

BIOGRAPHIES



Frédérique Ries

Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe, Belgium

Frédérique Ries has been a Member of the European Parliament since 1999 and represents the Mouvement Reformateur in the Renew Europe Group. She is a Member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and is Vice-Chair of Renew Europe. A journalist and former Secretary of State for European and Foreign Affairs, she is committed to public health policy in Europe. She is a co-author of the 2017 Resolution on the EU's Response to HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis C, and co-hosted HIV Outcomes roundtable in 2019.



Nikos Dedes

Co-Chair HIV Outcomes & President Positive Voice, Greece

Nikos Dedes is a founding member and president of Positive Voice, the association of people living with HIV in Greece, and a member and former Chair of the European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG). He is also a member of both the European HIV Clinical Trials Network (NEATid) and the European Treatment Guidelines. Nikos is active on across-disease topics and has been a member of the Management Board of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) representing European patients and a member of the Greek National Ethics Committee for clinical trials. He is a Co-Chair of the HIV Outcomes European Steering Group.



Marian Said

Member, European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG)

Maryan Said is a Researcher at the Department of Evidence Summaries of the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. She has conducted a research project in an HIV outpatient clinic in Norway on how the involvement of people living with HIV in programme development and implementation can help re-design the organisation of HIV services.



Dr. Joop Arends

Infectious Diseases Physician and Happi app Founder

Joop Arends is an Associate Professor at the Department of Acute Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the University Medical Centre of Utrecht. As an infectious disease expert, Professor Arends has conducted studies on how to improve HIV-related care through digital health solutions as well as on the management of several HIV co-morbidities. As part of his efforts to improve the quality of life of his patients living with HIV, Professor Arends co-created the Happi App, a smart health solution to help people living with HIV manage their condition in collaboration with their care givers.



Stella Kyriakides

European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Stella Kyriakides was appointed European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety in 2019. Prior to becoming Commissioner, she had been a Member of the House of Representatives of Cyprus since 2006 under the banner of the conservative Democratic Rally party (DISY). As an MP, she worked on health policy issues in her capacity as Deputy Chairwoman of the House Standing Committee on Health Affairs.



Sara Cerdas

Member of the European Parliament, S&D, Portugal

Sara Cerdas joined the European Parliament in 2019 as a representative of the Partido Socialista in the Socialist and Democrats (S&D) group. She is a member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI), and a Chair of the Health Working Group. Sara Cerdas is a trained medical doctor and an expert in public health. She co-hosted HIV Outcomes roundtable in November 2019.

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Leoluca Orlando

City Mayor of Palermo (Italy) representing Fast Track Cities Europe

Leoluca Orlando became Mayor of the city of Palermo for the fourth time in 2012. In his capacity as mayor of the city, he signed the Paris Declaration on Fast Track Cities on 24 November 2019, making Palermo the third Italian city to join the network, and the first in the south of the country. Orlando was a Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies and was elected to the European Parliament in 1994, where he was a member of the Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs (LIBE). A Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Palermo, he is a longstanding supporter of migrant rights.



Ortwin Schulte

Head of Health Unit, Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU

Ortwin Schulte is Head of the Health Unit at the Permanent Representation of Germany to the European Union in Brussel. Mr. Schulte started his career in the German Ministry of Health in 1992 in the units for food law and EU coordination. From 2001 to 2005 he was Head of the Health Unit at the Federal Chancellor's Office in Berlin and then Head of the EU Presidency Task Force in the German MoH. In 2011 he also became Associate Professor at the Medical and Pharmaceutical University in Chisinau/Republic of Moldova.



Hilikka Kärkkäinen

President, Global Alliance of Mental Illness Advocacy Networks (GAMIAN)

Hilikka Kärkkäinen is the President of the Global Alliance of Mental Illness Advocacy Networks (GAMIAN - Europe) and is in the board of the European Brain Council (EBC) and the European Patients Forum (EPF). A social worker by profession and expert by experience, Mrs Karkkainen has worked both for the City of Helsinki and the City of Espoo in Child Welfare for many years. She was from 1998 until 2002 Executive Director of Finnish Central Association for Mental Health, which is the biggest Mental Health Patients' organisation in Europe with about 18 000 members.



