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Investing in green nephrology to meet the European Green Deal Targets

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Programme

Chaired by: Tamsin Rose

15:00-15:15 Opening remarks

- MEP Hilde Vautmans**, Co-Chair, MEP Group for Kidney Health
- MEP Ondřej Knotek**, Co-Chair, MEP Group for Kidney Health (video)

15:15-15:30 Setting the scene

Kidney health and the environment: a neglected bidirectional link

- Prof Raymond Vanholder**, President, European Kidney Health Alliance
- The energy crisis and dialysis care: how are patients and health systems coping?**
- Ms Fiona Loud**, Policy Director, Kidney Care UK

15:30-16:45 Panel discussion: Joining forces to improve kidney health and foster greener nephrology practices

Panel 1

- Mr Daniel Gallego**, President, European Kidney Patients' Federation
- Prof Giorgina Piccoli**, Head, Nephrology Service, Le Mans Hospital Centre, France
- Dr Ilaria de Barbieri**, President and Scientific Board Chair, European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association
- MEP Juozas Olekas**, Member, MEP Group for Kidney Health

Q&A

Panel 2

- Ms Arianna Gamba**, Director of Programmes, Healthcare Without Harm Europe
- Ms Charlotte Roffiaen**, European Policy and Advocacy Advisor, Renaloo, France
- Dr Fokko Wieringa**, Principal Scientist, Connected Health Solutions Department, France, IMEC, The Netherlands
- Ms Petra Leroy Čadová**, Policy Officer, Innovative Health Initiative, DG for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Q&A

16:45-16:55 Concluding remarks

- Prof Raymond Vanholder**, President, European Kidney Health Alliance

16:55-17:00 EKHA Declaration of Intent & Guiding Principles

- Ms Eveline Scheres**, General Manager, European Kidney Health Alliance

17:00-18:30 Networking reception

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Dr Ilaria de Barbieri

Director and Scientific Board Chair, European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association

Ilaria de Barbieri, RN, PhD, is currently the President and Scientific Board Chair of the European Dialysis Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ ERCA). She published articles related to paediatric and renal nursing with a H-index of 4. She works at the Padova University Hospital, one of the biggest hospitals in Italy, in the Healthcare Professionals (HCP) Department, in the area of HCPs Education and Clinical research.



Ms Arianna Gamba

Director of Programmes, Healthcare Without Harm Europe

Arianna Gamba designs and directs the Healthcare Without Harm (HCWH) Europe programme and advocacy strategy to ensure effective integration between their programmes and respond to the needs of their members. She previously served as the Circular Healthcare Programme Manager for over four years, managing a portfolio of projects and overseeing the implementation of HCWH Europe EU advocacy strategy related to strategic public procurement, circular economy, and sustainable supply chains. She holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and has specialised in health with a European MSc in Health Economics and Management. She has international experience in the non-profit, intergovernmental, and business sectors in cooperation and development, international relations, healthcare, and sustainability. Before joining HCWH Europe, she worked in corporate social responsibility, focusing on the pharmaceutical, insurance, and chemicals sectors - supporting companies and industry associations to improve their sustainability strategy and engaging and consulting with their stakeholders.



Mr Daniel Gallego

President, European Kidney Patients' Federation

Daniel Gallego is President of the Spanish National Federation of Associations for the Fight against Kidney Diseases (ALCER) since 2018. He is also the President of the European Kidney Patient's Federation (EKPF) since 2020; Vice-president of the Spanish Confederation of Associations People with Disabilities (COCEMFE); Member of Technical commission to develop an "active patient programme" in Balears, Spain. He received a bachelor's degree in Industrial Relations and Human Resources from Valencia University. Daniel also collaborates with several steering committees and advisory groups related to kidney disease and health conditions. He is Consultative Member of the

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World Health Organization's Active Patient Programme For People Living With Noncommunicable Diseases, the Global Home Dialysis Roundtable and is Member of the Advisory Board of Patient Antimicrobial Resistance Council. Daniel focuses on protecting kidney disease patients' rights, relieving the burden of the disease on patients and families and providing them with psycho-social support. Daniel is a kidney patient since 1993, undergoing haemodialysis since 1995. Today, he undergoes home haemodialysis treatment. He received a kidney transplant in 1998, but after early recurrence of his kidney disease, he reverted to haemodialysis in 2002.



