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# Advancing Screening for Disorders: Untapped Potential for Safe Hearts Plan in Europe

27-28 April  
2026  
Brussels, Belgium  
(Hybrid)

## Agenda (vs. 2026.03.18)

**Location:**

North Rhine-Westphalia State Representation (Macke-Ernst Venue), Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

### Day 1 (27 April 2026) PERFECTO closure event – the policy angle

**09:30–10:00** Welcome coffee and registration

**10:00–10:30** Welcome and setting the stage

Moderator: Mădălina Iamandei, Executive Director, All.Can International and FHEF Patient Ambassador (Romania/Belgium)

**Video message** – Neophytos Charalambides, Minister of Health of Cyprus (Cyprus)

- **Welcome** – Loukas Georgiou, Health Attaché, Permanent Representation of Cyprus to the EU (Cyprus)
- **What is PERFECTO?** – Magdalena Daccord, Chief Executive Officer, FH Europe Foundation – FHEF (Switzerland)
- **What is FH and why does it matter in CVD prevention?** – Prof. Børge Nordestgaard, Physician and President, European Atherosclerosis Society – EAS (Denmark)
- **Where did we start from? The Prague Declaration** – Prof. Albert Wiegman, Clinician and FHEF Trustee (Netherlands)

**10:30–11:00** Lived experience panel with Ambassadors

Moderator: Magdalena Daccord, Chief Executive Officer, FHEF (Switzerland)

Speakers:

- Aija Grizāne, HeFH Patient Ambassador (Latvia)
- Athanasios Pallidis, HoFH Patient Ambassador (Greece)

- Dr Maria Cherska, Clinician (Ukraine)
- Prof. Albert Wiegman, Clinician (Netherlands)

**11:00–12:00** **Safe hearts for all: mediating cardiovascular health equity**  
*(15min presentation followed by 45min discussion)*

Presenter and Moderator: Tomas De Jong, Policy Manager, European Public Health Alliance – EPHA (Belgium)

Speakers:

- Dr Kouamivi Mawuenyegan Agboyibor, Technical Officer for Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs), World Health Organisation – WHO (Global)
- Dr Ioana Streata, Associate Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology, UMF Craiova (Romania)
- Mădălina Iamandei, Executive Director, All.Can International and FHEF Patient Ambassador (Romania/Belgium)
- Prof. Pablo Perel, Senior Science Advisor, World Heart Federation –WHF (Switzerland)

**12:00–12:45** **Lunch break**

**12:45–13:45** **Right person, right message, right time: personalising health communication for Europe**  
*(15min presentation followed by 45min discussion)*

Presenter: Dr Andrie Panayiotou, Associate Professor, Cypriot University of Technology – CUT (Cyprus)

Moderator: Dr Marius Geantă, President, Centre for Innovation in Medicine – InoMed (Romania)

Speakers:

- Elsie Evans, Ambassador Programme Project Manager, FHEF and HoFH Patient Ambassador (UK/South Africa)
- Prof. Marlena Broncel, Clinician and Principal Investigator of Piccolo Project (Poland)
- Larisa Mezinu-Bălan, Vice-President, National Health Insurance House (Romania)

**13:45–14:45** **Policy pathway for FH screening: from evidence to implementation – a health for all policies approach** *(15min presentation followed by 45min discussion)*

Presenter and Moderator: Maximilian Otte, Executive Director, EuroScan (Germany)

Speakers:

- Dr Iñaki Gutiérrez-Ibarluzea, Director of Health Research, Innovation and Evaluation, Ministry for Health, Basque Government (Spain)
- Elena Petelos, President, European Public Health Association – EUPHA (Netherlands)
- Dr Matthias Wismar, Programme Manager, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (Belgium)
- Prof. Urh Grošelj, Associate Professor, University Medical Centre Ljubljana (Slovenia)

**14:45–15:15**    **Networking break**

**15:15–16:00**    **Safe hearts plan**

Moderator: Dr Marius Geantă, President, InoMed (Romania)

Speakers:

- Loukas Georgiou, Health Attaché, Permanent Representation of Cyprus to the EU (Cyprus)
- Dr Marianne Takki, Head of Unit for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, European Commission (Luxembourg)
- Dr Alexandru Costescu, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation – DG RTD (Belgium)
- Penilla Gunther, Member of the EU Cancer Mission Board, European Commission (Sweden)

**16:00–16:30**    **Q&A**

**16:30–17:15**    **PERFECTO: What's next – outcomes, recommendations, mobilisation and implementation**

Moderator: Magdalena Daccord, Chief Executive Officer, FHEF (Switzerland)

Speakers:

- Prof. Florian Kronenberg, Director, Institute of Genetic Epidemiology, Medical University of Innsbruck and Chair of Lp(a) International Taskforce (Austria)
- Prof. Fausto Pinto, Head of the Cardiology, Heart and Vascular Department, Santa Maria University Hospital and Coordinator of FH EARLY (Portugal)
- Dr Benedetta Armocida, European Coordinator of JACARDI (Italy)
- Dr Marius Geantă, President, InoMed and Project coordinator of 4P-CAN (Romania)

**17:15–17:30**    **Closing – Prof. Joanna Lane, Chair, FHEF (Netherlands)**

## Day 2 (28 April 2026) Implementation examples – national and regional

**09:00–09:15**    **Welcome by Host MEP(s), Chair of SANT and the EU Commissioner for health**

Dr Romana Jerković, MEP, Chair, MEP Cardiovascular Health Group,  
Mr Olivér Várhelyi, EU Commissioner for Health,  
and other MEPs (TBC)

**09:15–09:30**    **The European Safe hearts plan and the national CVH plans**

**09:30–10:30**    **National and regional screening models: Central and Eastern Europe**

- Cyprus
- Romania
- Croatia
- Austria
- Poland
- Slovenia
- Latvia
- Ukraine

**10:30–11:00**    **Photo and coffee break**

**11:00–12:00**    **National and regional screening models: Western Europe**

- Germany
- Netherlands
- Luxemburg
- Spain
- France
- Portugal
- Ireland

**12:00–13:00**    **Panel discussion: shifting the narrative on inherited lipid disorders screening mission-driven innovation**

**13:00–13:15**    **Closing: the way forward**