Dr. Hans Kluge

Director, WHO Europe

Dr. Hans Kluge is the WHO Regional Director for Europe since February 2020. Prior to this post, he worked at WHO Europe as Regional Director to Combat Multi/Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis and as Division Director to improve European health systems while partnering with the European Commission, the World Bank or the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), among others. A physician and surgeon by training, Dr. Kluge has combined 25 years of clinical practice in Europe and Africa with several WHO public health posts in countries such as Myanmar.



Vinay Patrick Saldanha

Director, WHO Europe Special Adviser to Executive Director Winnie Byanyima, UNAIDS

Vinay Patrick Saldanha is an Executive Officer at UNAIDS, where he helps as a Special Adviser to Executive Director Winnie Byanyima. Prior to this, he was UNAIDS Regional Director for Eastern Europe & Central Asia, where he spent over 15 years leading and implementing AIDS programmes. For instance, he led some of the first initiatives to provide care for people living with HIV in the Russia. Mr. Saldanha holds a Bachelor's in Political Science and English literature from the University of Toronto (Canada) and has taken postgraduate courses in the evaluation and monitoring of HIV and global health.



Tilly Metz

Member of the European Parliament, Greens, Luxembourg

Tilly Metz joined the European Parliament in June 2018 as a representative of the Luxembourgish Green party (Déi Gréng) in the Greens/EFA political group. She is a member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and

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Food Safety (ENVI), and she is also a member of the European Parliament Intergroup on LGBT Rights and of the MEPs Against Cancer interest group. Tilly Metz is a trained psychologist.



Igor Gordon

Programme Director, Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA)

Igor Gordon is Programme Director of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA) based in Vilnius (Lithuania). A social worker by training, Mr. Gordon has worked in the launch and management of AIDS programmes in Eastern Europe for over 20 years. Before joining EHRA, he worked in organisations such as the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, the United Nations and the Estonian Network of People Living with HIV.



John Bowis

Co-President, HIV Outcomes

John Bowis is Co-President of HIV Outcomes and a former civil servant. Mr. Bowis is a former member of the British Parliament (1987-1997) and served as the UK Minister for Health (1992-1996) and Transport (1996-1997). He then went to become a member of the European Parliament (1999-2009), where he worked on files such as Cross Border Health, Neglected Diseases and Mental Health. An Oxford University graduate, Mr. Bowis has advised institutions such as the World Health Organisation on health matters and is board member of GAMIAN Europe, the European Institute of Health, and Maastricht University European Health Faculty, among others.



Dr. Cristian Silviu Buşoi

Member of the European Parliament, EPP, Romania

Cristian-Silviu Busoi has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2007 and represents Partidul National Liberal in the European People’s Party (EPP) group. He is the Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). A trained physician, he was formerly a Member of the Committee for Health and Family in the Romanian Parliament, and the President of the National Health Insurance.



Dr. Jeffrey Lazarus

Associate Professor, Barcelona Institute of Global Health (ISGlobal)

Jeffrey Lazarus is an Associate Research Professor at the Barcelona Institute of Global Health (ISGlobal), Hospital Clinic, University of Barcelona, and an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Barcelona. He is Vice-Chair of the Board of the EASL International Liver Foundation. He is the author of more than 200 publications and currently a commissioner of the EASL-Lancet European Liver Commission and lead guest editor of The Lancet HIV series on HIV outcomes beyond viral suppression. He spent 11 years at WHO, 3 at the Global Fund, is a former Chair of the Board of AFEW International and former director of Health Systems Global. He is a co-Chair of the HIV Outcomes European steering group and is involved in HIV Outcomes Spain.



Ana-Maria Schweitzer

Executive Director, Baylor-Black Sea Foundation

Ana-Maria Schweitzer has served as executive director of the Baylor-Black Sea Foundation and has coordinated the HIV Clinical Center of Excellence in Constanta, Romania since 2005. She joined Baylor-Romania in 1999 as a clinical psychologist and became experienced in assisting children with HIV and their families, helping patients cope with new diagnosis and unfavorable news, including loss and grief. Schweitzer is trained in psychotherapy and has over ten years of experience working with health-related philanthropic programs.

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Dr. Nicole Simone Seguy

HIV and Hepatitis Unit Lead, World Health Organization Europe (WHO Europe)

Dr. Seguy leads the HIV and Hepatitis Unit at WHO Regional Office for Europe. Prior to this, she was a HIV/AIDS Technical Officer at several WHO Country Offices, including India, China, and Cambodia.

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