



Book launch

A European Health Union: Our progressive vision

19 October 2023 – 11 – 12:30 (CET)

Online

The European Institute of Health and Sustainable Development (EIHSD), based in Lithuania, and FEPS launched [research on the conceptualisation of a European Health Union](#) and related policy at the European level. This webinar is dedicated to the presentation of our findings on the potential and challenges for a European Health Union.

With this compilation of essays from world-renowned experts, we first explore the origins and legal background of the concept of a European Health Union. Then, we recognise that there has been development and a strengthening of relations between European members, carried out by progressive decision-makers, and look into the strong backing of citizens for investment in health at a European level. Finally, as the path towards a Union will be challenging, we look into the most promising avenues of cooperation for the health and well-being of European citizens.

This event will be recorded and live-streamed on FEPS and partners' platforms and social media.

- 11:00 – 11:05 **Introductory remarks**
Maria João Rodrigues, President, FEPS
- 11:05 – 11:15 **Book Launch: A European Health Union: A Blueprint for Generations**
Vytenis Andriukaitis, WHO Special Envoy for the European region, former EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety (2014-2019)
- 11:15 – 11:30 **Political Action: Measures and vision for a progressive European Health Union**
Sara Cerdas, Member of the European Parliament and S&D Coordinator for the Subcommittee on Public Health
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Highlights from the book: Intra-EU Mobility of Health Specialists & the External Dimension of the European Health Union**
Presentation of the research and policy recommendations by:
- **Annette Schrauwen**, Professor of European Integration, in particular citizenship law and history, at the University of Amsterdam
 - **Ilona Kickbusch**, Founding Director and Chair of the Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies Geneva
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Implications for the Future of Europe and the next EU Social Agenda**
- **Maria João Rodrigues**, President, FEPS
 - **Trolls Petersen**, Member of the Citizens' Panel, Conference on the Future of Europe, Working Group on Health
 - **Vytenis Andriukaitis**, WHO Special Envoy for the European region, former EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety (2014-2019) and editor of the book "A European Health Union: A Blueprint for Generations".

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