



Prevent the Preventable

27-28 April 2026
Brussels, Belgium (Hybrid)

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



perfecto
Preventing the Preventable

CY2026.EU 



Co-funded by
the European Union

Draft Agenda (vs. 2026.03.1)

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; 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 (Switzerland)
- **What is FH and why does it matter in CVD prevention?** – Prof. Børge Nordestgaard, Physician and President, European Atherosclerosis Society (Denmark)
- **Where did we start from? The Prague Declaration** – Prof. Albert Wiegman, Clinician; FHEF Trustee (Netherlands)

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

Moderator: Magdalena Daccord, Chief Executive Officer, FH Europe Foundation (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; FHEF Patient Ambassador (Romania/Belgium)
- Prof. Pablo Perel, Senior Science Advisor, World Heart Federation (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 (Cyprus)

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

Speakers:

- Elsie Evans, Ambassador Programme Project Manager, FH Europe Foundation; HoFH Patient Ambassador (UK/South Africa)
- Prof. Marlena Broncel, Clinician; 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, Centre for Innovation in Medicine (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, FH Europe Foundation (Switzerland)

Speakers:

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

17:15–17:30 **Closing** - Prof. Joanna Lane, Chair, FH Europe Foundation (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**

13:15–14:15 **Lunch**

Afternoon **Fringe meetings**