authored several scientific publications and contributed to books addressing environmental exposures and their influence on children's development and well-being.

In addition to her academic and clinical work, Dr. Reali is actively engaged in public health and environmental advocacy. She is Regional President of the International Society of Doctors for the Environment (ISDE-Italy), where she promotes awareness of environmental health risks and supports initiatives aimed at reducing environmental exposures affecting children. Internationally, she is a member of the International Paediatric Association (IPA) Program Area on Environmental Health & Climate Change, contributing to global efforts in paediatric environmental health policy and education.

Dr. Reali continues to advocate for stronger integration of environmental health into paediatric training and practice, emphasizing the need for preventive strategies in primary care settings to address the growing impact of environmental challenges on children's health.

Mariano Votta






Mariano Votta is graduated in Political Science at University of Rome. He has a Master in European Public Relations and a Master in Corporate Social Responsibility.

Last July 2013 he was nominated Responsible of EU Affairs at Cittadinanzattiva and Director of Active Citizenship Network, the European interface of the Italian civic organization Cittadinanzattiva, responsible for the international relations with public and private stakeholders such as the European Commission, EU Parliament, EESC, companies.

He is a freelance journalist and programme manager too, with more than 10 years working in the field of citizens' rights, civic information, evaluation of quality standards in services provided by Public Administration and public companies. Between 2011 and 2012 he worked as consultant for the United Nations Development Programme in Colombia, to assert a new governance in the managing of Public

Services and Health. In that Country, Cittadinanzattiva opened several Citizen Advisory Centre on Public Services and Health.

In 2015 he took the initiative to encourage and promote the MEPs Interest Group focused on patients' rights called "European Patients' Rights and Cross-border Healthcare" inside the EU Parliament.

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 <p>global foundation for the care of newborn infants</p>	 

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