

# Speakers



**Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat,**  
Senior Advisor at WHO/Europe

Dr Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat is the Director of the Division of Country Health Polices and Systems at WHO Regional Office for Europe and Associate Professor at the University of Malta. She is the Past President of the European Public Health Association. Dr Azzopardi-Muscat qualified as a medical doctor and proceeded to specialize in public health and health service management. Her transdisciplinary research bridging health policy, European studies and small states studies led to her PhD entitled "The Europeanisation of health systems: a small state perspective". She has authored several publications in public health and European health policy. Between 2001 and 2013, she occupied various senior positions in the Ministry of Health in Malta, including that of Chief Medical Officer. Since 1999, Dr Azzopardi-Muscat has also been a resident academic at the University of Malta, in the departments of health services management and public health.



**Elena Astapenko,**  
Head of the Division of Organization of  
State Control and Registration of Medical  
Devices of the Federal Service on  
Surveillance in Healthcare  
(Roszdravnadzor)

In 2007 Elena graduated from the Moscow State Technical University named after N.E. Bauman, majoring in "Engineering in biomedical practice". Faculty of biomedical engineering. Specialization: Instruments, system and medical devices. In 2012 awarded the degree of Candidate of technical Sciences. 2007 – 2013 – Engineer, Leading engineer of the City clinical hospital №1, named after N.I. Pirogov in Moscow. Since November 2013 – Head of the Division of Organization of State Control and Registration of Medical Devices of the Federal Service on Surveillance in Healthcare (Roszdravnadzor).



**Gražina Belian,**  
Deputy Director of the Drug,  
Tobacco and Alcohol Control  
Department, Lithuania

Responsible for alcohol, tobacco and drugs control policy development, implementation and enforcement arrangements, according to her competence, her work to coordinate other state and municipal authorities in the field of alcohol and tobacco control, advise operators of alcohol and tobacco control issues, submit proposals to the Government of the Lithuania, Lithuanian Parliament members, Committees and the Commission's on alcohol and tobacco control policies and priorities of this performance improvement, ensure cooperation with non-governmental organizations working in this field. From January, 2020 Head of State Foundation for the Promotion of Public Health (Foundation uses part of incomes of exise duty on alcohol, tobacco and lotteries and gambling fees to implement prevention projects, social campaigns and scientific researches).



**Liesbeth Borgermans,**  
Professor of Primary Care  
at the University of Ghent

Dr Liesbeth Borgermans holds a Masters Degree in Medical Social Sciences and Hospital Management and obtained the degree of Doctor in Medical Sciences. She is Professor of Primary Care at the University of Ghent in Belgium and works as a Consultant to the World Health Organization. Her policy, research and practice interests cover health systems, integrated care, chronic care management and primary and community care. She consulted with the Federal Ministry of Health in Belgium as well as other national policy and commissioning bodies, foundations, think tanks, provider and private organizations.



**Antoni Dedeu,**  
CEO of the International Network  
for Integrated and Personalised Care

Dr Toni Dedeu graduated in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Barcelona. He earned an MSc in Primary Health Care from the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain; an MSc in Healthcare Management from the University of Manchester, UK and an MSc in Health Economics from University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain. He has more than 15 years' experience in management in the health sector. In the last twelve years he has been participating in the implementation of primary care, health services redesign and implementation of health technology agencies in various countries in the former Soviet Union, such as The Russian Federation, Ukraine, the Central Asian countries, and in South Asia in Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh as well. He has combined a national and international career, and has worked for many years in various countries in healthcare and managerial related posts.



**João Breda,**  
WHO/Europe

Dr João Breda heads the WHO European Office for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD Office). He provides support to the 53 Member States in the WHO European Region to ensure a reduction in the four behavioural risk factors (tobacco use, physical inactivity, unhealthy diet, and the harmful use of alcohol) that are responsible for the most common noncommunicable diseases (strokes, diabetes, cancers and asthma) and the greatest share of premature mortality. His team is responsible for the world's largest and most comprehensive surveillance mechanism for childhood obesity. Before joining WHO, he worked for the General Health Directorate of the Portuguese Ministry of Health. He was the Portuguese coordinator of the WHO/Europe for nutrition and physical activity, the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity and the European Platform on Diet, Nutrition and Physical Activity of the European Union (EU).



