

# 20TH European Health Forum Gastein

Health in All Politics – a better future for Europe

## Young Forum Gastein

---

### Yearbook 2017

Young Forum Gastein is organised by  
the European Health Forum Gastein.



This year's Young Forum Gastein was made possible  
by funding from the Robert Bosch Stiftung.

Robert Bosch **Stiftung**

---

We would like to thank the following organisations for their support in 2017:



# Young Forum Gastein

## Network for junior professionals in public health

The Young Forum Gastein (YFG) was established by the International Forum Gastein with the support of the European Commission in 2007.

The project brings together promising young health professionals from different backgrounds and with diverse professional experience, to participate in learning and networking activities in the sphere of health. In the framework of an engaging and stimulating dedicated programme, the scholarship offers a unique opportunity to:

- Learn about the latest health developments in Europe and across the world;
- Develop important public health competencies such as the ability to build alliances and partnerships, learn advocacy and persuasion skills and develop presentation and communication skills;
- Network and make new contacts with an enthusiastic young international, inter-cultural and inter-professional peer group as well as senior experts in the sphere of health;
- Have privileged access to senior policymakers and academics in special closed workshop sessions dedicated to Young Forum Gastein;
- Participate in tasks related to the EHFG, such as undertaking interviews, writing session reports, working on social media activities,
- or acting as speakers or session rapporteurs;
- Become part of the Young Forum Gastein Network and draw on the support of around 400 members working all over the world, as well as receiving year-round special opportunities to participate in workshops, summer schools and conferences.

In 2017, 70 young professionals working in the field of health from EU Member States and beyond have been invited. The YFG Network is supported by the European Commission, WHO Regional Office for Europe, ASPHER, ECDC, Forum Alpbach, Going International and the European Health Forum Gastein.

This year's Young Forum Gastein has been made possible by funding from the Bosch Stiftung.

*“Whether it's collaborating over a report on last year's Gastein conference, or catching up over a coffee during an unrelated work trip to Brussels, Young Gastein places young professionals squarely within a truly international Public Health arena.”* — Daniel Cauchi MD, PhD Student, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

### Young Forum Gastein Taskforce

The YFG Taskforce helps to coordinate Young Gastein activities throughout the year and particularly in the run-up to the EHFG conference.

The current members are:

#### DMITRIJ ACHELROD

Research Assistant / PhD candidate, Center for Health Economics, Hamburg University

#### KOLIA BÉNIÉ

Global Health and European Public Health Advocate, Hepatitis Partnerships Manager – Coalition PLUS

#### F. SAVERIO BERSANI

Medical Doctor, Resident Physician in Psychiatry, Sapienza University of Rome

#### KAROLINA MACKIEWICZ

Development Manager, Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association, Finland

#### SOFIA RIBEIRO

Medical Doctor, Resident in Public Health, Portugal and Vice President for Alcohol Policy and Advocacy, Alcohol Policy Youth Network

*“There is literally nothing more important you can make out of a conference than establishing new connections which may enrich your professional and personal horizons. And this is what Young Forum Gastein does best.”* — Alexander Nawka, Assistant Lecturer, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic

## 2017 Activities



*Young Gasteiners at Health Diplomacy Workshop at UN City in Copenhagen*

The Young Gasteiners have a busy schedule during the EHFG conference which includes participating in the general conference programme as well as attending specific Young Forum Gastein meetings and working groups. In addition, informal meetings and workshops between the scholars and EU Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis and WHO Regional Director for Europe Zsuzsanna Jakab are planned.

This year we are pleased to be able to offer a health advocacy workshop, mentoring sessions with senior EHFG delegates representing our four pillars, a career talk and a skills-building workshop within the Young Forum Gastein programme. Additionally, Young Gasteiners will collaborate in diverse inter-professional and inter-cultural groups, facilitate networking and encourage thinking about the inherent issues of important European healthcare topics such as health diplomacy and policy and practice.

Young Gasteiners are playing an increasingly important role both in the organisation of the conference and in increasing the visibility of the YFG initiative. At this year's conference Young Gasteiners will participate as speakers, panellists or moderators in a number of sessions including Forum 5 Medicines; new game, new rules and in Workshop 2 The right health workforce. Two Young Gasteiners evaluated the applications for the 2017 European Health Award and will be moderating the Award Ceremony.

Following the development of a Young Forum Gastein strategy in early 2016, the Young Gastein Network continues to go from strength to strength, with the young health professionals participating in a range of summer schools, conferences and workshops throughout the year. We look forward to further building on the initiative throughout 2018. Thanks to all members of the growing Young Forum Gastein Network who contribute so enthusiastically during the conference and throughout the year

***“Young Forum Gastein focuses on dialogue, cooperation, and improving your knowledge of health in Europe.”*** — Iva Rincic, Assistant Professor, University of Rijeka, Croatia

## 2017 Scholars

Antoniadou Eleni  
Antonovici Andreea  
Berkemeyer Katrin  
Bersani Francesco Saverio  
Besnier Elodie  
Bogaert Petronille  
Browne Joyce  
Caic Franjo  
Cash-Gibson Lucinda  
Cattarin Francesca  
Czernin Sarah  
Das Sarada  
Delnord Marie  
Deogan Charlotte  
Droogers Maaïke  
Festersen Cathrine Hernandez  
Fischer Claudia  
Florindi Francesco  
Fruhmann Tanja  
Giedrojc Martyna  
Gille Felix  
Gordeev Vladimir  
Guedes Luís  
Guiu Segura Josep Maria  
Hawlik Katharina  
Hines Philip  
Ivankovic Damir  
Janzek-Hawlat Stefan  
Johner Stefanie  
Karanikolos Marina  
Kelly Muireann  
Kirchhoff Karl Kristian  
Lafranconi Alessandra  
Lähdepuro Kaisa  
Laschkolnig Anja  
Lassahn Filip Julius  
Lautier Dr. Elaine Claire  
Lindenau Geb.Lauer Eva-Verena  
Loblova Olga  
Ludolph Ramona  
Mackiewicz Karolina  
Maier Gunter  
Marosevic Durdica  
Mateo Urdiales Alberto  
Mclernon Laryn  
Nanaj Juljana  
Ofner Robert  
Onderstal Damiët  
Pako Judit  
Panteli Dimitra  
Parhiala Kimmo  
Pavao Jose Francisco  
Podmore Bèlène  
Poulsen Nanna Grave  
Reiff Sascha  
Schmitt Tugce  
Šimková Iva  
Staes Elias  
Stefanovic Vladana  
Švaikovskaja Daša  
Tille Florian  
Truhanov Anneli  
Ungureanu Marius-Ionut  
Van De Schoot Thijs  
Van Der Star Arjan  
Van Eimeren Mischa  
Van Oostro Sandra  
Vinko Matej  
Winkelmann Juliane



**Last name:** Antoniadou

**First name:** Eleni

**Birth year:** 1987

**Nationality:** Greek

**Current Country of Residence:** Belgium

**Email Address:** eleni.antoniadou[at]healthparliament.eu

**Profession:** Researcher

**Present position:** President of the European Health Parliament

**Key words:** Regenerative Medicine, Artificial Organ Engineering  
Health Policy

**Pen portrait:** I am a multidisciplinary researcher in Regenerative Medicine and Artificial Organ Engineering and I'm currently serving as the President of the European Health Parliament. My research interests include the development of stem cell therapies for congenital abnormalities, the translation of tissue engineered organs from the benchmark to clinic as well as space medicine applications. In my capacity as the President of the European Health Parliament, I oversee evidence-based policies produced by all 5 committees that outline a 'blueprint' to reignite action for efficient delivery of healthcare to EU citizens, utilizing the enormous potential of emerging health innovation.



**Last Name:** Antonovici

**First Name:** Andreea

**Birth year:** 1988

**Nationality:** Romanian

**Living city:** Brussels

**Email Address:** ar.antonovici[at]gmail.com

**Twitter account:** @AAntonovici

**Profession:** Public Affairs | Patient Advocacy

**Present position:** Public Affairs Coordinator

**Organisation:** European Multiple Sclerosis Platform

**Educational background:** Health Economics, Politics, European Affairs and International Relations

**Relevant memberships:** Vice-President of the Association of Patients with Neurodegenerative Conditions in Romania (APAN), member of the Patients and Consumers Working Group (PCWP) at the European Medicines Agency.

**Key words:** HTA, chronic diseases, pharmaceutical policy, health systems, access to innovative treatments

**Pen portrait:** With more than 5 years of professional experience in public affairs and advocacy, I have been coordinating the public affairs team within the European Multiple Sclerosis Platform since 2013. My work is aimed at raising awareness on MS and including our objectives on the EU agenda in order to become a priority and lead to improving the life of people with multiple sclerosis. My advocacy and lobbying activities are supported by being part of the Patients and Consumers Working Group at the European Medicines Agency, EUnetHTA network, as well as working closely with other national and international organisations. In 2016, I have co-founded the Association of Patients with Neurodegenerative Conditions in Romania. I am currently specialising in Health Economics, Policy and Law at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam. My interests include HTA and access to innovative medicines for Central and Eastern European Countries.



**Last Name:** Berkemeyer

**First Name:** Katrin

**Birth year:** 1988

**Title:** PhD

**Nationality:** German

**Living city:** Cambridge, UK

**Email Address:** [katrin\[at\]berkemeyer.net](mailto:katrin[at]berkemeyer.net)

**Profession:** Public Health Intelligence

**Present position:** Senior Public Health Analyst

**Organisation:** London Borough of Newham

**Educational background:** BSc in European Public Health, Maastricht University; Master of Public Health, University of Edinburgh; PhD Physical Activity Epidemiology, University of Cambridge

**Key words:** life-course epidemiology, health intelligence, health literacy, health communication, behaviour change

**Pen portrait:** After finishing my PhD on ‘the epidemiology of objectively-measured physical activity in older adults’ at the University of Cambridge last year, I started working at the London Borough of Newham, one of the most deprived areas in London, to gather some ‘on-the-ground’ experience. Newham aims to be innovative and evidence-based in the services they commission and interventions they initiate and it is my role in Health Intelligence to provide that evidence and also to communicate and transfer evidence for policy-makers. Currently, I am writing a literature review on physical activity interventions in hard-to-reach groups. Examples and case-studies from comparable urban areas across Europe are very important for this and other work we are doing.



**Last Name:** Bersani

**First Name:** F. Saverio

**Birth year:** 1987

**Title:** Dr

**Nationality:** Italian

**Living city:** Rome

**Email Address:** bersani.fs[at]gmail.com

**Twitter account:** @savebers

**Profession:** Medical Doctor, Psychiatrist, Post-doctoral Fellow

**Present position:** Post-doctoral fellow in psychiatry at Sapienza University of Rome (Italy) and at University of California San Francisco (USA), psychiatrist at Salvator Mundi International Hospital (Rome, Italy)

**Organisation:** Sapienza University of Rome

**Educational background:** Classical High-School Studies at the Liceo Classico E.Q. Visconti (Rome, Italy) - School of Medicine at Sapienza University of Rome (Italy), with international educational experiences at Paris-Sud University (France) and Monash University (Melbourne, Australia) - Residency training in psychiatry at Sapienza University of Rome (Italy) with international research experiences at University of California San Francisco (USA) and University of Hertfordshire (UK).

**Relevant memberships:** Society of Biological Psychiatry, European Psychiatric Association, Italian Society of Psychopathology, International Medical Association of Lourdes, Italian Democratic Party, Malteser International, Young Forum Gastein Network.

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Worked in national and international hospitals and academic institutions. Author of more than 100 original papers on psychiatry, mental health and neuroscience (published in peer-reviewed journals, conference proceedings or books). Invited speaker at national and international conferences. Worked in research projects funded by the European Commission, the National Institute of Mental Health and the U.S. Department of Defence. Cofounder and columnist on mental health-related social and political issues for the online journal "The Post Internazionale". Promoter of health-related political, social and humanitarian events with the Italian Democratic Party and the Italian branch of Malteser International. Elected in 2015 in the leading taskforce of the Young Forum Gastein Network.

**Key words:** Mental health, social determinants of health, cross border health care

**Pen portrait:** With a background in clinical psychiatry, I have expertise in scientific research - with a special focus on complex interactions between mental illness, addiction, lifestyle and psychoneuroendocrinology - and I have interests in social and political implications of healthcare - with a special focus on mental health, migration medicine, e-health, preventive medicine and ageing





**Last Name:** Besnier

**First Name:** Elodie

**Birth year:** 1989

**Title:** BA (Hons), MPA

**Nationality:** French

**Living city:** Cardiff

**Email Address:** Elodie.Besnier[at]wales.nhs.uk

**Profession:** Policy Officer

**Present position:** International Health Policy Officer

**Organisation:** Public Health Wales

**Educational background:** Masters Degree in International Affairs-International Public Management (Minors: Global Health, Middle East Studies, PSIA - Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, France. Bachelor of Arts (Hons) focused on International Affairs and Global Health, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, France.

