

## EKHA Meeting

### The important interaction between science and advocacy at influencing European politics

**Speakers:** Raymond Vanholder EKHA President & Eveline Scheres EKHA General Manager

**Date:** Friday June 16 from 10.00 – 11.00 CEST

**Venue:** room AMBER 7 at level 2 of the Milano Convention Centre (the location of the 60<sup>th</sup> ERA Congress, held from June 15-18)  
*Kindly note that you will only be able to attend the EKHA meeting if you are regularly registered to attend the ERA Congress (for more information please consult: <https://era.m-anage.com/Home/Index/Event/era23/en-GB>).*

#### Content

In this meeting you will be (further) introduced into the work EKHA is doing and you will improve your knowledge of EU health policy, including advocacy tools to raise the awareness of EU policymakers. We will discuss the key role of nephrologists, and kidney nurses, patients, and foundations in crating awareness among EU policy makers on the substantial burden of kidney diseases. Collaboration is key in getting more funding for research and innovation for all stages of kidney diseases: prevention, disease management and innovative kidney replacement therapies. Learn more about how the work of ERA and EKHA complement each other, and join our action in raising awareness of kidney diseases as a prelude to the European Parliament elections in spring 2024. Your support can make a difference. How? Join our interactive meeting and find out!

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#### Agenda

- Short intro on EKHA and its advocacy endeavors and success
- Introduction to the European Institutions (interactive Quiz)
- How the activities of EKHA and ERA complement each other
- Q&A
- Call to action: support the EKHA manifesto that will be launched ahead of the European elections in spring 2024

## About the speakers



### **Professor Raymond Vanholder**

Prof. Vanholder is a retired nephrologist (Prof. Em at Ghent University) who has published more than 900 papers, including reviews and book chapters on adequacy of dialysis, uremic toxicity and various topics related to clinical nephrology. Prof. Vanholder is the founding president of the Belgian Society of Nephrology (BVN-SBN), and past president of the European Society of Artificial Organs (ESAO) and of the European Renal Association (ERA). He is now chair of the European Kidney Health Alliance and the European Chronic Disease Alliance.

Until autumn 2010, he was chairman of the European Uremic Toxin Work Group (EUTox) and member of the Executive Board and treasurer of Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO). Until summer 2011 he was chairman of the European Renal Best Practice (ERBP). Until autumn 2014, he chaired the Renal Disaster Relief Task Force (RDRTF) of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and participated in several international relief operations



### **Eveline Scheres - MBA**

Eveline Scheres is an expert in (health) innovation, strategy, public affairs and advocacy. She has 20+ years working experience mostly in the Health Environment. She was the head of Public Affairs and Strategy at the Dutch Cancer Society between 2012-2020. She also was the initiator and first chair of the Access to Medicine Task Force of the European Cancer Leagues (ECL), an oncology platform of 25 cancer fighting NGO's. She also co-authored a White Paper on Tackling Challenges in Access to Medicines for All Cancer Patients in Europe (October 2018). These collaborative efforts led to the adoption of 'the beating cancer plan' by the European Commission.

Eveline Scheres started at EKHA in 2020 as a Transition Manager and is now General Manager. In this role she also is a coauthor to one publication and several position statements and open letters together with Professor Raymond Vanholder.