**Nicole Denjoy,**  
Secretary General of COCIR

Nicole Denjoy is the Secretary General of the European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT Industry (COCIR) since 2005. Nicole has gathered more than 30 years of experience in the medical technology industry, working for companies including L'air Liquide, Ohmeda, Boston Scientific and Baxter. Nicole has a Masters in Organisation and Change Management. Nicole is also Vice-Chair of DITTA, the Global Trade Association representing Medical Imaging, Radiation Therapy and Healthcare IT Industry and leads the DITTA Industry in official relationships with WHO since DITTA was granted a NGO status. In addition, and since May 2010, Nicole is Chair of the BIAC Health Committee representing the private business sector in front of the OECD Health Committee.



**Panagiota Dionysopoulou,**  
Ministry of Tourism, Greece

Dr Panagiota Dionysopoulou holds a PhD in European economics and policy in tourism from University of the Aegean in Greece, a postgraduate degree in International and European Studies for the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and also a bachelor degree in Business Administration. She has extensive experience in teaching at graduate and postgraduate level in higher education. She is also coordinating European projects. She has implemented studies on education, tourism and management and has published many research papers. She is the author of the book "Developing the European Policy in Tourism in the context of European Integration".



**Markus Ederer,**  
Ambassador of the European Union  
to the Russian Federation

Since October 2017, Markus Ederer has been Ambassador of the European Union to the Russian Federation. Between January 2014 until October 2017, he held the post of State Secretary at the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From January 2011 to January 2014, Markus Ederer was in Beijing as Ambassador of the European Union to China and Mongolia. From December 2005 to December 2010, he was the Head of Policy Planning in the German Federal Foreign Office. His career in the German Foreign Office started in 1990 when he was the Personal Secretary to Minister of State Helmut Schäfer. He then went on to Moscow where he served in the Economic Department of the German Embassy.



**Oksana Drapkina,**  
Director of «NMRC PM»  
of the Ministry of Health

Doctor of medical Sciences, Professor. Oksana graduated from the MMA named after I. M. Sechenov in 1992. From 1992 to 1997 she worked in the intensive care unit of the clinic of internal diseases of MMA named after I. M. Sechenov. From 1997 to 2015 she worked at the Department of internal medicine propaedeutics First Moscow State Medical University named after I. M. Sechenov, where she was promoted from Department assistant to Professor. In 2013, she was Awarded the Russian government prize in the field of education. In 2017 she was appointed to the position of Director of «NMRC PM» of the Ministry of Health of Russia. Professor Drapkina combines ongoing clinical work with research activities.



**Sylvain Giraud,**  
Head of Unit "Medical products: quality,  
safety, innovation" in the Directorate  
General Health and Food Safety in the  
European Commission

Sylvain Giraud is Head of Unit "Medical products: quality, safety, innovation" in the Directorate General Health and Food Safety in the European Commission since early 2020. He was previously Head of Unit for "health systems" from 2016 to 2020 and Head of Unit for "health strategy and international issues" from 2012 to end January 2016. Sylvain has worked for the Commission since 2002. Before joining the Commission, he worked for European trade associations and consultancies in Brussels. He is a graduate of the College of Europe, Bruges.



**Maria João Gregório,**  
Faculty of Nutrition and Food Sciences,  
University of Porto

Maria João Gregório currently works at Faculty of Nutrition and Food Sciences of the University of Porto. Maria João is currently the Director of the Portuguese National Program for the Promotion of Healthy Eating of the Directorate-General of Health. Maria João does research in Public Health Nutrition.