**Relevant memberships:** Faculty of Public Health Associate

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** As the International Health Policy Officer at Public Health Wales, my current role involves supporting and promoting international engagement and collaboration across the NHS in Wales as well as reviewing and building evidence to inform policy and investment in prevention and public health. Before joining Public Health Wales, I worked for various health non-profit organisations, contributing to the development of publications as well as national and European campaigns and networks on access to medicines and NCD prevention.

**Key words:** inequalities; health policy; access to medicines; global health; NCD prevention

**Pen portrait:** Since I graduated, I have had the opportunity to work in policy and advocacy across Europe on various global and European health issues such as HIV/AIDS, access to medicines, NCD prevention or medical research. Approaching health as a human right and equality issue, I am particularly interested in multi-sectoral approaches and international cooperation to reduce inequalities and improve health globally.



**Last Name:** Bogaert

**First Name:** Petronille

**Birth year:** 1989

**Title:** BaSc MSc MPH

**Nationality:** Belgian

**Living city:** Brussels

**Email Address:** petronille.bogaert[at]gmail.com

**Profession:** Public Health Researcher

**Present position:** Project Researcher and Coordinator

**Organisation:** Scientific Institute of Public Health

**Educational background:** European Public Health Master at Sheffield University (UK) and Jagiellonian University (PL), Bsc and Msc in Biomedical Sciences at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (BE)

**Relevant memberships:** EUHPA

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Currently, I am coordinating the BRIDGE Health project which aims to create an EU health information system infrastructure in collaboration with partners in 31 institutions and 16 EU countries. We are setting out how such an infrastructure can be set up. I am also responsible for the organization and content of BRIDGE Health meetings and represent BRIDGE Health at international conferences and high-level policy meetings. In the past, I have worked as a trainee at the European Commission, the Ministry of Health in Paris and as a Junior Policy Advisor at Health Action International.

**Key words:** Health information systems, research, epidemiology, summary measures of population health, EU public health policy

**Pen portrait:** By coordinating the biggest EU project in health information, I have become an expert in European health information. I work closely with key EU projects covering major EU health information policy areas such as population and health system monitoring and evaluation. I conceptualise and implement numerous activities at EU level, currently focusing on setting up a future holistic and integrated EU health information system infrastructure and paving the way for the future.



**Last name:** Browne

**First name:** Joyce

**Birth year:** 1987

**Academic title:** MD, PhD

**Nationality:** Dutch

**Organisation:** University Medical Center Utrecht, The Netherlands

**Department:** Medical Center Utrecht

**E-mail:** [Joyce.Browne\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:Joyce.Browne[at]gmail.com)

**Living city:** Utrecht

**Interests:** Mobile Health, Maternal and Child Health, Global Health, Evidence-Based Medicine, Clinical Research

**Years of scholarship:** 2014

**Profession:** Assistant Professor

**Educational background:** Clinical Epidemiology (PhD, 2016) Medicine (MD, 2013), Social Epidemiology (MSc, 2010), Liberal Arts and Sciences (BSc, 2008)

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** - Blogger for Dutch Royal Academy of Sciences about young researchers ([www.facesofscience.nl](http://www.facesofscience.nl))

- Board member Netherlands Society for Tropical Medicine and International Health ([www.nvtg.org](http://www.nvtg.org))

**Key words:** Global Health, Maternal and Child Health, Evidence-Based Medicine, Clinical Research, Capacity Building

**Pen portrait:** My working field has a focus on global health, particularly maternal health. In this, I try to combine an evidence-based approach to develop and evaluate (clinical) interventions that will contribute to the reduction of maternal mortality burden, in particular due to hypertensive disorders in pregnancy and postpartum hemorrhage. In addition, I am interested in capacity building of health professionals and research through e-learning.



**Last Name:** Caic  
**First Name:** Franjo  
**Birth year:** 1991  
**Title:** MPharm  
**Nationality:** Croatian  
**Living city:** Brussels  
**Email Address:** [franjo.caiclat@gmail.com](mailto:franjo.caiclat@gmail.com)  
**Profession:** Pharmacist

**Present position:** EU Policy Associate

**Organisation:** Merck

**Educational background:** Pharmacy

**Relevant memberships:** Croatian Pharmaceutical Society

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** I started my career in the Pharmacovigilance Department of the Croatian Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices after which I moved to Austria where I worked as a community pharmacist and later on to Italy where I worked as a hospital pharmacist. After that, I worked as a regulatory affairs consultant in Spain where I advised clients from pharmaceutical industries in marketing-authorization procedures and was responsible for the implementation of ISO IDMP standards. I moved to Belgium for a traineeship at the European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety where I worked at the Better regulation unit (A1). The highlight of the traineeship was a high-level conference on vaccine hesitancy that I initiated and chaired and which outcomes serve in EC work on vaccines. Over the years, I received various recognition for leading roles and projects in NGOs namely European Pharmaceutical Students' Association, International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation and was also involved in work of Alcohol Policy Youth Network.

**Key words:** Pharmaceutical industry, health policy, HTA, regulatory affairs, pharmacovigilance

**Pen portrait:** I joined Merck in March 2017 as EU policy associate. I support the Government Affairs and Policy team in delivering its objectives to represent Merck Biopharma, in Brussels, in three franchises (Neurology and Immunology, Oncology, Fertility). I am also involved in affairs related to Merck's EFPIA presidency. I am providing regular political intelligence through monitoring of key information sources and attendance at meetings in EU institutions, trade associations and stakeholder events. I am contributing to the development and implementation of public affairs campaigns in healthcare policy, assisting in the implementation of outreach programmes towards the European institutions, patient groups and other stakeholders and developing written materials such as stakeholder mappings, policy papers, internal briefings and presentations.



**Last Name:** Cash-Gibson

**First Name:** Lucinda

**Birth year:** 1984

**Nationality:** British

**Living city:** Barcelona

**Email Address:** lulucashgib[at]hotmail.com

**Profession:** Researcher

**Present position:** PhD student

**Organisation:** Universitat Pompeu Fabra

**Educational background:** BSc(Hons)- Molecular Cell Biology, MSc- Public Health, MRes - Sociology and Demography, PhD(c) - Global Public Health

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** *I have worked in IESE Business School in Barcelona on European Commission funded projects with institutions across Africa, Europe & Latin America; Invited to attend the first WHO Health in All Policies (HIAP) Training for Trainers event in Geneva; conducted a Short-term Research Fellowship at the Mexican National Institute of Public Health; as well as worked at Imperial College London and UK National Health Service.*

**Key words:** - Health inequalities, health systems, research capacity strengthening, chronic conditions, public policy.



**Last name:** Cattarin

**First name:** Francesca

**Birth year:** 1989

**Nationality:** Italian

**Current Country of Residence:** Belgium

**Email Address:** cattarin.francesca[at]gmail.com

**Profession:** Public health advocate

**Present position:** Health Policy Officer

**Educational background:** European studies

**Relevant memberships:** Member of European Alliance for Responsible R&D and Affordable Medicines

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Collaborated with the Italian Ministry of Health bring Italian health best practises in EU and EU within Italian regions. Currently lobbying EU institutions on access to medicines.

**Key words:** affordable & accessible medicines in EU, drug development, pricing and reimbursement, role of HTA, patient safety

**Pen portrait:** I am Health Policy Officer at BEUC, The European Consumer Organisation. [BEUC](#) is the umbrella organisation defending consumer interests at European Level. In my capacity, I am dealing with access to medicines and eHealth in Europe. As Health Policy Officer I provide BEUC and its members information and advices by monitoring the regulatory and political developments in these fields. I represent BEUC in working groups, networks and conferences in both areas and work together with national consumers' organisations and health NGO's. I gained previous work experience as Health Policy Advisor at the Progetto Mattone internazionale representing regional interest towards EU funds in Brussels. I have an academic background in International Relations and European Affairs. I recently published an article on [challenges of technology applied to health](#) exploring the role of mHealth in the EU. I also worked on the position of our organization on a procedure to speed up drugs' approval at EU level.



**Last Name:** Czernin

**First Name:** Sarah

**Birth year:** 1991

**Title:** MD

**Nationality:** Austrian

**Living city:** Vienna

**Email Address:** sari.czernin[at]gmail.com

**Twitter account:** Sarah Czernin

**Profession:** Student

**Present position:** Research Intern

**Organisation:** Austrian academic institute for clinical nutrition

**Educational background:** medicine, public health

**Relevant memberships:** EUPHA European public health association, ÖGPH Österreichische Gesellschaft für Public Health, EAROC European association for research on obesity in childhood

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** EAROC (European association for research on obesity in childhood) Secretary since 2016

**Key words:** HiAP, health inequalities, NCD prevention, nutrition and food policy, access to medicines, health law

**Pen portrait:** I graduated from Paracelsus medical University in Salzburg in 2015 and currently I am in my third trimester of the Master of public health (MPH) programme at the medical university of Vienna. Besides my university education I've been a research intern at the Austrian academic institute for clinical nutrition since October 2016. My main research field is childhood obesity prevention. For 10 months, I've been working as the secretary of the EAROC (European association for research on obesity in childhood). My main tasks are conducting research and the coordination of expert meetings and symposia. I am very interested in health inequalities and I would like to deepen my knowledge in this field in the future. Further I like the idea of working in a European or international setting.



**Last Name:** Das

**First Name:** Sarada

**Birth year:** 1983

**Nationality:** German

**Living city:** Brussels

**Email Address:** sarada.das[at]cpme.eu

**Profession:** Policy adviser

**Present position:** Deputy Secretary General

**Organisation:** Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)

**Educational background:** BA European Studies, LL.M. European

Law School, Maastricht University

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** I have been working for CPME since 2009 and assist the CPME membership in its activities relating to professional practice and ethics. I also coordinate the development of CPME positions into policy discussions and outreach action. In addition to the work on policies and legislation, I have been involved in projects, Joint Actions and studies, both as participant and manager, as well as presenting CPME positions at conferences and panel debates organised i.e. the European Commission, OECD and stakeholders such as the European Social Observatory.

**Key words:** health professions, health systems, health economics, public health, health technologies

**Pen portrait:** As Deputy Secretary General of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) my main policy focus is on professional ethics and practice. This includes policies on working time, professional qualifications and regulation, health workforce, standardisation, healthcare systems, trade policy, health inequalities/social determinants of health as well as migration and health. Furthermore, I am work on horizontal topics, such as the 'European Semester' or 'Brexit', and their effects on patients, doctors and health systems. In this work, we reach out to EU institutions and other international organisations, as well as stakeholders.





**Last Name:** Delnord

**First Name:** Marie

**Birth year:** 1987

**Nationality:** French

**Living city:** Paris

**Email Address:** marie.delnord[at]inserm.fr

**Twitter account:** NA

**Profession:** Epidemiologist

**Present position:** Doctoral research fellow

**Organisation:** Inserm French National Institute of Health and Medical Research, INSERM UMR1153 Obstetrical, Perinatal and Pediatric Epidemiology Research Team- EPOPé, Center for Epidemiology and Statistics Sorbonne Paris Cité- CRESS, Paris Descartes University

**Educational background:** PhD candidate, ED3933 Pierre et Marie Curie University, Paris Descartes University, Paris, France

MSc in Paediatrics and Child Health, University College London, London, UK

MA in Child Development, Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA,

Bachelor of Arts in Child Development, Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA,

**Relevant memberships:** Euro-Peristat Executive Board, Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research, EUPHANxt

**Key words:** maternal and child health, health information, cross-national comparisons, perinatal health, preterm birth prevention

**Pen portrait:** I work in the field of perinatal epidemiology. My research is focused on population-based analyses of maternal and child health risk factors and outcomes in high-income countries (i.e. Europe, North America, Asia Oceania). International comparisons are essential to benchmark and evaluate public health programmes as well as set targets for prevention. I am also interested in data innovations which can ameliorate maternal and child health surveillance.



**Last Name:** Deogan

**First Name:** Charlotte

**Birth year:** 1983

**Title:** PhD

**Nationality:** Swedish

**Living city:** Stockholm, Sweden

**Email Address:** charlottedeogan[at]gmail.com

**Twitter account:** charlottedeogan

**Profession:** Researcher, health economist

**Present position:** Analyst at the Public Health Agency of Sweden

**Organisation:** Public Health Agency of Sweden

**Educational background:** MPH & PhD (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden)

**Relevant memberships:** Swedish Association of Health Economics

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** WHO consultant

**Key words:** Health economics, STI/HIV prevention, adolescent health, SRHR, health system strengthening

**Pen portrait:** My research background is in sexual and reproductive health research and health economics. My PhD focused on resource allocation and cost-effectiveness of STI/HIV-prevention as well as universal health coverage for adolescents in low income settings. I currently work in the allocation of research funds for SRHR and HIV-prevention.



