

**Towards higher patient safety in EU hospitals.
Innovation in hygiene & sanification to reduce healthcare associated infections and antimicrobial resistance.**

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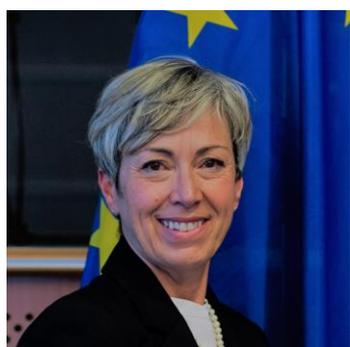
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Panelists

	<p>Luca Arnoldo</p> <p>Graduated in Medicine and Surgery in 2008 and specialised in 2014 in Hygiene and Preventive Medicine at the University of Udine. Since 2015 he has been working at the "Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria Integrata di Udine". He collaborates in the coordination of the "Safe Cure Network" which is the structure that coordinates clinical risk management and patient safety regional programmes of Friuli Venezia Giulia, including those concerning prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial stewardship. He also collaborate with the University of Udine and he is involved in the development of scientific studies and research projects both at nationally and international level.</p>
	<p>Giuseppe Banfi</p> <p>He works in Milan (Italy) as Director of Scientific Research programs at IRCCS, (Scientific and Teaching Hospital) Galeazzi Orthopaedic Institute, Director of Scientific Research programs at Gruppo Ospedaliero San Donato Foundation, General Director of Fondazione Centro San Raffaele. Full Professor of Clinical Laboratory Medicine at School of Medicine, University Vita –Salute San Raffaele and Vice Rector for Research University Vita-Salute San Raffaele. He is also member of the Board of Directors of Fondazione Istituto Insubrico Ricerca per La Vita Foundation.</p>
	<p>Brando Benifei</p> <p>European Federalist, is one of the youngest MEPs and is from La Spezia, Italy. His main fields of legislative work in the EP are Employment and social affairs, Security and Defence and Foreign affairs. He is co-chair of the Youth Intergroup and vice-chair of the Disability Intergroup. He is currently Shadow Rapporteur for the European Social Fund Plus and Rapporteur Post-Arab Spring in the MENA region.</p>

**Ester Calbo**

MD, PhD; specialist in Internal Medicine. Head of Infectious Diseases Unit at Hospital Universitari Mútua Terrassa. Professor of Medicine, Universitat Internacional de Catalunya. Deputy Director of VINCAT, Infection Control Program of Catalonia. Her main areas of interest in research are infection control, multi-drug resistance in bacteria (molecular basis, clinical implications, therapy and control), bacteraemia, and healthcare-related infections. She is author of more than 80 peer-reviewed publications.

**Elisabetta Caselli**

Academic Biologist with PhD in Biotechnology, Associate professor in Microbiology, at the Section of Microbiology and Medical Genetics of the Department of Medical Sciences, University of Ferrara (Italy). Member of the Director Board of CIAS research center and of the Teachers Collegium of PhD in Molecular Medicine of the University of Ferrara. Member of the Italian Society of Microbiology (SIM), Italian Society of Virology (SIV), and Healthcare Infection Society (HIS). Current areas of interest: clinical bacteriology and microbiome role in different biological environments, healthcare-associated infections (HAI) and antimicrobial resistance (AMR), clinical virology and immunovirology.

**Daniele Celotto**

Graduated as a Medical Doctor in the University of Udine in 2014. He is a resident in Hygiene and Preventive Medicine, working since 2015 in the Accreditation and Clinical Risk Management Unit in Udine Academic Hospital. Since 2016, he has been working on the influenza vaccination campaigns for healthcare workers. He has held training courses for medical doctors and healthcare workers on patient safety and clinical risk management in acute and chronic care settings. Since 2017, he has been collaborating with the European Network to Promote Infection Prevention for Patient Safety (EUNETIPS) board, where he has been taking part in studies on infection prevention and control.

**Antonio Gaudio**

He is currently General Secretary of Cittadinanzattiva, an Italian civic organization that promotes civic participation and protects citizens' rights. After his graduation in Political Science and International Relationship at the University of Macerata he got a Certificate in HTA from the London School of Economics. While working for Cittadinanzattiva he has been responsible for national and international relationships with several stakeholders. He worked on the adoption of the first Law on Pain and contributed to several information campaigns related to rights' protection, with a special focus on health rights. Currently, he is also Vice President of Active Citizenship Foundation, senior consultant for CSR and sustainability at World Bank, member of Committee on biotechnology and bio safety of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and member of several commissions and working groups on health in Italy and Europe.



Denis Herbaux

He holds a PhD in Economics and Management (2009) and holds a university certificate in quality management in health care institutions. After beginning his career in a hospitals' federation where he was in charge of economic matters, he became the CEO of PAQS ASBL in June 2014. PAQS is a non-profit organization whose goal is to improve patient safety through different projects with health professionals and care institutions. PAQS also provides resources (tools, methodologies, good practices, ...), organizes training and is currently in the process of designing a Regional Strategy to Improve Patient Safety. PAQS works closely with regional authorities, universities and patients representatives.



Brian Maguire

Brussels-based journalist, producer and broadcaster, specialised in European politics and business; producing short documentary films exploring Europe's competing policy dimensions. He hosts live radio and television debates with European Commissioners, Members of the European Parliament and independent experts, and was co-anchor for one of the live European Presidential debates during the 2014 elections. A graduate in Government and Law, he has worked across a broad range of publications, especially within the business-to-business sector.

Charles Price

Policy Officer for Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-associated infection in the European Commission Directorate for Public Health, Country Knowledge and Crisis Management, SANTE C3. He trained as a public health physician and previously worked at the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe and as a Director of Public Health in Sheffield, UK.



Melina Raso

Executive Director of Health First Europe (HFE), a non-profit, non-commercial alliance of patients, healthcare workers, academics and healthcare experts and the medical technology industry. Their mission is to ensure that equitable access to modern, innovative and reliable medical technology and healthcare is regarded as a vital investment in the future of Europe. HFE call for truly patient-centred healthcare and believes that every European citizen should benefit from the best medical treatments available. As part of the awareness raising activities, HFE organises events and issue publications with the aim of communicating their core messages to EU decision-makers and opinion leaders.



Mariano Votta

Public affairs professional and journalist, is the Director of Active Citizenship Network (ACN), the international branch of the Italian NGO Cittadinanzattiva, where he is responsible for European Affairs. Since 2013, he has been actively involved as ACN stepped up its advocacy activities at the European Institutions, which in 2015 led to the opening of a representative office in Brussels and - above all - to the launch of the MEP Interest Group “European Patients' Rights & Cross-Border Healthcare”, promoted with the endorsement of almost 100 organizations across Europe. Furthermore, in 2016, Mariano won the Efhre International University Excellence Awards on patients' rights. Passionate about healthcare and consumer issues, he has more than 17 years of experience in the field of advocacy, stakeholder engagement, European projects, communication and civic information.

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