**Melitta Jakab,**  
Head of the WHO European Centre  
for Primary Health Care

Melitta (M.Sc, Ph.D.) is Head of the WHO European Centre for Primary Health Care. She has twenty six years of experience in health system strengthening, health financing, policy analysis, and education in global health. She has been leading a multi-disciplinary work program on Health System Strengthening for Better NCD Outcomes. She has been co-director of the Barcelona Courses on Health Systems Strengthening and Health Financing. She is co-editor of Implementing Health Financing Reform: Lessons from Countries in Transition (Kutzin, Cashin and Jakab, et al, European Observatory). She has a PhD from Harvard University and M.Sc. in Health Policy for the Harvard School of Public Health.



**Erik Hansson,**  
Deputy Head of the Medical Devices  
Unit of DG Health & Food Safety

Deputy Head of the Medical Devices Unit of DG Health & Food Safety (DG SANTE) of the European Commission. Erik joined the cosmetics and medical devices unit of the European Commission in 2012. He is responsible for several EU working groups, heads the EU delegation to the international regulatory cooperation in IMDRF and is coordinating the cooperation with national Competent Authorities. Erik holds a Master degree in law from the University of Uppsala, Sweden, followed by positions in law courts and co-ordination of preparations for the EU-membership in Swedish ministries and agencies. Since joining the European Commission in 1997 Erik has mainly dealt with policies relating to the single market for goods (such as general product safety) as well as strategic policy planning and finance.



**Andrey Kaprin,**  
Director General of the National  
Medical Research Center of Radiology

One of the leading domestic specialists in the field of oncology. Director-General of the National Medical Research Radiological Center. Director of the Moscow Scientific Oncological Institute. P. A. Herzen. Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor, Academician of RAS, Corresponding Member of RAO. Honored Doctor of the Russian Federation. Head of the Department of Urology and Operative Nephrology with the course of oncurology at the Medical Institute of the Russian University of Friendship of Peoples, chief urologist of the Russian Academy of Sciences.



**Hans Kluge,**  
WHO Regional Director  
for Europe

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge began his term as WHO Regional Director for Europe on 1 February 2020. He has 25 years of experience in medical practice and public health in numerous settings around the world. Having qualified in medicine, surgery and obstetrics from the Catholic University of Leuven in 1994, he began his career as a family doctor in Belgium. Dr Kluge worked in the area of tuberculosis (TB) control in prisons in Siberia, and then as the Regional TB Advisor for former Soviet Union countries in Moscow, Russian Federation. Dr Kluge joined WHO in 1999, as TB and TB-HIV Project Manager at the WHO Country Office in the Russian Federation.



**Mikhail Murashko,**  
Minister of Health  
of the Russian Federation

Mikhail Murashko is a doctor and a politician, serving as the Minister of Health of the Russian Federation since 21 January 2020. He graduated from a city school with an in-depth study of physics, mathematics and chemistry. From 1986 to 1988 he served in the Internal Troops of the USSR Ministry of Internal Affairs. In 1992, he graduated from the Ural State Medical University, after which until 1996 he worked as an intern doctor and obstetrician-gynecologist at the Republican Hospital of the Komi Republic in Syktyvkar. In 1996, he was successively appointed deputy chief doctor for consultative and diagnostic work, and then chief doctor of the Komi Republican Perinatal Center. In 2012, he was appointed Deputy Head of the Federal Service for Supervision of Healthcare (Roszdravnadzor). Since 2013, he was temporarily acting head of the department, and on 14 July 2015 he officially headed Roszdravnadzor. Under his leadership, Roszdravnadzor created a modern service for state control of the quality of medicines, one of the advanced systems for monitoring the circulation of medical devices and monitoring the quality and safety of medical care for the population.



