

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) 2022 seeks to chart a bold course for realising a true European Health Union**

- From 26 – 29 September, the **European Health Forum Gastein** (EHFG), guided by the theme “A moonshot for a true European Health Union – if not now, when?”, sets out to discuss the urgent challenges and policy solutions needed for unified action across sectors, borders, and disciplines at this watershed moment for health, security, and solidarity.
- Key speakers include Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Johannes Rauch, Federal Minister of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, Austria, Hans Kluge, Regional Director for Europe of the World Health Organization, and Sally Davies, UK Special Envoy on Antimicrobial Resistance.
- Celebrating its 25-year anniversary, the EHFG 2022 will take place for the first time as a hybrid event under the patronage of the Austrian Federal President, Alexander Van der Bellen.

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**19 July 2022, Bad Hofgastein, Austria** – With the theme “A moonshot for a true European Health Union – if not now, when?”, the 25<sup>th</sup> [European Health Forum Gastein](#) (EHFG) will bring together speakers from across the spectrum of government, the European Commission, the World Health Organization, academia, industry, and civil society for its hybrid conference taking place in Bad Hofgastein, Austria from **26 - 29 September 2022**.

More than ever before, stakeholders in health must reach beyond traditional spheres of health policy and towards the co-creation of wellbeing societies, based on new socio-economic models and a “One Health for One Planet” approach. Building forward better requires fundamental transformation of the way our societies operate – and this can only be achieved through peace in Europe, supported by political will, collaboration, and fresh thinking.

Setting the scene for this year’s conference, the opening plenary will reflect on the complex challenges currently faced by Europe, how they will impact and reshape the European Union, and what they mean for the future of health and well-being. The Wednesday plenary will discuss the challenges being encountered and the progress being made to implement a One Health approach, and asks what a One Health approach means in practice for different stakeholders. Finally, coming together in the closing plenary, prominent health actors will examine how a true European Health Union can offer solutions to the challenges that the continent is currently confronted with.

Key speakers at the EHFG 2022 include (in alphabetical order):

- **Andrea Ammon**, Director, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- **Emer Cooke**, Executive Director, European Medicines Agency
- **Sally Davies**, UK Special Envoy on Antimicrobial Resistance
- **Pierre Delsaux**, Director-General, European Commission Directorate-General for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response
- **Chris Fearne**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Health, Malta
- **Sandra Gallina**, Director-General, European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety
- **Leonore Gewessler**, Minister of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria
- **Hans Kluge**, Regional Director for Europe of the World Health Organization
- **Stella Kyriakides**, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety
- **Michael Marmot**, Professor of Epidemiology, University College London
- **Mario Monti**, Chair, Pan-European Commission on Health and Sustainable Development, and former Prime Minister of Italy
- **Abigail Perry**, Director of Nutrition, World Food Programme
- **Johannes Rauch**, Federal Minister of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection

More information about this year's EHFG sessions and speakers is available on the newly released [programme](#).

#### About European Health Forum Gastein

The European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) was founded in 1998 as a European health policy conference. It aims to provide a platform for all stakeholders from the fields of public health and beyond. Over the past 25 years, the EHFG has established itself as an indispensable institution in the scope of European health policy. It has made a decisive contribution to the development of guidelines and above all the cross-border exchange of experience, information, and cooperation. Leading experts traditionally participate in the annual conference held in the Gastein Valley in the Austrian Alps in late September.