MEP Ondřej Knotek

Co-Chair, Member of the European Parliament Group for Kidney

Ondřej Knotek is a Czech Member of the European Parliament Health (MEP), part of the Renew Europe Group since May 2019. Knotek is the co-chair of the TRANSFORM MEP Interest Group which aims at promoting dialogue on transformative gene and cell therapies, as well as a member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). Previously, he worked as quality manager at ROTAREX, a Luxembourgish medical device company, where he implemented EU legislation on medical products such as the Medical Device Regulation (MDR) and at LONZA, a Swiss pharmaceutical company. MEP Knotek holds a degree of chemical engineering from the Institute of Chemical Technology.



Ms Petra Leroy Čadová

Unit on Health Innovations & Ecosystems – Health Industry, Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission

Petra Leroy Čadová has a background in health sciences and international public health policy-making with university degrees from the EU and Canada. She has extensive experience working in the European Commission since 2006 in DGs Health & Food Safety (DG SANTE), Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship & SMEs (DG GROW) and Research & Innovation. Petra is currently a Policy Officer working on the implementation of the world's biggest public-private partnership in medical research - the Innovative Health Initiative Joint Undertaking. Before joining the European Commission, Petra worked in the WHO Office to the European Union and for a Czech consulting company managed by a former EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety and Vice-President of the European Parliament. Petra is a former Olympian having competed in the Summer Olympic Games in 1996 and 2004 and previously mentored primary and secondary school students on the importance of a healthy and well-balanced lifestyle.

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Ms Fiona Loud

Policy Director, Kidney Care UK

Fiona Loud is policy director of Kidney Care UK. She led the charity's Covid response, and the organ donation opt-out campaign. Previously Director of the Kidney Alliance, she led and co-authored a kidney community review of kidney care, *Kidney Health: Delivering Excellence*. She is involved with numerous other groups, working to improve standards of care for kidney patients. She set up and chaired the UK Renal Registry patient council and has contributed as a lay representative to many of the kidney guidelines produced by NICE (the National Institute of Health and Social Care). She is lay chair of West Herts hospital organ donation committee and vice chair of her local kidney patient association at the Lister hospital. Fiona spent 5 years on dialysis after her kidneys failed, before receiving a transplant from her husband in late 2006. She has a genetic condition called tuberous sclerosis which alongside 2 episodes of kidney cancer led to her kidneys failing. She is an honorary member of the UK Kidney Association and was one of the Health Service Journal Top 50 patient leaders. She was profiled in the *Lancet* as 'the kidney patient's champion'. Recent awards include one from the UKKA for recognition of outstanding contribution to the kidney community, and from *Communique* on mitigating the effects of Brexit on kidney patients, who can continue to receive dialysis free of charge in the EU.



MEP Juozas Olekas

Member, European Parliament Group for Kidney Health

Juozas Olekas is a Member of the European Parliament (MEP), elected in 2019. In the European Parliament he joined the group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) is currently the Head of the Lithuanian delegation in the S&D group. Mr. Olekas participates in the work of the Agriculture and Rural Development, the Foreign Affairs Committees and in the work of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence. He is a member of Euronest PA and co-chair of its Social Affairs, Employment, Education, Culture and Civil Society Committee. He also is a Member of delegations for relations with Belarus, with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and to the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP)-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly. From 1996 till 2019 Mr. Juozas Olekas was a member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, where he was a representative of the Lithuanian Social Democratic Party. In the Seimas he was also a member of the National Security and Defense Committee and a chairman of the Inter-Parliamentary Relations Unit with Ukraine. Mr. Olekas was the Vice-Chairman of the Seimas delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the Vice-President of the Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Relations with the United States. Previously, he was the Minister of Health (1990-1992 and 2003-2004) and the Minister of National Defense (2006-2008 and 2012-2016).