**Last Name:** Droogers

**First Name:** Maaïke

**Birth year:** 1989

**Title:** MSc

**Nationality:** Dutch

**Living city:** Utrecht

**Email Address:** m.droogers[at]euphaoffice.org

**Twitter account:** maaïke\_droogers

**Profession:** Public Health

**Present position:** Scientific Officer

**Organisation:** European Public Health Association (EUPHA)

**Educational background:** Global Health, Public Health

**Relevant memberships:** EUPHANxt

**Key words:** European public health, public health research, qualitative research in public health, global health, emergency preparedness.

**Pen portrait:** The past two years I am working in the field of European Public Health. Currently I am working as scientific officer for the European Public Health Association (EUPHA), which is an umbrella organisation of national public health associations in the European region. In the beginning of the year 2017 I successfully completed the traineeship programme at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) in Stockholm, Sweden. At ECDC I was involved in emergency preparedness projects, including pandemic influenza preparedness.

Prior to my European public health experiences, I worked as a research assistant for various health research projects on mental health, e-health, and maternal health in Tanzania and The Netherlands.



**Last name:** Festersen  
**First Name:** Cathrine Hernández  
**Birth year:** 1990  
**Nationality:** Danish  
**Living city:** Brussels, Belgium  
**Email Address:** c.festersen[at]eurohealthnet.eu  
**Twitter account:** cath\_festersen  
**Profession:** Public health advocate in European not-for-profit organisation  
**Present position:** Policy and Liaison Officer

**Organisation:** EuroHealthNet

**Educational background:** MA Europe Public Policy, Brussels School of International Studies, Belgium (Department of University of Kent, United Kingdom); BSc Public Administration with specialisation in EU studies, Roskilde University, Denmark

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** I have worked for the European Public Services Union (European sectoral trade union) dealing with challenges in the care and health care sector, among others addressing grey labour market, privatisation, recruitment and retention challenges of the workforce, low staffing levels, reduced resources etc. Furthermore, I wrote my master thesis on the free trade agreement, TTIP's, potential influences on the health care sector.

**Key words:** Health inequalities, Social determinants to health, Youth and children health and social inclusion, Health and labour market inclusion, Health systems.

**Pen portrait:** I work with advocacy and policy in the European not-for-profit organisation, EuroHealthNet, the leading European partnership for improving health, equity and well-being. I monitor and react to EU policy measures, and collaborate with relevant stakeholder to address public health from a health equity perspective; this includes social policy areas given the importance of looking into the social determinants to health. I support this agenda by liaising with EU officials, responding to consultations and raise awareness at and with policy dialogues. EuroHealthNet is an evidence-based organisation; my unit, the Policy Platform, raises awareness of good practices and research findings, which are among others achieved in the remaining two units, the Practice Platform (facilitating shared knowledge and capacity building through EU projects and country exchange visits) and the Research Platform (co-ordinating European research projects, e.g. the latest, addressing the link between living, moving and consuming patterns with our environment, health and equity).



**Last Name:** Fischer

**First Name:** Claudia

**Birth year:** 1985

**Title:** PhD

**Nationality:** Austrian

**Living city:** Vienna

**Email Address:** cfischer.privat[at]gmail.com

**Profession:** Scientist

**Present position:** Scientist

**Organisation:** Institute for Advanced Studies. Health Economics & Health Policy

**Educational background:** FH Kaernten: Mag.(FH) Health care management;

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. MSc Health Science

ErasmusMC Rotterdam. MSc Public Health

ErasmusMC Rotterdam. PhD Public Health

**Relevant memberships:** EHMA (European health management association), EuroDoc

**Key words:** health services research, health systems performance assessment, health systems improvement, quality of care research, quality indicators, HTA, integrated care, professionalism, mental health, cancer, chronic diseases, e-health, prediction modelling, health economics

**Pen portrait:** I am specialized in quality of care research, evaluating health systems performance and testing quality indicators, used for assessing performance by different stakeholders in health care, in terms of their relevance, validity and reliability. Further I am interested in innovative solutions to improve quality and efficiency of health care by help of technology and tele medicine.



**Last Name:** Florindi

**First Name:** Francesco

**Birth year:** 1986

**Title:** MA

**Nationality:** Italian

**Living city:** Brussels

**Email Address:** francesco.florindi[at]gmail.com

**Twitter account:** francescoflo

**Profession:** Public affairs specialist

**Present position:** Engagement Officer

**Organisation:** BBMRI-ERIC

**Educational background:** MA in International Relations

**Relevant memberships:** Young Forum Gastein

**Key words:** Biobanking, Registries, eHealth, chronic diseases, HTA

**Pen portrait:** I have been working in Brussels for 6 years, helping research organisations, patients' associations and medical societies to have a voice at the EU level. I was lucky enough to build my own understanding of public health directly from top EU experts and fellow colleagues I worked with. In exchange, I brought my multidisciplinary education and different pair of eyes, to connect decision makers to the healthcare, patients and research communities. As Head of EU Affairs of the European Cancer Patient Coalition, the association representing the rights of cancer patients at European level, I designed and implemented its policy strategy, meeting the perspective of patients with the political agenda of the EU institutions. Since September 2017 I'll pick up a new challenge as Engagement Officer of BBMRI-ERIC, the European network of biobanks.



**Last Name:** Fruhmann

**First Name:** Tanja

**Birth year:** 1990

**Title:** MA

**Nationality:** Austrian

**Living city:** Oberrabnitz

**Email Address:** tanja-fruhmann[at]hotmail.com

**Profession:** Health economist

**Organisation:** Vienna City Administration – Department for health care planning and social welfare planning

**Educational background:** Master in Economics, Bachelor in Health Care Management

**Key words:** Primary health care, health literacy, health in all politics, health inequalities, health prevention

**Pen portrait:** Since May 2014 I have been working for the Vienna City Administration at the department for health care planning and social welfare planning. I am responsible for the monitoring of the projects in the context of the current health care reform in Vienna; presently these are 25 different projects. In addition, I also manage my own projects dealing with the improvement of health care for children and adolescents and with securing equal access to health care for people with disabilities and migrants through efforts to increase health literacy among these people and improve their knowledge about the Austrian health care system.



**Last name:** Giedrojć

**First Name:** Martyna

**Birth year:** 1990

**Nationality:** Polish

**Current Country of Residence:** Belgium

**Email Address:** gimartyna[at]gmail.com

**Profession:** Public Health Professional

**Present position:** Policy Officer for Health Systems, EPHA

**Educational background:** Medical University of Warsaw, University of Eastern Finland

**Relevant memberships:** European Health Parliament, European Alliance for Mental Health in All Policies, eHealth Working Group, International Network for Health Workforce Education, Health MeetUp.

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Internship at HTA agency, Internship at Patients Federation, President of the Health Managers Student Association, Academic publications on “Cross-border health care and patient mobility in the European Union”, “Harmful effects of using supplement diet for health”, and “Awareness of HCV infection”.

**Key words:** cross-border health care, eHealth, health workforce, mental health, ageing

**Pen portrait:** I am a public health professional, gaining experience in the European health policy sector in Brussels. My position as a Policy Officer at the European Public Health Alliance has allowed me to evolve my campaigning skills and gain a broad knowledge of health systems policies, in particular, the digitalisation of healthcare. During EHFG I hope to meet people, who would broaden my horizons and who are involved in the projects that influence and improve health and social well-being of people around the world.





**Last Name:** Gille

**First Name:** Felix

**Birth year:** 1987

**Nationality:** German

**Living city:** Cambridge

**Email Address:** fg366[at]medschl.cam.ac.uk

**Profession:** Health system and policy researcher

**Present position:** Research Associate

**Organisation:** University of Cambridge, Cambridge Centre for Health Services Research

**Educational background:** BSc in European Public Health, Maastricht University, the Netherlands; MMedSc in Public Health (Health Economics, Policy & Management), Karolinska Institute, Sweden; PhD candidate in health policy at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

**Key words:** Public Trust, Governance, Legitimacy, Policy

**Pen portrait:** Since June 2017 I work at the Cambridge Centre for Health Services Research, University of Cambridge. Here I research in the field of ethics, innovation and quality in primary care. Previously, I explored as a doctoral student the theory and conceptualisation of public trust in the health care system at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. To empirically investigate the underlying construct of public trust, I employed qualitative research methods to analyse three different NHS case studies: Biobanking, 100.000 Genomes Project and Care.Data. Further, this research engaged with social as well as trust theory to describe how public trust develops in the public sphere.



**Last Name:** Gordeev  
**First Name:** Vladimir  
**Birth year:** 1982  
**Title:** Dr  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Living city:** London  
**Email Address:** vsgordeev[at]outlook.com  
**Twitter account:** vladgordeev  
**Profession:** Researcher

**Present position:** Assistant Professor

**Organisation:** London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

**Educational background:** MD Internal Medicine, MSc Public Health, MA Economics and Management of Organisation, PhD Health Economics

**Relevant memberships:** European Health Economics Association; International Health Economics Association; Emerging Voices for Global Health

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** I am working as an Assistant Professor at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, focusing on the issue of the mobile data collection, health systems, impact metrics design and metrics testing related to the maternal and newborn health in several countries of the Global South. My previous projects focused on the social cohesion and health resilience in urban disadvantaged neighbourhoods in England, economic shocks and health resilience in the Russian Federation, and assessment of the financial reforms of the Russian healthcare sector and related patients' out-of-pocket expenditure.

**Key words:** health economics, global health, health systems, health financing, health informatics

**Pen portrait:** I am a multidisciplinary researcher currently working on issues related to the maternal and new-born health in the countries of the Global South. My research interests include health inequalities and social determinants of health, healthcare financing options, interrelation of social cohesion and environmental factors with health resilience, advances in mobile technologies for health data collection, health care utilisation and out-of-pocket expenditure, and patient-reported outcomes and quality of life measures.



**Last Name:** Guedes

**First Name:** Luís

**Birth year:** 1989

**Title:** M.D., MSc EPH

**Nationality:** Portuguese

**Living city:** Porto

**Email Address:** lc.guedes[at]gmail.com

**Twitter account:** \_guedes

**Profession:** Public Health Medical Resident

**Present position:** Public Health Medical Resident at Public Health Unit of Matosinhos

**Organisation:** Local Health Unit of Matosinhos

**Educational background:**

**Maastricht University**

- Master's Degree, European Public Health Master, 2015 – 2016
- Master Thesis: "The EU prescription: The impact of EU recommendations on the pharmaceutical policy of Greece, Ireland, Portugal and Spain."

**Faculty of Medicine, Universidade do Porto**

- Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Medicine, 2007 – 2013
- Master's Thesis: "Challenges and Opportunities of Cardiac Teleauscultation"
- Post Graduation in Travel Medicine, 2017

**Relevant memberships:** Portuguese Public Health Doctors Association, Portuguese Medical Association

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:**

- Delegate at CMISPZN. CMISPZN represents the Public Health Medical Residents from the North Region of Portugal.
- Consultant at Service Science Factory (Maastricht) for the development of an eHealth institute.
- Completed Foundation year at Braga Hospital

**Key words:** e-Health, Health Communication, Travel Medicine, Epidemiology

**Pen portrait:** I am a Public Health resident in the third year of his residency. My daily activities include infectious diseases surveillance, epidemiology, health promotion, health planning, enforcing the International Health Regulation and providing medical consultation to travelers. My main objectives as a professional are to improve the health and well-being of populations, while reducing health inequalities and increasing health literacy. Working on a local level, but also having completed the European Public Health Master, made me realize the importance of having health in all policies (and politics). Lately, I have become more interested in increasing my knowledge in Travel Medicine, as this is an area with an important impact in the health of populations. As such, I have completed a post-graduation on this subject.



**Last Name:** Guiu Segura

**First Name:** Josep Maria

**Birth year:** 1983

**Title:** Dr

**Nationality:** Spanish

**Living city:** Barcelona

**Email Address:** pepguiu[at]gmail.com

**Twitter account:** pepguiu

**Profession:** Policymaker

**Present position:** Head of pharmaceutical planning and pharmacotherapy coordination

**Organisation:** Catalan Health and Social Care Consortium (CSC)

**Educational background:** Pharmacist

**Relevant memberships:** International Pharmaceutical Federation, Spanish Society of Hospital Pharmacy, Young Forum Gastein Alumni

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Advanced therapies researcher, hospital pharmacist, HTA researcher, technical advisor in pay-for-performance agreements in medicines

**Key words:** HTA, rare diseases, health systems, health policies, drug access, drug pricing

**Pen portrait:** I am currently working as a senior adviser at the Catalan Health and Social Care Consortium (CSC), which is a public association that provides high added-value services to public and non-profit healthcare organizations in Catalonia. My tasks are mainly focused on development of strategies in innovative drug access and public purchasing within areas such as cancer and rare diseases. Such policies include risk sharing agreements with the pharmaceutical industry, exploring a performance-based payment system for medicines, meaning that the value of a technology is conditioned by the demonstration of its effectiveness and efficiency. Further I am involved in academic research of health technology assessment of orphan drugs and orphan drug reimbursement policies as well as hospital pharmacy practice teaching and research.



