

## Agenda for High-Level Conference on Cardiovascular Health:

### Addressing the EU's biggest killer

4 July 2024

Ministry of Interior, Marble Hall, Budapest, Hungary

#### 3 July 2024

18:00 - 20:30: Welcome Reception and Networking

#### 4 July 2024 – Agenda

##### 08:00-09:00 Registration

##### 09:00 - 09:30: Opening

Opening remarks by the **Minister of Interior** or the **Minister of State for Health** and the president of the **Hungarian Society of Cardiology**, emphasizing the critical importance of cardiovascular health and setting the expectations for the day.

##### 09.30 – 09.45: A View on the Data: Franz Weidinger, President of the European Society of Cardiology

Presentation of the key findings of the paper “Improving cardiovascular health in Europe: the case for EU and National CVH plans” – Introduction to the key data on burden of CVD and inequalities.

##### 09:45- 11:00 Panel 1: Primary Prevention and Risk Factors: what we know works and what we're not doing

Focusing on strategies for preventing cardiovascular disease through lifestyle changes, management of risk factors and the environmental stressors that drive the CVD burden.

##### Panel

Keynote speaker: **Prof. Dr. Zoltán Vokó** (Hungarian Association of Public Health Training and Research Institutes)

1. Moderator: Professor Paul Dendale – Chair of Department of Cardiology, Hasselt, Belgium
2. Professor Thomas Münzel - Chief of Department of Cardiology, University Medical Center Mainz, Germany
3. Professor Lis Neubeck - Professor of Cardiovascular Health in the School of Health and Social Care, Edinburgh Napier University, Scotland
4. Professor Victor Aboyans - Head of the Dept. of Cardiology, Dupuytren University Hospital in Limoges, France
5. Hungarian Representative: **Dr. Páldy Anna** (National Centre for Public Health and Pharmacy) - environmental stressors

##### 11:00 – 11:20 Coffee Break

### **11:20 - 12:20 Panel 2: Secondary Prevention: how we can preserve life and livelihoods**

Exploring approaches to early detection of CVDs and to prevent the recurrence of cardiovascular events in individuals with existing heart disease, including medication, lifestyle adjustments, and monitoring.

#### **Panel:**

Keynote speaker/Hungarian expert: **Andréka Péter** (Gottsegen National Cardiovascular Center)

1. Moderator: Professor Francesco Cosentino, Professor of Cardiology at the Karolinska Institute and University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden
2. Jean-Luc Lemerrier – Chair of MedTech Europe Cardiovascular Sector Group
3. Prof. Fausto Pinto – Past-President, World Heart Federation
4. Neil Johnson – Executive Director Global Heart Hub
5. **Prof. István Wittman** – Hungarian Diabetes Association

### **12:20 – 13:20 Lunch Break**

#### **13:20 – 14:20 Ministerial panel**

*Moderator: Prof. Elias Mossalios*

*Possible panelists:*

1. *Dr. Hans Kluge*
2. *Minister from Poland*
3. *Minister from Germany*
4. *Dr. Péter Takács State Secretary on health*

### **14:20 - 15:20 Panel 3: Treatment and Innovation: what's holding back the new age in CV care?**

Examining the current bottlenecks in CVD research and how to overcome them.

#### **Panel:**

Keynote speaker: **Prof. Miklós Szócska** (Health Services Management Training Centre, Semmelweis University) - innovation

1. Moderator: Professor Barbara Casadei –Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, University of Oxford, UK
2. Alar Irs - Chair of EMA Cardiovascular Working Party
3. Haseeb Ahmad – EFPIA CVH Sector Group;
4. Professor Piotr Szymanski - Head of the Clinical Cardiology Department at National Institute of Medicine MSWiA Hospital, Warsaw, Poland
5. **Prof Csaba Bödör** (Department of Pathology and Experimental Cancer Research, Semmelweis University, Faculty of Medicine) - Hungarian expert

6. **Csaba Poroszlai** (Medicines for Europe)

**15:20 – 15:40 Coffee break**

**15:40 - 16:40 Panel 4: Rehabilitation and Patient Centered Support: care beyond the clinic**

Discussion on the importance of rehabilitation for patients following cardiac events, and the role of support networks in patient recovery and quality of life.

**Panel**

Keynote speaker/Hungarian expert: **Dr. Emil Toldy-Shedel** (Szent Ferenc Hospital, Budapest)

1. Moderator: Professor Donna Fitzsimons - Head of the School of Nursing & Midwifery & Member of Senate in Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland
2. Arlene Wilke – Director General, Stroke Alliance for Europe
3. Charmaine Griffiths – President of European Heart Network, CEO British Heart Foundation
4. Michael Papadakis - Professor of Cardiology St George's, University of London, United Kingdom
5. Hungarian expert

**16:40 - 17:40 Closing remarks: Making Europe a global leader in CV research, management and care**

Concluding the conference with final thoughts and a call to action, summarizing key insights from the day and outlining steps forward.

Hungarian Society of Cardiology & Hungarian Minister

1. **Professor Béla Merkely (honorary president, Hungarian Society of Cardiology)**
2. **Dr. Péter Takács (Minister of State for Health, Ministry of Interior)**

**17:40-19:00 Reception**