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Prof Giorgina Barbara Piccoli

Head, Nephrology Service, Centre Hospitalier Le Mans, France

Giorgina Piccoli is the head of the Nephrology Service in the Centre Hospitalier Le Mans, France since 2016. Since 2022, she is Associate professor of Nephrology at the University of Angers, France. Prior to this she was Aggregate Professor in Nephrology, first in the Department of Internal Medicine, then in the Department of Clinical and Biological Sciences of the University of Torino. Prof. Piccoli oversaw various teaching activities in Nephrology, Obstetric Nephrology, Evidence based Medicine, and Humanities in Medicine at the University of Torino (1996-2016). Presently, she is Member of the College of the Master of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the University of Torino, and Member of the College of the Master of Renal Dietetics at the University of Pisa. In addition, Giorgina is the past secretary and chair of the Italian Study Group on Kidney and Pregnancy. She is now chair of the Group on conservative therapy in advanced Chronic Kidney Disease of the Italian Society of Nephrology. Since 2020, she holds the position of Editor in Chief of Journal of Nephrology. She is the Chair of the ERA-EDTA Renal Nutrition group since 2022, and the Co-chair of the KDIGO Conference on women and kidney health (2023). Today, Prof. Piccoli has more than 400 scientific publications indexed on Pubmed.



Ms Charlotte Roffiaen

European Policy and Advocacy Advisor, Renaloo, France

Charlotte Roffiaen is a trained lawyer, who has been involved in EU health advocacy – working with patient organisations – since 2001. She has been advising Renaloo on its European advocacy strategy since 2022. Renaloo is an active member of both the European Kidney Health Alliance and the European Kidney Patients' Federation; its community counts about 8000 members in France. It is a major actor of the French health democracy, promoting continuous upgrades of the healthcare system, and raising the awareness of public authorities on the challenges of kidney disease with a single objective: to improve the quality of care and patient's life.



Ms Eveline Scheres

General Manager, European Kidney Health Alliance

Eveline Scheres, MBA, 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 was also the initiator and first chair of the Access to Medicine Task Force of the European Cancer Leagues (ECL),

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an oncology platform of 25 cancer fighting NGO's. She also co-authored one publication 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 the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA) in 2020 as a Transition Manager and is now General Manager. In this role she also is a co-author to one publication and several position statements and open letters together with Professor Raymond Vanholder.



Prof Raymond Vanholder

President, European Kidney Health Alliance

Raymond Vanholder is a retired nephrologist (Prof. Em at Ghent University) who published more than 900 papers, including reviews and book chapters, on the adequacy of dialysis, uremic toxicity and various topics related to clinical nephrology. He serves as a member of the editorial review board of several journals and is subject editor of Nephrology Dialysis and Transplantation and Toxins. Until autumn 2010, he has been Chair 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 the chair 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. Prof Vanholder is the founding president of the Belgian Society of Nephrology (BVN-SBN), past president of the European Society of Artificial Organs (ESAO) and immediate past president of the European Renal Association. He is now chairing the European Kidney Health Alliance.



MEP Hilde Vautmans

Co-Chair, Member of the European Parliament Group for Kidney Health

Hilde Vautmans is a Belgian Member of the European Parliament (MEP) since January 2015. Within the European Parliament (EP), she focuses on foreign affairs, agriculture, migration, defence and security. She is also Chair of the MEP Group for Kidney Health, Chair of the MEP Horse Group, Co-Chair of the European Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights and Vice-President of the European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup. Ms. Vautmans started her political career at the office of, then Prime Minister, Guy Verhofstadt, advising him in the fields of foreign and military affairs, external aid and equal opportunities. Prior to entering the EP, she was a member of the Belgian House of Representatives.

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Dr Fokko Wieringa

Principal Scientist, Connected Health Solutions Department, IMEC, The Netherlands

Fokko Wieringa has 35 years of experience in MedTech innovation and 23 granted patents. He is the Principal Scientist within the Health Department of IMEC (Interuniversity Microelectronics Centre) in the Netherlands. He also works as part-time associate professor of medical technology at the University Medical Centre Utrecht. He is specialised in medical technology (kidney). As such he acts as liaison to the international roadmap of the Kidney Health Initiative and Chair of EKHA's 'Breakthrough Innovation' working group. He is the Dutch delegate on worldwide standardization of Dialysis Equipment and Member of the worldwide standards issuing body IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission). Dr Fokko Wieringa won the 2021 KidneyX Prize.



Ms Tamsin Rose

Moderator

Tamsin Rose provides strategic advice on health and civil society development. Over the years she has worked as an advisor and consultant on public health issues for a range of institutions (Swedish Institute of Public Health, WHO Europe, Stop TB Partnership, DG Research, DG Education and Culture, DG SANTE), philanthropic bodies (Open Society Institute, European Funders Group on HIV, KNCV), and civil society organisations (IOGT-NTO, EPHA, Social Platform). She is also a Senior Fellow at Friends of Europe.