**Last Name:** Hawlik

**First Name:** Katharina

**Birth year:** 1989

**Title:** MD, MSc.

**Nationality:** Austrian

**Living city:** Vienna

**Email Address:** katharina.hawlik[at]hta.lbg.ac.at

**Twitter account:** K\_Hawlik

**Profession:** Medical Doctor, Researcher in Public Health

Present position: Researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Health technology Assessment

**Organisation:** Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Health technology Assessment

**Educational background:** Doctor in Medicine at the Medical University of Vienna, Master of Science in Global Health (cum laude) at the Free University of Amsterdam

**Relevant memberships:**

- European Alliance for responsible R&D and affordable medicines
- Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM)
- ÖGPH (Österreichische Gesellschaft für Public Health)
- European Public Health Association

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:**

- Evaluation of the “Extra Medical Services” for the Austrian Benefit Catalogue 2017- 2018
- Systematic reviews, evidenced- based policy research
- Foundation of the Austrian chapter of Universities Allied for Essential Medicines
- European Coordinator for Universities Allied for Essential Medicines

**Key words:** access to medicines, medical innovation, health policy, HTA

**Pen portrait:** I am researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Health Technology Assessment (LBI-HTA), an independent non- profit research institution. LBI-HTA provides scientific input to support evidence-based decision-making and to facilitate efficient and appropriate use of health care resources in Austria. As program manager of HTA on medical interventions in hospitals, I am responsible for the annual evaluation of medical devices and procedures to be introduced to the Austrian benefit catalogue. Prior to joining the LBI-HTA in 2016, I conducted research on access to medicines and pharmaceutical pricing policies with Health Action International (2015), and later the World Health Organisation (2016). I am a medical doctor by training and passionate about equitable access to health and social justice. Alongside my Research Master in Global Health, I have been active as student advocate for access to medicines as European Coordinator for Universities Allied for Essential Medicines.



**Last Name:** Hines

**First Name:** Philip

**Birth year:** 1991

**Nationality:** British

**Living city:** London

**Email Address:** philip.a.hines[at]gmail.com

**Present position:** Scientific Committees Regulatory Science Strategy Officer

**Organisation:** European Medicines Agency

**Educational background:** As a PhD candidate at Maastricht University, I am interested in science diplomacy and the EU's institutional structures for receiving scientific advice. I hold an MSc in European Public Health from Maastricht University and a BSc in Natural Sciences from the University of East Anglia. He is also an alumna from the University of Calgary, Canada.

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** I am currently working at the European Medicines Agency in their regulatory science strategy division. Within my duties, I am aiding in their horizon scanning efforts.

**Key words:** Science Diplomacy; Scientific advice; Science Policy; Medicines assessment; HTA

**Pen portrait:** Interested in science diplomacy and the EU's institutional structures for receiving scientific advice.



**Last Name:** Ivankovic

**First Name:** Damir

**Birth year:** 1985

**Title:** MD, MBA

**Nationality:** Croatian

**Living city:** Zagreb

**Email Address:** [divankovicfat@gmail.com](mailto:divankovicfat@gmail.com)

**Twitter account:** damir\_ivankovic

**Profession:** Medical Doctor

**Present position:** Public Health Resident

**Organisation:** Croatian Institute of Public Health

**Educational background:** Medicine (2009), Business Administration (2015), Healthcare Management (2012)

**Relevant memberships:** Croatian Public Health Society, EuroNet MRPH, HL7 Croatia, EUPHA, WFPHA, EUPHANxt, Croatian MoH eHealth Committee, Alpbach Club Croatia

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Public health resident and the president of the European Network of Medical Residents in Public Health (EuroNet MRPH). Previous professional experience in clinical medicine (psychiatric hospital), health policy (Ministry of Health) and medical device industry (multinational manufacturer). Scholarship awardee at the Alpbach Forum's Summer School on European Health Systems. Work on EC co-funded Joint Action projects on patient registries (PARENT JA), HTA (EUnetHTA) and European Health Information Systems. Volunteer medical consultancy in different project dealing with public health and vulnerable populations (elderly, LGBT, medical informatics...)

**Key words:** public health, evidence-based policy, data and information management, public health education

**Pen portrait:** Third year Public Health Resident at the Health Informatics and Biostatistics Department of the Croatian Institute of Public Health (CIPH). Through my work in CIPH, I am involved in both operational and research work related to biostatistics, eHealth and management of public health data / information and its use in decision and policy-making on a national and EU level. Besides the "official" residency programme, I am also actively involved in the educational and research work through the Croatian Society for Public Health (EUPHA member), especially with topics related to health service research and evidence-based policy making. Additionally, my public health related activities include 2017 president position in the European Network of Medical Residents in Public Health (EuroNet MRPH).



**Last Name:** Janzek-Hawlat

**First Name:** Stefan

**Birth year:** 1984

**Title:** DI (Msc.)

**Nationality:** Austrian

**Living city:** Vienna

**Email Address:** stefan.janzek[at]gmail.com

**Twitter account:** tourach

**Profession:** Business Analyst/Data Scientist

**Organisation:** Main Association of Austrian Social

Security Institutions (Hauptverband der österreichischen Sozialversicherungsträger)

**Educational background:** Bachelor and master in medical informatics, master in business informatics

**Relevant memberships:** European Forum Alpbach, ISPOR

**Key words:** big data, e-health, patient oriented health care, health care politics

**Pen portrait:** I am working in the department “business intelligence in health care” which aims to analyze the health care system from the point of view of the Social Security Institutions. My department therefore processes existing data, mostly billing data, into analyzable information, identifies deviations from target values and offers benchmark analysis to show potentials for action within the social security institutions. Furthermore, I also provide data on a comprehensive level. My focus is to understand the analysis questions and work out which kind of data combined with the right kind of models and methods provide the best valuable answers. This requires certain knowledge of all branches of the social security institutions, but also profound knowledge of selected topics. My deepest personal intention is to supply decision-makers with objective, transparent and reliable analysis so they can make the best decision to increase quality and availability of health care.





**Last Name:** Johner

**First Name:** Stefanie

**Birth year:** 1982

**Nationality:** Swiss

**Living city:** Bern

**Email Address:** Stefanie.johner[at]bag.admin.ch

**Profession:** Economist

**Present position:** Scientific collaborator

**Organisation:** Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH)

**Educational background:** MSc

**Key words:** Equity, Primary Care, Integrated Care, Health Financing, Health Service Research

**Pen portrait:** As a scientific collaborator at the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH), I am involved in developing new integrated models of care, with special focus on reducing disincentives and designing measures to improve coordinated care for elderly, multimorbid patients

Furthermore, the FOPH implemented Health in all Policies by defining six subject areas whereby I am responsible for the realm of economy. We therefore actively seek opportunities to collaborate with and influence other sectors, federal offices and structures.



**Last Name:** Karanikolos

**First Name:** Marina

**Birth year:** 1982

**Title:** MPH

**Nationality:** Lithuanian

**Living city:** Cambridge

**Email Address:** marina.karanikolos[at]lshtm.ac.uk

**Twitter account:** OBSfincrisis

**Profession:** Academic

**Present position:** Research Fellow

**Organisation:** European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

**Educational background:** Public health and law

**Key words:** health systems, health policies, health systems performance assessment, population health

**Pen portrait:** I have been working in academic research and knowledge brokering in health systems- and health policies- related topics since 2010. My specific areas of interest are health systems performance, financing and population health.



**Last Name:** Löblová

**First Name:** Olga

**Birth year:** 1984

**Title:** Dr

**Nationality:** Czech

**Living city:** Cambridge, UK

**Email Address:** olga.loblova[at]gmail.com

**Profession:** Academic

**Present position:** Research Associate (post-doc)

**Organisation:** University of Cambridge

**Educational background:** PhD Political Science

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** My work has been published in Health Economics, Politics and Law; Journal of Health Services Research and Policy; Comparative European Politics, and the Policy Studies Journal.

**Key words:** HTA, diagnostics, screening, politics, regulation

**Pen portrait:** I am interested in the politics of health care governance. Specifically, I am interested in the politics of priority-setting/rationing and the use of health technology assessment for priority-setting purposes. I focus on HTA in Central and Eastern Europe, looking primarily at the advisory or regulatory agencies that carry out value for money assessments. As of September 2017, I will also be working on the political economy of diagnostic innovation in cancer screening as part of the CANCERSCREEN project, led by Stuart Hogarth (Dpt of Sociology, University of Cambridge).



**Last Name:** Kelly  
**First Name:** Muireann  
**Birth year:** 1987  
**Title:** Dr  
**Nationality:** Irish  
**Living city:** London  
**Email Address:** muireann.kelly1[at]gmail.com  
**Twitter account:** muireanntweets  
**Profession:** Public health researcher

**Present position:** Research assistant at London South Bank University

**Organisation:** London South Bank University

**Educational background:** B.A. in Psychology, National University of Ireland, Galway

M.Sc. in Public Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Ph.D. (Health promotion), London South Bank University

**Relevant memberships:** Faculty of Public Health; Member of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Public Health Nursing and Midwifery.

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** My professional activity has largely been in the area of health promotion, with a particular focus in recent years on patient education and behaviour change. Previously I worked on the TEDS E-Risk study at Kings College London, a longitudinal study of twins across the UK, to understand how exposure to violence over time affects biological and psychological development.

**Key words:** health promotion; workplace health; behaviour change; obesity; nursing workforce

**Pen portrait:** At the moment, I am working on a project working with registered nurses in England who are obese to co-produce interventions that might help nurses to achieve and maintain a healthy weight. The project combines design principles with co-production and evidence gathering from practising nurses and insight work from national data, to develop interventions that are most needed by staff, and are most likely to have a significant impact on wellbeing at work. In addition, I am working with Age UK London on their Age Allies programme, which supports businesses and organisations to become more 'age-friendly'. My PhD examined the expectation seen in policy and professional discourse that nurses should be role models for healthy behaviours. Little consideration has been given to whether the nursing workforce accepts this expectation and how nurses might meet this expectation in practice.



**Last Name:** Kirchoff

**First Name:** Karl Kristian

**Birth year:** 1986

**Nationality:** Norwegian

**Living city:** Oslo

**Email Address:** [Karl.Kristian.Radahl.Kirchoff@helsedir.no](mailto:Karl.Kristian.Radahl.Kirchoff@helsedir.no)

**Twitter account:** Karl\_Kirchoff

**Profession:** Bureaucrat

**Present position:** Senior Advisor

**Organisation:** The Norwegian Directorate of Health

**Educational background:** Latin (M.A) and Law (LL.M)

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Project leader of a Partnership with the Norwegian Food Industry for improving the Norwegian diet, co-author of the Norwegian national strategy for sexual health 2017 - 2021.

**Key words:** Health inequality, industry cooperation, sexual health, HIV-prevention, health literacy

**Pen portrait:** My main fields are the four following.

- **Sexual health**, which includes prevention of unwanted pregnancies, STDs and the promotion of positive sexual health and well-being.
- **Food industry cooperation**, finding ways to improve the national diet through reducing saturated fat, added sugar and salt, and increasing consumption of healthier foods.
- **Health inequality**, especially the effects of education and income inequality on physical and mental health.
- **Adolescent health**, in particular health in school and universal health services for adolescents.



**Last Name:** Lafranconi  
**First Name:** Alessandra  
**Birth year:** 1985  
**Title:** Dr  
**Nationality:** Italian  
**Living city:** Milano  
**Email Address:** lafranconi.ale[at]gmail.com  
**Twitter account:** ale\_lafra

**Profession:** Specialised Physician in Public Health

**Present position:** Grantholder

**Organisation:** Università of Milano Bicocca

**Educational background:** Medicine and Surgery, Environmental Health, Public Health  
**Relevant memberships:** YFG (Young Forum Gastein), EUPHA (European Public Health Association), SItI (Società Italiana di Igiene), Doctors with Africa CUAMM

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Coordinator of a Jean Monnet Module at the Università of Milano Bicocca

**Key words:** environmental health, nutrition, physical activity, economic analysis, impact analysis

**Pen portrait:** I am a Specialised Physician in Public Health (2017), currently employed as Grantholder, University of Milan-Bicocca. After graduating from Medical School at University of Milan-Bicocca (2010), I obtained a M.Sc. degree in Environmental Health from the Cyprus International Institute for Environment and Public Health in association with the Harvard T. Chan School of Public Health (2011). My professional activities are mainly related to research and teaching in environmental health, nutrition, physical activity, and public health. I am now the coordinator of a Jean Monnet Module, held at University of Milan-Bicocca.

