

Healthier Hearts

Why boosting cardiovascular health policy is critical for Europe

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death in Europe, despite medical advances contributing to a drop in overall mortality over the past decades. While CVD accounts for about 20% of all premature deaths, the World Health Organization estimates that about 80% of CVDs are preventable. A key question to maintain future sustainable health care systems will be how to reduce premature and preventable deaths caused by **cardiovascular diseases**.

In the context of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, this event will provide a platform for dialogue and best practice sharing on how to tackle cardiovascular disease in Europe and identify key policy actions on EU and member state-level.

Date: March 22, 2023

Time: 13.00-15.30, a light meal will be served between 12.30-13.00

Venue: 7A Posthuset, Vasagatan 28, Stockholm + digital

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Agenda:

<p>13.00-13.30 High level opening session Moderated by Mr. Göran Hägglund, former Minister for Social Affairs</p>	<p>Introduction remarks Acko Ankarberg, Minister for Health Care (video) John Ryan, Director, Acting Deputy Director General, DG Sante, European Commission (video)</p> <p>Patient perspectives of cardiovascular disease in Europe Birgit Berger, CEO, European Heart Network (video) Thomas Magnusson, Chair Diabetes Sverige, Swedish patient representative</p>
<p>13.30-14.20 Thematic session Moderated by Mr. Petter Odmark, Head of Analysis and Health Policy, Reform Society</p>	<p>Panel discussion - Healthier hearts by utilizing health data and quality registries Peter Vasko, Cardiologist, chairman Swedeheart and SwedeHF Fredrik Söder, CEO & Founder Health Integrator David J Lowe, Clinical Director Scottish Health Innovation Partnership; Emergency Consultant at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow (digital) Hanna Svensson, Researcher, patient (digital)</p>
<p>14.20-15.10 Moderated by Martin Stagmo, Fellow of European Society of Cardiology, Medical Director Bayer AB</p>	<p>Panel discussion - Examples of national policies for healthier hearts Hector Bueno, Professor, Head, Clinical Cardiology/ICCU. Department of Cardiology, Hospital Universitario 12 de Octubre (digital) Przemyslaw Mitkowski, Professor, President Polish Cardiac Society Michal Vrablik, Professor, Chair of the Association of Preventive Cardiology, Czech Republic Antoine Bondue, Professor, Head of the Department of Cardiology - Hôpital Erasme, President of the Scientific Committee of Belgian Heart Ligue, (digital)</p>
<p>15.10-15.30 Closing remarks and summary discussion Moderated by Mr. Petter Odmark</p>	<p>Victoria Tzouma, Co-chair EFPIA CV Health Platform Jenni Nordborg, Head of International relations, Lif</p>

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