

## EUROPEAN HEALTH FORUM GASTEIN IN EP TALKS

25 June 2018: 11:30 – 13:30

### Bold political choices for health in Europe

Brussels, European Parliament, Room P5B001

#### Background:

The EHFG uniquely comes to Brussels with an event in the European Parliament on 25 June. Hosted by Karin Kadenbach MEP, the speakers will reflect on the theme “Health and Sustainable Development – Bold Political Choices for Agenda 2030”.

European countries are facing significant challenges in terms of social, political and technological change, with resulting implications for health systems and policies. Indeed, there is a looming threat hanging over the very role of health both at an EU level and in some MS. In response there are calls from all quarters for decisive political action and strong commitments to ensure that going forward, health remains a key concern for European actors and institutions and that Europe’s health systems remain fit for purpose to maintain and adjust to the evolving health needs of all – leaving no-one behind.

At a crucial crossroads in time, our speakers in this event will discuss what risks and opportunities we need to take and what bold political choices and commitments are urgently needed to improve health for all in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### Provisional timeline:

NETWORKING COFFEE KICK-OFF

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

**MEP Karin Kadenbach**

PLEA FOR POLITICAL BOLDNESS FOR HEALTH

**Clemens Martin Auer**, President, European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG)

PANEL DISCUSSION

**Sylvain Giraud**, Head of Unit, DG Health and Food Safety, European Commission (DG SANTE)

**Clemens Martin Auer**, President, European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG)

**Ilaria Passarani**, Secretary General, Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU)

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