In the last few years, I had temporary collaborations with the World Health Organization (Global Burden of Disease Project), the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (Ispra - IT), and other governmental bodies, in the field of nutrition and environmental health.



**Last Name:** Lähdepuro

**First Name:** Kaisa

**Birth year:** 1987

**Nationality:** Finnish

**Living city:** Helsinki

**Email Address:** kaisa.lahdepuro[at]gmail.com

**Profession:** Planning Officer

**Present position:** Planning Officer

**Organisation:** Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

**Educational background:** Master of Arts in Culture, Communication and Globalisation - International Relations;

Master of Science in Economics and Business Administration

**Relevant memberships:** Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) Next Generation Network

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** I am working as Planning Officer in the International Affairs Unit of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland, with my main focus on health security. Prior to this I have worked inter alia at the Permanent Representation of Finland to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), at the Delegation of the European Union to the Organization for Security Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and in the bank and food sectors. I hold a M.A. Degree in global studies with a focus on international relations and global gender studies, and a M.Sc. in Economics and Business Administration.

**Key words:** Health security, health systems, global health, multi-sectoral collaboration

**Pen portrait:** Health threats do not recognise national borders and as inter alia the recent outbreaks of Ebola, Zika and seasonal influenza have demonstrated, the world is ill prepared for global health threats with devastating health, societal, environmental and economic consequences. Global health security means that all countries have the capability to prevent, detect and respond to cross-border health threats. Strong and resilient health systems are essential for ensuring sustainable health security capacity. This requires a Whole of Government approach and collaboration with different actors at global, regional, national and community levels. Finland is actively engaged in strengthening global health security through the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) and as the co-chair of the JEE Alliance, a platform for collaboration among countries, international organizations, foundations, non-governmental stakeholders and the private sector. In Finland, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health coordinates the multi-sectoral health security cooperation.



**Last Name:** Laschkolnig

**First Name:** Anja

**Birth year:** 1986

**Title:** BA, MPH

**Nationality:** German

**Living city:** Vienna

**Email Address:** anja.laschkolnig[at]goeg.at

**Profession:** Health Researcher

**Present position:** Health researcher

**Organisation:** Austrian Public Health Institute

**Educational background:** Bachelor in Social Economics, Master in Public Health

**Relevant memberships:** German Association of Health economics

**Key words:** HTA, Public Health, effectiveness studies, health services research

**Pen portrait:** I am working as a health researcher at the Austrian Public Health institute. My work focuses on international and national projects on quality and efficiency in health care (e.g. effectiveness studies, Health Technology Assessments) but also on projects addressing health policy. Example for EU projects I contributed to are the study on “Big Data in Public Health, Telemedicine and Health Care” and the “Study on impact analysis of Policy Options for strengthened EU cooperation on HTA”. Previously to my work at the Austrian Public Health Institute I gathered professional experience in pharma market research, epidemiology, Health Outcome research and the conduction of value dossiers for pharmaceuticals.





**Last Name:** Lassahn  
**First Name:** Filip Julius  
**Birth year:** 1983  
**Title:** MSc (Politics), MSc (Administration)  
**Nationality:** German  
**Living city:** Brussels  
**Email Address:** flassahn[at]kbv.de  
**Twitter account:** FLassahn  
**Profession:** Policy Advisor

**Present position:** Head of Brussels Office

**Organisation:** National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians (NASHIP) / Kassenärztliche Bundesvereinigung (KBV)

**Educational background:** Political Science, Administrative Science

**Key words:** European health policy, Health Workforce, e-Health, HTA, Patient Safety

**Pen portrait:** Since 2012 I'm the head of NASHIP / KBV's Brussels Office and therefore the representative of approx. 168.000 German based physicians and psychotherapists on European level. I'm therefore steering NASHIP / KBV's work on EU level – for example in EU Joint Actions such as the one on Health Workforce. Furthermore, I'm in constant exchange with the institutions of the European Union in order to advocate on behalf of the German physicians and psychotherapists positions on legislative and non-legislative topics.



**Last Name:** Lautier

**First Name:** Elaine Claire

**Birth year:** 1982

**Title:** Dr

**Nationality:** Maltese

**Living city:** St. Paul's Bay

**Email Address:** elaine.lautier[at]gov.mt

**Profession:** Public Health Medicine Specialist Trainee

**Present position:** Higher Specialist Trainee – Public Health Medicine

**Organisation:** Ministry of Health

**Educational background:** M.D., M.Sc(PH Nutrition), M.Sc (Public Health)

**Relevant memberships:** Malta Association of Public Health Medicine (MAPHM)

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** I worked in several departments/directorates in Public Health including Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Directorate, Directorate Health Information and Research, Environmental Health Directorate, HealthCare Standards Directorate, Superintendence of Public Health, International Affairs & Policy Development and Policy in Health. I also read 2 Master's Degrees, M.Sc. Nutrition & Psychological Sciences in the UK and M.Sc. Public Health in Malta

**Key words:** International Affairs, Policy Development, European Commission, Obesity, Reformulation

**Pen portrait:** I am a qualified doctor and have been working within Public Health since October 2009. I am currently following the public health specialist training programme and have worked in several areas within Public Health including Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Health Information and Research, Clinical Performance Unit, Environmental Health, HealthCare Standards, International Affairs & Policy Development and Policy In Health. I have also worked and taken part in several health workshops during the Malta Presidency. I have two post-graduate qualifications: Masters in Nutrition and Masters in Public Health Medicine. My main area of specialisation so far is in Nutrition mainly Public Health Nutrition with a focus on Obesity but since starting my training in Public Health Medicine and also the vast experience I gained during the Malta Presidency 2017 I must admit that I would like to learn more on International Affairs and Policy Development.



**Last Name:** Lindenau  
**First Name:** Eva-Verena  
**Birth year:** 1983  
**Title:** B.A./ M.Sc. Nursing Science  
**Nationality:** German  
**Living city:** Ludwigsburg  
**Email Address:** eva[at]lindenau.info

**Profession:** Registered Nurse (RN) and Nursing Scientist (M.Sc.)

**Present position:** Nursing Planning & Development Officer of the department for nursing research and nursing development

**Organisation:** Robert-Bosch-Krankenhaus, Stuttgart (Germany)

**Educational background:** Apprenticeship in nursing (2007), Bachelor degree in Nursing Science from the University of Applied Sciences in Osnabrück (2010), Master degree in Nursing Science from the University of Witten/Herdecke (2016)

**Relevant memberships:** Member of the German Nurses Association (DBfK) and the German Association for Nursing Science (DGP)

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Currently I am working as a Nursing Planning & Development Officer for the director of nursing at the Robert-Bosch-Krankenhaus. Bringing evidence-based nursing to the point of care is my central motivation. Therefore, I am driving and supporting the following topics: Introduction of academic education in nursing; Enhancing processes for a new integrated Hospital Information System (HIS) with an Electronic Health Record (EHR); Prevention and management with health care quality indicators such as occurrence of decubitus ulcers. Educated and with several years of experience as an Advanced Practitioner Nurse (APN) in the department of nephrology, I have put my focus on chronic ill patients with a kidney disease. In these specialised area, I assist staff nurses with complex patient care procedures, provide hands-on education at bedside and support staff in managing challenging situations. Moreover I am responsible for the patient counselling of patients which started a dialysis treatment. My master thesis, with the title "Health-related quality of life and symptom experiences of patients with peritoneal dialysis- A cross-sectional study" was derived from my practical working experience. The results of the study opened different opportunities to improve quality of life for this patient group. Opportunities which we could already adopted into our daily practice of patient care.

**Key words:** Nursing, Clinical Nursing Research, Advanced Nursing Practice, Patient, reported Outcomes, Chronic diseases

**Pen portrait:** Already during my apprenticeship as a nurse, I discovered that the nursing staff could be a key player in the health care process. Especially nurses in acute settings have the possibility to identify the needs of the patients by leveraging their proximity to the patients. Using this knowledge, the nursing staff can support and empower chronic ill patients within their self-care management. Since the beginning it is my intent to strengthen my profession and to develop it further. I am achieving this by combining my practical nursing experience with academic knowledge and bridging the gap in between. Bringing theory into practice – it sounds unspectacular, but it is a challenge in itself. Valuable scientific insights and procedures will only advance and improve the quality of patient care if they are used at bedside and that is my overall objective.



**Last Name:** Ludolph  
**First Name:** Ramona  
**Birth year:** 1989  
**Title:** PhD, MPH  
**Nationality:** German  
**Living city:** Copenhagen  
**Email Address:** ludolphr[at]who.int  
**Profession:** Public Health Professional  
**Present position:** Technical Officer  
**Organisation:** World Health Organization

**Educational background:** PhD, MPH, BA

**Relevant memberships:** Society for Medical Decision Making; Society of Behavioral Medicine

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** 2014-2017: Research and teaching assistant at the Institute of Communication and Health, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland. Since 2017: Part of the JPO program funded by the German government

**Key words:** Health Psychology, Interventions; Knowledge Transfer; Ethics; Behavior Change

**Pen portrait:** My research is mainly concerned with the processing of risk information and medical decision making under uncertainty, inter alia applied in the contexts of vaccination and systematic mammography screening. In my role as a technical officer at the WHO Regional Office for Europe, I am supporting the promotion of evidence-informed policy-making through capacity building in knowledge translation at regional and country level.



**Last Name:** Mackiewicz

**First Name:** Karolina

**Birth year:** 1983

**Nationality:** Polish

**Living city:** Helsinki

**Email Address:** [ka.mackiewicz\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:ka.mackiewicz@gmail.com)

**Twitter account:** ka\_mackiewicz

**Profession:** Project Manager

**Present position:** Acting Executive Director

**Organisation:** Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association

**Educational background:** political sciences, international relations, marketing, futures studies

**Relevant memberships:** YFG, Project Management Institute

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:**

- Development and coordination of several international EU- and NCM-funded project on intersectoral work for health, health leadership, health literacy, healthy ageing and community involvement, e.g. [www.letusbeactive.eu](http://www.letusbeactive.eu) and [www.empowerkids.eu](http://www.empowerkids.eu)
- Development and implementation of the capacity building trainings for local decision makers and non-governmental organizations, especially in the field of evidence-based policy planning, incl. economical aspect;
- One of the three experts working on "International Comparison of Differences in Premature Deaths and their Causes in NDPHS Partner Countries Measured by Potential Years of Life Lost Indicator (PYLL)" – ND-PYLL study 2016;
- Supporting new cities and national network in applying to the WHO European Healthy Cities Network (past and successful: St. Petersburg, Klaipeda and Latvia);
- Lectures and presentations at the international conferences and in the urban health courses, including the topic of the community participation, cross-sectoral cooperation and citizens empowerment;
- Coordination of the communication and visibility actions of the Association, incl. website management and article writing.

**Key words:** urban health, health promotion, non-communicable diseases, Health in All Policies, social determinants of health,

**Pen portrait:** I am Polish, and I live in Finland. My scientific background is in Political Sciences (MA 2008) and Futures Studies (MA 2016). I have almost 9 years of experience in cross-sectoral and strategic work with local, regional and national authorities in the Baltic Sea Region. Since 2009, I have been working with the World Health Organization's European Healthy Cities Network, taking care for project management in the area of public health and health promotion and capacity building of local governments (leadership for health, community diagnosis, management of change, evidence-based policy interventions, health literacy). Since 2011 I have been involved in the Expert Group on Non-Communicable Diseases of Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being.

As a Development Manager responsible for projects and communication, I initiate, develop and implement health projects with partners and stakeholders and take care of its complex communication.



**Last Name:** Maier

**First Name:** Gunter

**Birth year:** 1983

**Title:** BA, MA

**Nationality:** Austrian

**Living city:** Vienna

**Email Address:** gunter.maier[at]hbsc.org

**Twitter account:** gunterM\_

**Profession:** Researcher

**Present position:** Researcher, Department Child and Adolescent Health

**Organisation:** Institute for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

**Educational background:** Sociology, Psychology

**Relevant memberships:** Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC)-Network, ÖGPH (Austrian Public Health Association)

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Researcher for the Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) WHO collaborative cross-national study.

**Key words:** social determinants of health, health literacy, adolescent health, epidemiology, evaluation research

**Pen portrait:** I am employed as a researcher in the Department of Child- and adolescent Health at the Institute for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Vienna. Our department is supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health and Women's Affairs and the Main Association of Austrian Social Security Institutions. My role at the institute involves academic research in the area of health literacy and health behaviour in children and adolescents as well as evaluation- and project work in the context of health promotion in schools.



**Last Name:** Marosevic

**First Name:** Durdica

**Birth year:** 1988

**Nationality:** Croatian

**Living city:** Munich

**Email Address:** djurdjica.marosevic[at]gmail.com

**Twitter account:** dj\_urdja

**Profession:** Public Health Microbiologist

**Present position:** EUPHEM Fellow

**Organisation:** Bavarian Health and Food Safety Authority

**Educational background:** MSc in molecular biology

**Key words:** infectious disease epidemiology, bioinformatics, microbiology, vaccine preventable diseases, antibiotic resistance.

