

EXPLORING AREAS AND BENEFITS OF COOPERATION IN CROSS-BORDER HEALTHCARE TO PROTECT PATIENTS' RIGHTS

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Panelists



Zsuzsa Almasi – Romanian National Alliance for Rare Diseases (RONARD)

She is a psychologist and mediator, working with the Romanian National Alliance for Rare Diseases since 2009. She also works at NoRo Center for Rare Diseases in Zalău, Romania. She is involved in organizing events and activities for patients and families affected by rare diseases and for professionals involved in the management of these diseases. Working with patient groups, support groups, presenting or participating in conferences and trainings related to rare diseases completes her activity as operator at

Help Line NoRo for Rare Diseases.



Sonia Belfiore – Project Manager EU Affairs, Active Citizenship Network

She works as Project Manager for Active Citizenship Network since 2015. She also deals with networking and communication activities. She has coordinated this event and is also responsible for a European communication campaign on cross-border healthcare.



MEP David Borrelli – Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group and co-founder of the MEPs Interest Group “European Patients' Rights and Cross-Border Healthcare”

Entrepreneur in the IT sector. Councillor in Treviso (2008-2013), candidate for President of the Veneto region (2010), Member of the European Parliament (2014-). He is member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), Committee on International Trade (INTA), Delegations for the relations with the Mashreq countries, South Africa and Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for

the Mediterranean.



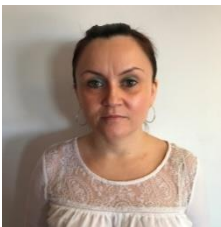
Simona Coroi – Romanian National Contact Point (Assistant)

2015-present: economist at the Romanian National Contact Point. She has experience in International Communications in healthcare sector. She shares the information regarding cross-border healthcare with any other EU NCP or any other institutions and also provides information to any person which is interested to be treated in a EU MS.



Catherine Donohoe – Irish National Contact Point

She holds a MSc in Health Leadership and Management from the Royal College of Surgeon of Ireland. Due to the variety of teams and departments within the health sector that she has worked, she holds unique insights into and understanding of the operation of this complex service. She was appointed to her current role of General Manager of the Commercial Unit, Acute Hospitals Division of the Health Service Executive in 2007. Prior to this appointment, she was the National Treatment Purchase Fund Officer for the South Eastern Health Board and Deputy Manager and General Manager of South Tipperary General Hospital. Reflecting her abilities to manage, develop and lead effective teams the remit of the Commercial Unit has grown under her management to include the national Living Kidney Donor Reimbursement Scheme and the National Contact Point for the Cross Border Directive.



Andreea Gărăiacu – Romanian National Contact Point (Coordinator)

2014-present: Head office at the Romanian National Contact Point. She was part of the following processes: implementing European programs in the field of health and social security policies; monitoring the implementation processes run at national and local level in regard to the implementation of the assumed specific strategies in this fields; reviewing periodically, as coordinator of the team in charge with this matter within the National Health Insurance House, EU COM and EU COUNCIL juridical instruments applicable to the fields of health and social security policies.



Ilaria Giannico – Secretary General European Union of Private Hospitals (UEHP)

Graduated in Italy and trained at international level, Ms Ilaria Giannico holds an Advanced Master in Interdisciplinary Analysis of European Construction and she speaks four languages.

She is experienced in EU Affairs and EU funding programmes. Her professional background includes the collaboration with the Belgian-Italian Chamber of Commerce and the activity at Confindustria Delegation to the EU, working in close relationship with the EU institutions.



François Houÿez – Treatment Information and Access Director / Health Policy Advisor EURORDIS

He is working at the European Organisation for Rare Diseases Eurordis where he is Director of Treatment Information and Access, and Policy Advisor. He has always been working as a patient advocate since the early '90s. He represents Eurordis at the Patients' and Consumers' Working Party at the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and in the European Network of Health Technology Assessment Agencies (EUnetHTA). François is also a patient.



Lucie Robson – Senior Editor HealthManagement.org

She has worked in digital, print and broadcast journalism for more than 15 years for a range of media outfits. Since 2015 she has been an editor at leading healthcare management publication, HealthManagement.org where she has been privileged to work with contributors that include health thought leaders such as Michael S. Porter, Elizabeth Teisberg, Sir Muir Gray and Medical Futurist, Bertalan Mesko as well as many notable professionals in business, academia and healthcare

policy-making.

The position and viewpoint of the patient is central to HealthManagement.org editorial and, to this end, the publication has enjoyed collaborating with the Active Citizenship Network, Age Platform Europe, The European Patients' Forum and patient activists like Regina Holliday of The Walking Gallery.



Magdalena Rutkowska – President Medical Travel Partner

President of Medical Travel Partner that helped over 1000 patients from abroad in Poland. In 2012-2015 as the member of Polish Medical Tourism Consortium she promoted Polish Medical Tourism on behalf of Polish Ministry of Economy. The 15 Mio USD project was co-financed from the European Funds Innovative Economy. She was responsible for promotion in 7 countries and managed cooperation with 40 medical centers in Poland. Recently she has published her consultancy book dedicated to healthcare managers “Medical Tourism practice guide – how to gain foreign

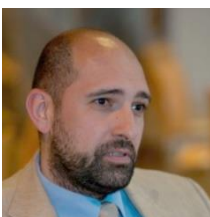
patients”. She is experienced speaker of over 15 international and national conferences and workshops. She also teaches MBA healthcare program students in Poland.



Enrique Terol – European Commission DG SANTE

He works as Policy Officer and national expert in DG SANTE Unit B3 Cross-border Healthcare and eHealth of the European Commission and is in charge of the implementation of the European Reference Networks under the framework of the Directive of Cross-border Health care. He is MD, specialized in Family and Community Medicine, MSc and PhD in Public Health. His professional experience includes the clinical practice, managerial positions of Primary and Specialised

Healthcare in private and public institutions and healthcare planning. He was Deputy General Director of Quality and Health Planning of the 20 Ministry of Health of Spain between 2004 and 2008. He worked as Health Attaché in the Spanish Permanent Representation to the EU and coordinator of the area of Health in the Spanish Presidency of the EU between 2008 and 2011.



Mariano Votta – Director of Active Citizenship Network

He is Director of Active Citizenship Network and responsible for European Affairs at Cittadinanzattiva. He took the political initiative to encourage and promote the Member of the European Parliament Interest Group “European Patients' Rights & Cross-Border Healthcare”.