Agenda – 24 November 2026

Delivering on the Safe Hearts Plan: The Impact of EU-Funded Projects

Brussels and online

Time: 09:00 – 18:00

09:00 – 09:30 | Registration

09:30 – 09:35 – Introduction by the Chair, Angelo Marino, Head of Department 'Health and Food', European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)

09:35 – 09:45 | Opening Remarks

- **Marc Tachelet**, Director, European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)

09:45 – 10:15 | Setting the Policy Scene: The EU Safe Hearts Plan, One Year after the Adoption

- **Rachel Kenna**, Chief Nursing Officer, Irish Department of Health
- **Sandra Gallina**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety
- **Joanna Drake**, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation

10:15 – 10:45 | Keynote Presentations

- **Prof. Graziano Onder**, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, and **Dr Benedetta Armocida**, Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS), Coordinators of both JACARDI and JA LifeLongPrev
- **Prof. Knut Inge Klepp**, Norwegian Institute of Public Health (NIPH), Coordinator JA preventNCD

10:45 – 11:15 | Coffee Break

Lifelong, Personalised Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases (CVDs)

11:15 – 11:25 Testimonial – Stella Goeschl, preventNCD Youth Advisory Group

11:25 - 12:15 | Panel Discussion 1

*Moderated by **Floriana Cimmarusti**, SAFE Europe – Preventia project*

- JA Health4EUkids (EU4Health) – **Prof. Emmanuella Magriplis**, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, Agricultural University of Athens (AUA)
- JA SAFE (EU4Health) – **Prof. Constantine Vardavas**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- JARED (EU4Health) - **Prof. Ildikó Horváth**, Scientific and Educational Director of the National Korányi Institute for Pulmonology
- CARE-IN-HEALTH (Horizon Europe) – **Prof. Magnus Bäck**, Director of Cardiovascular Research and Education at the Karolinska University Hospital

12:15 -12:30 Q&A from audience

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break

Enhancing Early Detection, Screening and Care Through Digital Innovation and AI

13:30 – 13:40 Testimonial - Adam Skali, preventNCD Youth Advisory Group

13:40 - 14:30 | Panel Discussion 2

*Moderated by **Prof. William Wijns**, University of Galway, project RESIL-Card*

- CHAIN (EU4Health) – **Dr Nicoline van den Berg,** Researcher in digital cardiology and AI, University of Amsterdam UMC
- caregIVR (EU4Health) – **Martina Giusti**, Researcher, Escola Superior de Saúde Atlântica (ESSATLA**)**
- JADE Health (EU4Health) - **Elisabeth García Alonso**, FundeSalud
- VITAL (Horizon Europe) - **Dr Soroush Safaei**, Scientific Project Manager, Ghent University

14:30 – 14:45 Q&A

14:45 – 15:15 | Coffee Break

From Inequality to Equity: Advancing Cardiovascular Health for All

15:15 – 15:25 Testimonial - Valerie Balvert, EU project Associate, Global Heart Hub and preventNCD Youth Advisory Group

15:25 - 16:15 | Panel Discussion 3

*Moderated by **Nadia Elhaggagi**, Deputy Head of the Unit A1 'EU4Health Grants', HaDEA*

- JACARDI (EU4Health) – **Dr. Natalia Skogberg**, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare
- DUSE (EU4Health) – **Oleksandr Fomichov**, League of Tolerance
- preventNCD (EU4Health) – **Dr. Raffaella Bucciardini**, Director of the National Center for Global Health, Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS)
- CARAMEL (Horizon Europe) - **Dr. Iván Macía Oliver**, Director of Digital Health & Biomedical Technologies, Vicomtech

16:15 – 16:30 Q&A

16:30 – 17:00 | Concluding Remarks by

- **Marianne Takki**, Head of the Unit B4 'Diseases Prevention and Health Promotion', Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety
- **Adrian Pereș**, Head of the Unit A1 'EU4Health Grants', HaDEA

17:00 – 18:00 | Networking Cocktail