**Pen portrait:** I got familiarized with bioinformatics during my PhD while researching the chicken gut microbiome and antibiotic resistance. Currently I am working in the field of public health microbiology and applied infectious disease epidemiology. This entails the interplay and incorporation of these state-of-the-art methods, with traditional microbiological and epidemiological methods and the interpretation in the everyday work of epidemiologists at the state authority for public health and food safety. Furthermore, I am involved in the infectious disease surveillance, data analysis and scientific communication.



**Last Name:** Mateo Urdiales  
**First Name:** Alberto  
**Birth year:** 1989  
**Title:** Dr  
**Nationality:** Spanish  
**Living city:** Liverpool  
**Email Address:** amateo250[at]hotmail.com  
**Twitter account:** albertomateou  
**Profession:** Public Health Doctor  
**Present position:** Public Health Registrar

**Organisation:** Health Education England

**Educational background:** Medical degree (University of Navarra), Masters in Public Health (University of Liverpool)

**Relevant memberships:** Euronet MRPH

**Recent activities:** Cochrane systematic review: Rapid ART vs standard care in the treatment of PLWH (June 2017 to present)

Health Needs Assessment of asylum seekers and refugees in Lancashire (April 2017)

Health Equity Audit of NHS Health Checks programme in Lancashire (April 2017)

Review of commissioning policy for excision of uterus in Lancashire (March 2017)

Conflict of Interest between medical societies and the pharmaceutical industry in Europe. A cross-sectional study-Euronet MRPH (July 2016-Present)

Others: Vice-president of the European network of medical residents in Public Health (Euronet MRPH )-2016 to Present.

Co-chair of the North West Network of Public Health registrars in the UK (July 2017-present)

Co-chair of the Academic Forum for Public Health registrars in Lancashire and Cumbria (July 2017-present)

**Key words:** nutrition and food policy, obesity, epidemiology, research and development, European public health.

**Pen portrait:** As a public health registrar, I am doing a 5 year training programme in which I will rotate through different placements to gain expertise in all areas of public health, including: health improvement, health protection, academic public health and management. Currently, I have worked for two years in a local government working with different stakeholders (healthcare providers, commissioners, transport, third sector) in improving the health of the population. Most of my work has been focused on evaluating healthcare provision of services (e.g. NHS health check programme) and working with commissioners and providers in improving health outcomes whilst delivering financial savings. I have also worked with different partners in assessing the health needs of asylum seekers and refugees in my region. In the recent months, I have been conducting a systematic review on HIV with the Cochrane Infectious Disease Group at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.





**Last Name:** McLernon  
**First Name:** Laryn  
**Birth year:** 1982  
**Title:** MA  
**Nationality:** British and Canadian  
**Living city:** Innsbruck  
**Email Address:** larynm[at]hotmail.com  
**Twitter account:** [LarynMcLemon](#)  
**Profession:** PhD Candidate, researcher

**Present position:** PhD Candidate

**Organisation:** University of Vienna

**Educational background:** Master in International Health & Social Management

**Relevant memberships:** Health Literacy Europe, Health Literacy Explorers

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Recipient of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce's Health Research Award and the University of Innsbruck's Kanada Preis for Master Thesis, "Vaccination of Healthcare Workers: A comparison between Alberta, Canada and Tyrol, Austria". Co-founder of "Health Literacy Explorers" a platform for newcomers to the field of health literacy.

**Key words:** Medical communication, sociolinguistics, health policy, health professionals, vulnerable groups

**Pen portrait:** I am specialised in the fields of medical communication, applied sociolinguistics, health management and health policy. By working in various roles in public health-related projects I have developed strong project management skills. My research aims to contribute toward bridging the gap between science, politics and practice in order to improve the health literacy training and communication competencies for health professionals in Austria and Canada. The objective of my dissertation is to explore the recognition and acceptance of the concept of health literacy among health professionals in training in Austria and Canada in order to gain a clearer understanding of their sensitivity to the needs of vulnerable groups. By shedding light on the current challenges and shortcomings in communication training, my supervisors and I are hoping that our efforts will improve the quality of the co-production of health services, patient-centred care, interprofessional education and health outcomes.



**Last Name:** Nanaj  
**First Name:** Juljana  
**Birth year:** 1988  
**Title:** MSc  
**Nationality:** Albanian  
**Living city:** Tirana  
**Email Address:** juljana.nanaj[at]gmail.com  
**Twitter account:** Juljanananaj

**Profession:** Social Worker

**Present position:** Employee

**Organisation:** SECID

**Educational background:** University of Tirana/ Bachelor Sociology and Master Degree- Health Communication

**Key words:** Health system performance, prevention policies, community wellbeing, health systems

**Pen portrait:** I have finished my master degree in health communication and my diploma theses was about communication in all levels as an important issue at health management. After I have finished my studies, I have worked in a hospital for two years, as a coordinator within management department. Being close to the patient you are close to their needs and you can address more effectively all the problems and the gaps that occur between the person in need and the health system, including the health specialists. In 2015, I have started working at the Institute of Public Health Albania and I have worked particularly within the HIV/AIDS National Program in Albania. Since February I am part of the South East European Center of Infectious Diseases Surveillance and Control (SECID).



**Last name:** Ofner

**First name:** Robert

**Birth year:** 1986

**Nationality:** Austrian

**Current Country of Residence:** Austria

**Email Address:** robert.ofner[at]protonmail.ch

**Profession:** Global Health Scholar

**Present position:** Research Associate at Paracelsus Medical University

**Educational background:** Global Health, Health and Nursing

Science

**Relevant memberships:** Forum Alpbach Network

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:**

**Key words:** Global Health, Climate Change impact on health, palliative care, e-health, health systems

**Pen portrait:** In my undergrad, I focused on the impact of income inequality on health outcomes. Subsequently during my master studies, I broadened my horizon and looked at the interrelation of International Agreements, Trade and Global Health. We concentrated on Globalization and the following repercussions for Health Care Systems. I went on and looked at public health in emergency situations therefore I assessed the nutritional status of under 5-year-old children living in an IDP Camp in Khartoum/Sudan. Consequently, I took a research position at University where my main task is to coordinate the WHO-CC.



**Last Name:** Onderstal  
**First Name:** Damiët  
**Birth year:** 1987  
**Title:** MSc  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Living city:** The Hague  
**Email Address:** dm.onderstal[at]minvws.nl  
**Twitter account:** DamietO

**Profession:** Policy Advisor

**Present position:** Policy advisor public health

**Organisation:** Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

**Educational background:** Public Health; and Public Administration & Organizational Science

**Relevant memberships:** Young Professionals Ministry of Health, Next Generation Member of the Global Health Security Agenda

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:**

- Dutch member of the expert groups colorectal cancer and breast cancer (EC)
- The ministerial meeting of the Global Health Security Agenda in 2016
- The EU One Health ministerial conference on Antimicrobial Resistance during the EU presidency of the Netherlands. The results of this conference functioned as a start for the development of the in June 2016 adopted council conclusions on AMR
- Dutch member of the expert group patient safety and quality of care (EC)
- Coordination of the integrated surveillance of noncommunicable diseases project in collaboration with the EU (WHO)
- The WHO CINDI Policy Academy, a seminar on working across sectors for noncommunicable diseases (WHO)
- Two year government administration programme at the ministry of health
- Young professional programme social policy

**Key words:** noncommunicable diseases, working across sectors, health systems, antimicrobial resistance, public health

**Pen portrait:** Currently I work as a generalist at the Public Health department of the Dutch Ministry of Health. I coordinate the national action plan against antimicrobial resistance (AMR), work as a part-time crisis coordinator, and as a policy advisor Q-fever. Furthermore I work as a policy advisor cancer screening, where I am specialised in the national colorectal and breast cancer screening programme and take part in the international expert groups against cancer. Previously I worked in the field of patient safety and quality of care, but also waste in the healthcare system. At WHO Europe I have been working in the area of noncommunicable diseases. Focused on working across sectors for NCDs, to provide Member States with guidance on development, dissemination and implementation of activities in the area of marketing to influence demand for alcohol and foods high in saturated fats, trans fats, salt and sugar.



**Last Name:** Pákó

**First Name:** Judit

**Birth year:** 1989

**Title:** M.D.

**Nationality:** Hungarian

**Living city:** Budapest

**Email Address:** tidujok[at]gmail.com

**Profession:** researcher

**Present position:** PhD-student

**Organisation:** Semmelweis University

**Educational background:** Medical doctor

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** I have publications in international respiratory journals, I held poster presentations and lectures at several national and international respiratory medicine conferences. Besides clinical research, I am actively participating in health policy. I was an intern at the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU in Brussels, working for the health attaché, and at the Department of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices of the State Secretariat for Healthcare, Ministry of Human Capacities, Hungary. I was health policy advisor of a bilateral co-operation on integrated care between the WHO and the National Koranyi Institute of Pulmonology, and of an EU-funded project on health services management carried out by the National Healthcare Services Centre.

**Key words:** health innovation, adherence, bottom-up initiations, prevention, interdisciplinary co-operation

**Pen portrait:** As a PhD-student, I am involved in the research of biomarkers of chronic lung diseases, focusing on non-invasive sampling methods. My health policy activity was related to projects on integrated care, patient pathway management in multimorbidity and in rare diseases. In the health public administration, I was dealing with medicine pricing and reimbursement issues, international HTA agreements, EU and WHO-lead projects. Currently, my interest goes towards low-budget, well-focused projects, even small-scale pilots with the promise of achieving tangible improvements, both in terms of patient-related outcomes/experience, and in terms of motivating healthcare providers. I am interested in the measurement of the impact and health-economic effects of such projects. I would like to explore innovative solutions to address the challenges of the Hungarian healthcare system. Currently, I am working on launching a project which aims to establish better interdisciplinary co-operation among physicians.



**Last name:** Panteli

**First name:** Dimitra

**Birth year:** 1982

**Titel:** Dr

**Nationality:** Greek

**Living city:** Berlin

**E-mail:** dimitra.panteli[at]tu-berlin.de

**Profession:** Medical doctor

**Present position:** Research Fellow, Berlin University of Technology

**Organisation:** Berlin University of Technology, Department of Health Care Management

**Educational background:** MD, MScPH, DrPH

**Relevant memberships:** HTAi, DNEbM (German Network for Evidence-based Medicine), HTA.de, AcademyHealth, iHEA

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Commonwealth Fund Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice 2016-2017; member of the extended board of the German Network for Evidence-Based Medicine and HTA.de; member of the Editorial Team of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies; supervisor of the course HTA Online; alumna and past member of the governing body of the European Youth Parliament.

**Key words:** health systems, HTA, health coverage, evidence-based medicine, pharmaceutical regulation, quality of care, value in health care

**Pen portrait:** My work at the Department of Health Care Management has two focal points: Evidence-based practice (primarily evidence-based coverage decisions and health technology assessment - HTA) and health systems research. On HTA, our research in recent years has been focusing both on methods, including aspects such as equity, publication bias and the methodological challenges of assessing different types of technologies, and on the evaluation of individual technologies. At the same time, I am a member of the editorial team of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, contributing both to the Health Systems in Transition (HiT) series and to individual thematic studies, most recently on pharmaceuticals and quality of care. I spent the academic year 2016-2017 in the United States researching coverage issues in the US insurance market.



**Last Name:** Parhiala

**First Name:** Kimmo

**Birth year:** 1986

**Nationality:** Finnish

**Living city:** Helsinki

**Email Address:** [kimmo.parhiala@tthl.fi](mailto:kimmo.parhiala@tthl.fi)

**Twitter account:** parhialakimmo

**Profession:** Social scientist

**Present position:** Development Manager

**Organisation:** National Institute for Health and Welfare

**Educational background:** M.Soc.Sc (political science)

**Relevant memberships:** EHMA Young Advisory Committee

**Key words:** Health systems, freedom of choice, GIS

**Pen portrait:** European healthcare systems are being reformed rapidly to face the current challenges. I specialize in health system reforms and try to understand the health system and the reforms as a whole. Financing, payments, organisations, regulation and behaviour of both professionals and the patients affect the whole system. Reforms and public policies must take in account all these mechanisms as well as politics and key players who create pressure to the system.



**Last name:** Pavão

**First name:** José Francisco

**Birth year:** 1985

**Title:** MSc

**Nationality:** Portuguese

**E-mail:** [pavaojffat@gmail.com](mailto:pavaojffat@gmail.com)

**Interests:** Health Systems, Health Policy

**Years of scholarship:** 2016, 2017

**Profession:** Medical Doctor

**Present position:** Public Health Resident, Board Member of the NGO Mundo a Sorrir and Youth representative of the Medical Community of Portuguese Language

**Educational background:** Master in Medicine, Specialization

Diploma on Health Management, Development Aid Assistance & Cooperation and in Global Health - Health Diplomacy.