**Oxana Monge,**  
General Manager Sanofi Eurasia

General Manager Sanofi Eurasia from October 1, 2018. Prior to that since January 1, 2016 worked as General Manager, Rx, Sanofi Russia & Belarus. Engineer by training with MBA degree from Cranfield School of Management, UK, Oxana has got more than nineteen years of in-depth knowledge and experience in pharmaceutical industry with a number of leadership roles in Marketing, Strategic Planning, and Sales in Russia and UK. Oxana started her career in pharmaceutical industry in 2001 with Eli Lilly UK. Over the following 13 years, she took on a number of senior management positions with increasing responsibility. In 2014, Oxana joined Sanofi as a Head of Diabetes BU in Russia.



**Andrzej Rys,**  
Director responsible for health systems,  
medical products and innovation  
Directorate-General for Health and Food  
Safety, European Commission

Alternate Member of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) Board, Medical doctor specialized in radiology and public health, graduate of Jagiellonian University, Krakow (Poland).  
Previous and other positions  
2011: Director for Health Systems and Products in the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission  
2006: Director for Public Health and Risk Assessment in the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers, European Commission  
2003: Founder and Director of the Center for Innovation and Technology Transfer at Jagiellonian University (Krakow, Poland)  
1999-2002: Deputy Minister of Health in Poland. Member of the Polish accession negotiators team  
1997-1999: Director of Krakow's city health department  
1991-1997: Founder and Director of the School of Public Health at the Jagiellonian University



**Agnes Saint-Raymond,**  
Head of the International Affairs  
Division, EMA

Agnes is an MD and qualified French Paediatrician. She worked as a paediatrician in a paediatric Hospital in Paris, France, then in pharmaceutical industry, and then moved to the French Medicines Agency. In 2000 she joined the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and was responsible for Orphan Medicines, Scientific Advice, the Small & Medium-sized Enterprises Office, and Paediatric Medicines Sector, implementing the EU Regulation on paediatric medicines. In 2013, she became Head of the Portfolio Board Division, providing oversight of projects for EMA. Since November 2016, she is also the EMA Head of the International Affairs Division.



**Dmitry Travnikov,**  
Rospatent

Dmitry Travnikov was born in May 1985 in Moscow. In 2007 he graduated with honors from the Moscow State University of Service. Graduated with honors from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation in 2014. Master of Laws. Since 2008 he has been working at the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent). In July 2014, he was appointed head of the Department for the organization of the provision of public services. In 2006-2007, worked in one of the organizations providing legal services in the field of legal protection and protection of intellectual property.



**Tadzio Schilling,**  
CEO, Association of European  
Business

Mr. Schilling was elected by representatives of the AEB's member companies at the Annual General Meeting on March 17, 2020. He replaces Dr. Frank Schauff, who had headed the AEB since 2007 and was re-elected to a fourth term in 2016. Tadzio Schilling holds an MA in International Relations and an advanced MA in International History and Politics from the Graduate Institute Geneva, as well as an Executive MPA from the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin. In his professional career he has worked in various finance, HR, and sales functions for companies such as Zurich Cantonal Bank, Dell Inc., Wesser & Partner, and FirstClimate. He has also worked as a researcher and lecturer in Russian Studies at the Humboldt University of Berlin. Before joining the AEB, he served as Deputy Head of Economic Affairs, Finance, and Science at the Swiss Embassy, then as Inbound Business Development Leader and Head of the German Business Center at EY. He has also served as Chairman of the AEB SME Committee and a Board Member of the Joint Chambers of Commerce Switzerland-CIS. Tadzio speaks German, English, French, Italian, Russian, Polish, and some Chinese.



**Melita Vujnovic,**  
WHO Representative and Head of WHO  
Office in the Russian Federation

Melita Vujnovic graduated from Medical Faculty in Belgrade, Serbia in 1985. Started early career as medical doctor in primary health care in Croatia, also working on occupational health medicine and emergency medicine. In the period 1992 – 1997 worked on various positions in the United Nations System: United Nations Peace Keeping Forces in the former Yugoslavia, International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, Office of the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights. Since 1997 in the World Health Organization: public health officer in WHO office in Serbia, Belgrade, WHO Representative and Head of WHO country office in Kazakhstan, as of March 2017 WHO Representative to the Russian Federation.