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



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Agenda PERFECTO closing event

Day 1 (27 April 2026) The policy angle

9:00–9:30 Welcome coffee and registration

Moderator: **Mădălina Iamandei**,

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

9:30–9:45 Opening address

- **Neophytos Charalambides**, Minister of Health of Cyprus (Cyprus)
- **Loukas Georgiou**, Health Attaché, Permanent Representation of Cyprus to the EU (Cyprus)
- **Rainer Steffens**, Director of the Representation of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union (Germany)

9:45–10:20 Setting the stage

- **What is PERFECTO FH?**
Magdalena Daccord, CEO, FH Europe Foundation (Switzerland)
- **What is FH and why does it matter in cardiovascular disease (CVD) prevention?** **Børge Nordestgaard**, President, European Atherosclerosis Society (Denmark)
- **Where did we start from? The Prague Declaration**
Albert Wiegman, FH Europe Foundation Trustee (Netherlands)

10:20–11:00 Living with Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (FH) vs being a CVD patient: the Ambassadors' and clinicians' perspective

Moderator: **Magdalena Daccord**, CEO, FH Europe Foundation (Switzerland)

Speakers:

- **Aija Grizāne**, Patient Ambassador (Latvia)
- **Athanasios Pallidis**, Patient Ambassador (Greece)
- **Maria Cherska**, Cardiologist, Head of Department, Institute of Endocrinology and metabolism, Ukrainian Academy of Medical Science (Ukraine)
- **Albert Wiegman**, Paediatric Cardiologist, Amsterdam UMC (Netherlands)

Location: North Rhine-Westphalia State Representation, Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

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

Presenter and Moderator: **Tomas de Jong**, Policy Manager, European Public Health Alliance (Belgium)

Speakers:

- **Kouamivi Agboyibor**, Technical Officer for Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs), World Health Organization (Global)
- **Ioana Streată**, Cell and Molecular Biology, University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Craiova (Romania)
- **Mădălina Iamandei**, Executive Director, All.Can International, Patient Ambassador (Romania/Belgium)
- **Pablo Perel**, Sr 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 and Q&A)

Presenter: **Andrie Panayiotou**, Cyprus University of Technology (Cyprus)

Moderator: **Marius Geantă**, President, Centre for Innovation in Medicine-InoMed (Romania)

Speakers:

- **Jean-Luc Eiselé**, Former CEO of World Heart Federation, Patient Ambassador (Switzerland)
- **Marlena Broncel**, Head of Department, Medical University of Lodz (Poland)
- **Ivan Pećin**, Head of Department, University Hospital Centre Zagreb (Croatia)
- **Rachel Lalor**, FH Researcher, Youth Advocate, Jigsaw (Ireland)
- **Andrie Panayiotou**, Cyprus University of Technology (Cyprus)

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 and Q&A)

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

Speakers:

- **Iñaki Gutiérrez-Ibarluzea**, Director of Health Research, Innovation and Evaluation, Ministry for Health, Basque Government (Spain)
- **Elena Petelos**, President, European Public Health Association-EUPHA's Global Health Section (Netherlands) ONLINE

- **Matthias Wismar**, Programme Manager, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (Belgium)
- **Urh Grošelj**, Paediatrician, University Medical Centre Ljubljana (Slovenia)

14:45–15:15 Networking break

15:15–16:15 Safe Hearts Plan: priorities and implementation

Presenter: **Marianne Takki**, Head of Unit for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, European Commission (Luxembourg) ONLINE

Moderator: **Marius Geantă**, President, Centre for Innovation in Medicine-InoMed (Romania)

Speakers:

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

16:15–16:30 Q&A

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

Moderator: **Magdalena Daccord**, CEO, FHEF (Switzerland)

Speakers:

- **Børge Nordestgaard**, President, European Atherosclerosis Society (Denmark)
- **Florian Kronenberg**, Director, Institute of Genetic Epidemiology, Medical University of Innsbruck and Chair of Lp(a) International Taskforce (Austria)
- **Fausto Pinto**, Head of the Cardiology, Heart and Vascular Department, Santa Maria University Hospital and Coordinator of FH EARLY (Portugal)
- **Carine de Beaufort**, Consultant paediatric diabetes and endocrinology at Diabetes & Endocrine Care Clinique Pédiatrique, Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
- **Marius Geantă**, President, Centre for Innovation in Medicine-InoMed (Romania)

17:15–17:30 Closing remarks

Joanna Lane, Chair of the Board, FH Europe Foundation (Netherlands)

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

9:00–9:10 Messages from the Members of the European Parliament

- **MEP Michael Hadjipantela** (EPP, Cyprus)
- **MEP Tilly Metz** (Greens/EFA, Luxembourg)
- **MEP Peter Liese** (EPP, Germany)

9:10–9:40 From European Strategy to National Action: Implementing the Safe Hearts Plan across Europe

From Framework to Implementation: JACARDI and the Operationalisation of the Safe Hearts Plan

- **Benedetta Armocida**, Coordinator of JACARDI (Italy)

The Economic Case for Prevention: Why Screening Pays Off,

- **Zanfina Ademi**, Health Technology Assessment, Monash University (Australia)

9:40–10:40 Mapping Europe: National and Regional FH/Lipids Screening Models – What Exists Today - part 1

- **Netherlands** – **Albert Wiegman**, Paediatric Cardiologist, Amsterdam UMC
- **Slovenia** – **Urh Grošelj**, Paediatrician, University Medical Centre, Ljubljana
- **Czechia** – **Tomas Freiburger**, Head of Molecular Genetics Laboratory in the Centre for Cardiovascular Surgery and Transplantation, Brno
- **Cyprus** – **Petros Agathangelou**, President of the Cyprus Medical Association
- **Croatia** – **Ivan Pećin**, Head of Department, University Hospital Centre, Zagreb
- **Latvia** – **Gustavs Latkovskis**, Cardiologist, Pauls Stradins Clinical University Hospital, Riga

10:40–11:10 Photo and Coffee Break

11:10–12:10 Mapping Europe: National and Regional FH/Lipids Screening Models – What Exists Today - part 2

- **Denmark** – **Børge Nordestgaard**, Chief physician, President European Atherosclerosis Society, Copenhagen University Hospital
- **Luxembourg** – **Marianne Becker**, Paediatric endocrinologist and diabetologist, Head of research Department, Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg
- **Poland** – **Marlena Broncel**, Regional Consultant, Head of Department, Internal Medicine, Medical University of Lodz,
- **Poland** – **Krzysztof Chlebus**, National Leader of Lipid Clinic Network, Director, National FH Centre, Gdansk

- **Portugal** – **Guilherme Lourenço**, Paediatric Cardiologist, University Hospital Lisbon
- **Ukraine** – **Maria Cherska**, Cardiologist, Ukrainian Academy of Medical Science

12:10–12:40 Learning from Practice: What Works, What Doesn't, and What Is Missing – Interactive discussion with all participants

12:40–13:15 Towards a European Standard: Defining an Optimal Inherited Lipids Screening Protocol – Interactive discussion with all participants

13:15 Closing and Lunch