**Relevant memberships:** Active Member and published writer of the Portuguese "Think Tank" PCS-Sustainable Growth Platform; Young Auditors of the Institute of National Defense; Portuguese Public Health Doctors Associate; Member of Parliamentarians Network to End HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and Tuberculosis - UNITE; President of the Friendship Association Portugal – Czech Republic.

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Public Health medical resident currently working in a local health unit in Portugal which allows me to develop skills within the activities of a public health professional in the community and direct contact on the planning and management of primary health care. As a founder and board member of the NGO "Mundo a Sorrir", which focus on promoting and support, national and internationally, oral health and healthy lifestyles, my main role is to manage and plan all the external activities with our partners. I was a scientific adviser for the "Healthy Life and Inclusion Program, 2014/2015" which resulted in the publication of the book "Health Citizenship". Furthermore, I am working as researcher at the Health Research Centre for Angola and also on the Public Health department of the Health Sciences Institute - Catholic University. Recently I'm the youth coordinator of Medical Community of Portuguese Language, which represents 8 countries and more than 500 thousand doctors.

**Key words:** Medical Education, Health Systems, Global Health, Cooperation Health, Research.

**Pen portrait:** Since the founding of the NGO "Mundo a Sorrir" in 2005, I have had the opportunity to be involved in the organization and management of all social and community projects in health since its implementation, in both Portugal and Africa, such as Guinea Bissau, Cabo-Verde and São Tomé and Príncipe. Starting from 2012, after my Graduation, I have decided to focus on reinforcing my theoretical knowledge within several major post-graduate programs, such as Health Systems, Infectious Diseases and Global Health. In addition to these studies, I have performed and have on-going research missions on African countries. Lastly, I am currently involved with the Medical Community of Portuguese Language, on the development of a delegation which focus exchanging expertise on health policies, education and cooperation.





**Last Name:** Podmore

**First Name:** Bélène

**Birth year:** 1991

**Nationality:** British/French

**Living city:** London

**Email Address:** belene.podmore[at]lshtm.ac.uk

**Twitter account:** BeleneP

**Profession:** Health service researcher

**Present position:** PhD Student

**Organisation:** London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

**Educational background:** Masters of Public Health (Imperial College London), BSc Natural Sciences (University College London)

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** My professional experience in the health field started in 2014 after completing my MPH as I started working in healthcare improvement at UCLPartners an organisation whose aim is to improve the health of Londoners.

**Key words:** Health services, Health inequalities, Chronic disease, Epidemiology, Health policy

**Pen portrait:** I work in health services research and healthcare improvement. My current work focuses on access to surgery for patients with chronic diseases using large administrative datasets.



**Last Name:** Poulsen  
**First Name:** Nanna Grave  
**Birth year:** 1985  
**Title:** MSc  
**Nationality:** Danish  
**Living city:** Copenhagen  
**Email Address:** [nagp\[at\]sst.dk](mailto:nagp[at]sst.dk) / [nanna.grave\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:nanna.grave[at]gmail.com)  
**Twitter account:** NannaGP  
**Profession:** Danish Government Official  
**Present position:** Senior consultant  
**Organisation:** Danish Health Authority

**Educational background:** Master of Science in Public Health, University of Copenhagen

**Relevant memberships:** The Nordic Health Preparedness Group, The Nordic Council; The Health Security Committee, EU; The standing working group of Preparedness and Response, ECDC.

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** In relation to my line of work in crisis management and preparedness planning I represent Denmark in both Nordic and European collaborations and working groups. I previously worked in the area of prehospital care in the Capital Region of Denmark. Therefore I have a big interest in prehospital care and the development of this area. At the moment we are examining the prehospital area in the Danish Health Authority to identify and give recommendations on for the regions on how to develop and strengthen the area. In 2016-2017 I was a part of the exploration and decision on introducing a new medical speciality in Denmark in emergency medicine. I will also be a part of the introduction of the new speciality in the Danish health care system. I attend the WHO Europe Summer School on Refugee and Migrant Health, 2017.

**Key words:** Crises management and preparedness planning, prehospital care, cross border cooperation, vaccination, infectious diseases

**Pen portrait:** I work as a senior consultant at the Danish Health Authority, which is the supreme health professional authority in Denmark. I primarily work in the area of crisis management and preparedness planning both in the health care sector and in cooperation with other national agencies. My work consists partly of planning activities with development of guidelines and advising municipalities and regions, partly of real time management of crisis e.g. the large influx of refugees in Denmark in 2015; terrorist attack in Copenhagen 2015; large sea-level rises in 2017 etc. I teach students and civil servants on crisis management in the health care sector and I am in charge of the internal programme on crisis management in the Danish Health Authority. I also work with the Danish childhood immunization programme and infectious diseases. In this regard, I coordinate the yearly report on the programme which is co-produced with other government agencies.



**Last Name:** Reiff

**First Name:** Sascha

**Birth year:** 1988

**Title:** Dr

**Nationality:** Maltese

**Living city:** Mosta

**Email Address:** sascha[at]saschareiff.com

**Profession:** Medical Doctor specialising in Public Health Medicine

**Present position:** Specialist Trainee in Public Health Medicine

**Organisation:** Department of Health Services, Malta

**Educational background:** MD, MSc (Public Health)

**Relevant memberships:** Board member of the Malta Association of Public Health Medicine, International Secretary of the Medical Association of Malta, President of European Junior Doctors

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** I graduated as a medical doctor in 2011 and I started specialty training in Public Health Medicine in 2013. I am about to finish my training at the end of 2017.

**Key words:** Healthcare Management, Sustainable healthcare, International Health Policy

**Pen portrait:** I am specialising in Public Health Medicine and I am currently reading for an MBA in Healthcare Management with the Maastricht School of Management.



**Last Name:** Schmitt  
**First Name:** Tugce  
**Birth year:** 1988  
**Title:** MSc  
**Nationality:** Turkish  
**Living city:** Berlin  
**Email Address:** info[at]schmitt-t.com

**Twitter account:** tugsch

**Profession:** Consultant

**Present position:** Officer

**Organisation:** KZBV (National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Dentists)

**Educational background:** Master of Science in International Health, Dentistry

**Key words:** Health Policy, Evidence-Based Medicine, Patient Safety, Quality in Healthcare, International Health

**Pen portrait:** Finished studies on dental medicine at the age of 22, graduating from Ege University (Izmir) with the exchange semester at Radboud University (Nijmegen). Before coming to Germany, worked as a community dental surgeon, including voluntary activities in underdeveloped regions of Turkey. Consequently, discovered the interest on Public Health and was accepted as an Erasmus Mundus scholar to study M.Sc. International Health at the University of Bordeaux Segalen and Charité Medical University of Berlin with a focal point on Disease Management. Currently employed as a consultant at the German organisation “National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Dentists” in the department of Quality Promotion in Berlin. Before joining there, worked as a scientific researcher in international projects on Patient Safety and Quality in Healthcare. Five years of expertise in Disease Management, Patient Safety, Quality Assurance, Quality Management and Quality Promotion. Combining clinical, academical and political experience in Public Health from different countries.



**Last Name:** Šimková

**First Name:** Iva

**Birth year:** 1989

**Title:** JUDr.

**Nationality:** Czech

**Living city:** Brno

**Email Address:** iva.simkova[at]vzp.cz

**Profession:** lawyer

**Present position:** Specialist of EU law

**Organisation:** Všeobecná zdravotní Pojišťovna (General Health Insurance Fund)

**Educational background:** Faculty of Law, Brno

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:**

**Key words:** cross border health care, health systems

**Pen portrait:** I am working in Všeobecná zdravotní pojišťovna (General Health Insurance Fund), the biggest insurance fund in the Czech Republic in the department of international law specialising in cross border health care and EU law.



**Last Name:** Staes  
**First Name:** Elias  
**Birth year:** 1990  
**Nationality:** Belgian  
**Living city:** Leuven  
**Email Address:** elias.staes[at]health.belgium.be  
**Profession:** Civil servant  
**Present position:** Attaché International Relations  
**Organisation:** FPD Health, Foodchain Safety and

Environment

**Educational background:** Masters degrees in History and Governmental economics

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Project coordinator for the drafting of a national generic preparedness plan for the management of public health incidents and crises, Belgian delegation member for WHO EB140 and WHA70, Follow-up of the health aspects in the EU Social Protection Committee.

**Key words:** health systems, cross border health threats, IHR, One Health-policies, social determinants of health

**Pen portrait:** In January 2017, I started working for the International Relations service within the Federal Public Service for Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment. There my work focusses on the preparation of and representation at WHO-meetings, the follow-up of certain committees at EU-level and the support of experts within our organisation that come in contact with proceedings at the international level. I also fulfil the role of project coordinator for the drafting of a Belgian national generic preparedness plan for the management of public health incidents and crises, for which I primarily work together with the service “Public Health Emergencies”, which is made up of 3 doctors with a specialisation in Public Health. This all-hazards plan is being drafted in line with recommendations from the WHO International Health Regulations and the EU decision 1082 on cross border health threats. Together, these tasks form an interesting and challenging package.



**Last Name:** Stefanovic

**First Name:** Vladana

**Birth year:** 1985

**Title:** MD

**Nationality:** Serbian

**Living city:** Novi Sad

**Email Address:** minimus.me[at]gmail.com

**Twitter account:** Vladana@Wixyas

**Profession:** Medical Doctor

**Present position:** Resident of of Preventive and Social Medicine /Community Health and Public Health/, PhD Public Health candidate

**Organisation:** Institute for Student Healthcare; Medical Faculty, University of Novi Sad

**Educational background:** Medical Faculty, University of Novi Sad

**Relevant memberships:** European Youth Parliament, International Federation of Medical Students Association - IFMSA as regional coordinator of The Standing Committee on Human Rights and Peace – SCORP, member of the Student Union of the Uni of Novi Sad Head Committee. Present: The Serbian Medical Chamber, Serbian Medical Chamber General Assembly Delegate; The Medical Chamber of Vojvodina, Vojvodinian Medical Chamber General Assembly Delegate; Educational Committee of the Medical Chamber of Vojvodina; Serbian Public Health Association; EUPHA; European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases - ESCMID; “Preventive Center” NGO

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Junior consultant for a private medical organization “Medicoexpert” from 2007-2012, and for a Physical Rehabilitation Centre “CIM” during 2012. Worked at the Primary Healthcare Centre of Novi Sad as a General Practitioner/Family Doctor during 2012-2013; Since 2013 employed at the Institute for Student Health Care Novi Sad at the department for General Medicine and at the department for Preservation and Improvement of Health, Public Health and Prevention. As of April 2015 started Residency to become a specialist of Preventive and Social Medicine /Community Health and Public Health/ at the University of Novi Sad, and the Institute of Public Health of Vojvodina. Project Manager and Lecturer for several City and Government funded projects at the Institute for Student Healthcare of Novi Sad. I have participated at multiple International Conferences, and have authored several published papers.

**Key words:** Health Promotion, Health Literacy, Health Equality, Vaccines,

**Pen portrait:** Currently I am working on my PhD thesis at the University of Novi Sad on the topic “Knowledge, attitudes and practices of healthcare workers regarding seasonal influenza vaccination in South Backa district” after finishing the 3 year PhD program and passing all of required exams. Immunization and infectious diseases prevention is, to me, a very important topic. As a Resident of Preventive and Social Medicine I am specialized for creating Health Education Tools for different population groups; Organization of Healthcare in Serbia Analysis, Associate on the Healthy City Novi Sad – Member of WHO European Healthy City Network as a part of the working group that created the Healthy City Novi Sad Health Plan and Healthy City Novi Sad Health Profile. I have also participated in the working group making the Strategy for Sustainable Development of City of Novi Sad.



**Last Name:** Švaikovskaja  
**First Name:** Daša  
**Birth year:** 1996  
**Title:** Undergraduate BSc  
**Nationality:** Estonian  
**Living city:** Stockholm  
**Email Address:** dasha[at]shvaikovsky.com  
**Twitter account:** @dashashv  
**Profession:** Biomedical student, researcher  
**Present position:** Student

**Organisation:** Karolinska Institutet

**Educational background:** Biomedicine

**Relevant memberships:** participant at EFA, board member of Medical Student's Association in Stockholm

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:**

- 1) EFA: Health Symposium participant and a graduate from Professional Program in Healthcare Systems in Transition
- 2) Participant at European Innovation Academy in Portugal. Largest Extreme Entrepreneurship program. From an idea to a tech start-up in 15 days.
- 3) Porvoo Hospital: Short-term Internship, shadowing medical doctor (surgeon-urologist)

**Key words:** Preventive medicine, health literacy, healthcare systems, e-health, biomedical research

**Pen portrait:** I am a third year biomedical student currently enrolled in research at Molecular and Cellular Exercise Physiology lab at Karolinska Institutet. Regardless of rather specific, scientific background of mine, I have a huge passion for understanding how Healthcare systems and different sectors of it function as a whole. I want to be able identify the problems and challenges existing in providing medical services to people, and know the ways to eradicate them. I am therefore very much looking forward to European Healthcare Forum Gastein!





**Last Name:** Tille  
**First Name:** Florian  
**Birth year:** 1987  
**Title:** Master of Public Policy (MPP)  
**Nationality:** German  
**Living city:** Berlin, Germany  
**Email Address:** florian.tille[at]gmail.com  
**Profession:** Policy Analyst

**Present position:** Manager and researcher

**Organisation:** Kassenärztliche Bundesvereinigung (KBV; ENG: National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians) and Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin (ENG: Charité Medical School of Berlin)

**Educational background:** Public Policy; Health Sciences; Statistics

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Currently working for the Kassenärztliche Bundesvereinigung in the field of ambulatory medical care and on a PhD in the field of health sciences at the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin (topic: Social inequalities in Ambulatory Health Care)

Past work with the German Federal Ministry of Health as a Counselor in the Department of European and International Health Policies

**Key words:** health policy; social determinants of health; health literacy; e-health; health care reform

**Pen portrait:** My current work focuses particularly on the following areas of health and health care:

- the provision and structure of ambulatory medical care, i. e. General and Specialist outpatient health care;
- planning, designing and evaluating a yearly national health survey (n=6,000), and presenting its relevant results at national and international conferences;
- scientific research on the social determinants of ambulatory health care, i. e. regarding health care utilization, health care access (especially waiting times), health system responsiveness and health literacy (doctor-patient communication);
- representing the political interests of office-based physicians and psychotherapists at the federal level;
- informing the public on health policies and health care reform.



**Last Name:** Truhanov

**First Name:** Anneli

**Birth year:** 1983

**Title:** MSc

**Nationality:** Estonian

**Living city:** Tallinn

**Email Address:** anneli.truhanov[at]haigekassa.ee

**Profession:** Pharmacist, Epidemiologist

**Present position:** Specialist of Health Quality Division

**Organisation:** Estonian Health Insurance Fund

**Educational background:** Master's degrees in Pharmacy and Public Health (epidemiology) from Tartu University

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** During my career as pharmaceutical specialist in Estonian Health Insurance Fund, my main responsibilities were pharmacoeconomical evaluation of drug dossiers (outpatient medicines) and valuing new health care service dossiers (inpatient medicines). From 2016 my main responsibilities are technical and methodological support of national guideline development teams.

**Key words:** rare diseases, orphan drugs, health quality, drug adherence, guidelines, e-health, e-prescription.

**Pen portrait:** I am pharmacist and public health specialist specialized in availability of evidence based medicines. My special interest is associated with orphan drugs, especially pricing and pharmacoeconomical evaluation of orphan drugs. Past year I have gained knowledge regarding the development on national guideline methodological and technical aspects.



**Last Name:** Ungureanu  
**First Name:** Marius-Ionut  
**Birth year:** 1984  
**Title:** MD, PhD  
**Nationality:** Romanian  
**Living city:** Cluj-Napoca  
**Email Address:** marius.ungureanu[at]publichealth.ro  
**Twitter account:** m\_i\_ungureanu

**Profession:** Doctor

**Present position:** Associated Researcher

**Organisation:** Department of Public Health, Babes-Bolyai University

**Educational background:** MD (2009), BA Management (2010), MA Healthcare Management (2012), PhD Medicine/Public Health (2016)

**Relevant memberships:** Romanian Health Observatory, European Health Management Association (EHMA), European Public Health Association (EUPHA), American Public Health Association (APHA), Romanian Public Health and Healthcare Management Association

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Between 2011 and 2016 I have coordinated the Health Policy & Management Unit within the Public Health Department of the Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. During this period, I have served as coordinator or team member of around 15 research and capacity building projects in the public health area, with funding from the European Commission (DG SANTE, CHAFEA), National Institutes of Health, and Romanian Executive Agency for Higher Education and Research. Starting 2012, I have been teaching the Health Systems and Healthcare Management classes for our BA students in Public Health.

**Key words:** health systems, health workforce, health policy, healthcare reform, healthcare management

**Pen portrait:** For the past 7 years, I have written, implemented and coordinated projects exploring health systems, human resources for health, eHealth, health promotion, healthcare management and corruption in healthcare. Between 2016 and 2017 I have served as Secretary of State in the Romanian Ministry of Health. Currently, I work as an associated researcher and teaching staff within the Department of Public Health of the Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.



**Last Name:** van de Schoot

**First Name:** Thijs

**Birth year:** 1990

**Title:** MSc

**Nationality:** Dutch

**Living city:** Eindhoven

**Email Address:** [tschoot\[at\]wijzijnzet.nl](mailto:tschoot[at]wijzijnzet.nl)

**Twitter account:** thijsvdschoot

**Profession:** Advisor

**Present position:** Project Employee

**Organisation:** Zet

**Educational background:** Health Sciences

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Junior Consultant at WHO-Euro

**Key words:** Cross-sectional approaches, dementia, community resilience

**Pen portrait:** Zet supports the Province of Noord-Brabant in creating a social resilient community in Noord-Brabant. Health is named as one of the four key areas for creating such a community. Therefore, we are working on the development of dementia friendly communities and cross-sectional approaches for health. I am an all-round employee for Zet and work on all projects and programs related to health. I work both as a researcher and am the project manager for an INTERREG-project 'ITHACA'.



**Last Name:** van der Star

**First Name:** Arjan

**Birth year:** 1990

**Title:** MSc

**Nationality:** Dutch

**Living city:** Stockholm

**Email Address:** arjanvanderstar[at]live.nl

**Twitter account:** arjanvanderstar

**Profession:** Researcher

**Present position:** PhD candidate

**Organisation:** Karolinska Institutet

**Educational background:** Health Economics, Policy & Law – Public Health

**Relevant memberships:** EUPHA, EUPHANxt, jongGR (Dutch Young Health Council)

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Vice president of the EUPHA section on Sexual & Gender Minority Health

**Key words:** health systems, HTA, health economics, mental health, epidemiology

**Pen portrait:** I am a multidisciplinary healthcare expert with a special interest in Public Health and Social Health Inequalities. Since several years, I am working as a researcher on European level, am actively involved in EUPHA as vice-president of the section on Sexual and Gender Minority Health and member of the Youth Health Council of the Netherlands (jongGR). During my studies and beyond, I gained extensive knowledge and experience on healthcare and health research through positions across different segments of healthcare (systems), e.g. healthcare financing, market access, clinical research and public health. Throughout these positions, I developed remarkable analytic and writing skills in scientific research, and have been working closely with physicians and researchers. Recently, I started as a PhD Candidate at the Karolinska Institutet to study (social) factors explaining health disparities in sexual minorities. Furthermore, I am a successful semi-professional singer and performs on many stages in the Netherlands and China.



**Name:** Mischa van Eimeren

**Birth year:** 1983

**Nationality:** Dutch

**Current Country of Residence:** Germany

**Email Address:** mischa.vaneimeren[at]easd.org

**Profession:** EU Health Consultant

**Present position:** EU Liaison Officer at the European Association for the Study of Diabetes

**Educational background:** Bachelor degree in Public Administration from the Free University of Amsterdam (2009), Master's degree in European Public Affairs from the Maastricht University (2010)

**Relevant memberships:** Member of the left liberal party in the Netherlands "D66", in the European Parliament they are part of the ALDE Group

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements** Currently I am the face of EASD at the EU level. In coordination with the EASD leadership and our EU Committee, I develop and implement our EU Strategy. Our main achievement so far has been influencing the Medical Devices Regulation.

In the past, I worked for the European Affairs Consulting Group (EACON) as an EU Health Consultant. The main client I was working for was United European Gastroenterology (UEG).

Among my professional achievements at EACON I count the introduction of UEG into the alcohol and cancer field by means of a successful written declaration campaign on colorectal cancer and active membership of the EU Alcohol Health Forum. Both actions led to many flourishing follow up activities and long-standing partnerships with relevant stakeholders in the EU health and research field.

**Key words:** Continuous medical education, research, medical devices, access to medicines, EU funding schemes

**Pen portrait:** Over the past 7 years I have mainly been representing different European medical associations at the EU level. Together with a professional secretariat and a large number of doctors and professors representing the association, I conceptualised and implemented numerous activities at the EU level to influence the decision-making process in the field of health and research.

The work gave me an extensive network at the EU level and taught me to influence the EU decision-making process effectively. At the same time, I learned to convert complex medical problems into tailored key messages that are easy to digest for EU politicians and policy makers, and encourage them to act.



**Last Name:** van Oostrom  
**First Name:** Sandra  
**Birth year:** 1983  
**Title:** PhD  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Living city:** Bilthoven  
**Email Address:** sandra.van.oostrom[at]rivm.nl  
**Profession:** Researcher  
**Present position:** Public health researcher  
**Organisation:** National Institute for Public Health and the Environment

**Educational background:** MSc Epidemiology & MSc Human Movement Sciences

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** PhD student, EMGO Institute of Health and Care Research, VU University, Amsterdam (Netherlands), PhD-thesis: Cost-effectiveness of a participatory workplace intervention for employees on sick leave with common mental disorders; Work Disability Prevention CIHR Strategic Training Program. Université de Sherbrooke, Montreal (Canada) Overview of my scientific publications via this link: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?term=%22van%20Oostrom%20SH%22%5BAuthor%5D>

**Key words:** healthy ageing, multimorbidity, work participation, occupational health, lifestyle

**Pen portrait:** Main topics in my work at the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment are healthy ageing, multimorbidity, frailty, and work participation, which are major concerns or issues viewing the rapid ageing of Western populations. I am also involved in research examining better ways to reach specific groups of older people, such as older people with a low socio-economic status, older migrants, and those with a very small social network, who are often not reached by conventional interventions. I have a background as quantitative researcher (epidemiology), however I am currently conducting a project aimed to bring together stakeholders to improve care for the working population as well as qualitative research. By working on projects for the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, I contribute to bridging the gaps between research and policy making.



**Last Name:** Vinko

**First Name:** Matej

**Birth year:** 1989

**Title:** MD

**Nationality:** Slovenian

**Living city:** Ljubljana

**Email Address:** matej.vinko[at]niz.si

**Twitter account:** matejjetam

**Profession:** Medical Doctor

**Present position:** Medical Resident in Public Health at the National Institute of Public Health of Slovenia

**Organisation:** National Institute of Public Health of Slovenia

**Educational background:** First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Prague; Faculty of Medicine, University of Maribor

**Relevant memberships:** EuroNet MRPH, Association of Public Health Residents of Slovenia, Slovenian Society of Preventive Medicine, Slovenian Medical Association, EUPHA

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:** Founding member and president of Association of Public Health Residents of Slovenia, Internship lead of EuroNet MRPH. I have done most work on the topic of public mental health – specifically on child and adolescent mental health. Other activities include work on electronic referral system in Slovenian public healthcare, surveying quality and content of residents with public health residency programme in Slovenia, working as national focal point for WHO Mental Health Atlas, working with EuroNet MRPH on research of conflict of interest between medical societies and industry.

**Key words:** mental health, health inequities, health literacy, health promotion, public health education and training.

**Pen portrait:** I am a public health resident working on various projects on international and national level. I spend majority of my time and do most of my work at the Centre for health survey and health promotion at the National Institute of Public Health in Slovenia. As a resident, I am involved in number of activities which are quite varied and range from health economics, public health assessment and surveillance to health promotion and beyond. Leadership and project management are two skills that I employ in all of my activities.





**Last Name:** Winkelmann

**First Name:** Juliane

**Birth year:** 1986

**Title:** MSc

**Nationality:** German

**Living city:** Berlin

**Email Address:** juliane.winkelmann[at]tu-berlin.de

**Profession:** Researcher

**Present position:** Research fellow at the Department of Health Care Management

**Organisation:** Berlin University of Technology

**Educational background:** Public Policy/Health Economics

**Relevant professional activities and past achievements:**

- part of the editorial team of the WHO European Observatory's Health Care Systems in Transition Series. In this context, I contribute to the writing of Health System in Transition (HiT) Profiles and country profiles that are part of the State of Health in the EU cycle.
- managing European FP7 research projects

**Key words:** health systems, health policy, health care reform, global health, integrated care

**Pen portrait:** At present my research focusses mainly on comparative health systems research and performance assessment. I am working on Health systems in Transition (HiT) health system reviews and EU country profiles for the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. I am interested in different topics ranging from health care reforms, integrated care, marketization of care, international migration of health care workers and global health on which I have also published. Before joining TU Berlin, I was also involved in two EU research projects in the last years (EuroREACH and ECAB) while working at the European Centre for Social Policy and Research in Vienna. In this context, I mainly conducted research on cross-border health care, health performance analysis and long-term care.