

## Active Citizens in Europe advocate for vaccination

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### Panelists

	<p><b>MEP David Borrelli</b></p> <p>He is member of the non-attached Members Group in the European Parliament. He was born in 1971 in Treviso. Entrepreneur in the IT sector. Councilor in Treviso (2008-2013), candidate for President of the Veneto region (2010), Member of the European Parliament (2014- ).</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p><b>Geneviève Chêne</b></p> <p>MD PhD, she is professor in biostatistics and public health at Bordeaux University since 1999. As a researcher, since 2006, she has established an Inserm research team on “HIV infections and associated morbidity” and a Clinical Trials Unit as a platform of excellence for national and international studies in HIV/AIDS. As a professor of public health, Geneviève Chêne teaches clinical epidemiology at the Bordeaux School of Public Health (Univ. Bordeaux) where she initiated an international distant-learning program in epidemiology and clinical research.</p> <p>She is currently the Director of the Public Health Multi-Organization Thematic Institute of the French National Alliance for Life Sciences and Health (Aviesan and Inserm, Paris) and, since 2013, serves as vice-chair of the scientific evaluation committee of the National Program for Clinical Research (PHRC).</p> <p>In 2017, she was nominated as coordinator of the EU-joint action on vaccination led by France, to strengthen cooperation across EU.</p>
	<p><b>Antonio Gaudio</b></p> <p>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, like the Italian Government, the Italian Parliament, the European Commission and the European Parliament. 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.</p>



**Elena Gentile**

She successfully graduated in Medicine at the University of Padova in 1978 and worked as paediatrician at the hospital of Cerignola from 1981 to 2005. She dedicated over 30 years working in regional and local politics. From August 1985 to July 1986 she was Vice-Mayor of Cerignola, responsible for health, environment and social services. In July 1991 she was the Mayor of Cerignola. From May 2005 to June 2014, she was member of the Regional Assembly in Puglia and was responsible for Welfare and Social Affairs and then for Health. In 2014, she was elected to the European Parliament joining the group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D). She is currently Full Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and of the Delegation to the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee. She is also substitute member in the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and in the Committee of Culture and education.



**George Griffin**

President of the Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM), he gained BSc in Pharmacology and Molecular Biology at King's College London Sciences, where he was awarded the Delegacy Prize for Excellence in Preclinical Science. He was awarded PhD in Cell Biology/Biochemistry, University of Hull. Professor Griffin's postgraduate training paralleled basic and clinical science. He has chaired scientific advisory boards in major pharmaceutical industry in the USA and UK. He has been chair and member of major Wellcome, Medical Research Council and Gates Foundation committees. He was censor at the Royal College of Physicians. He was appointed to the board of Public Health England where he will help shape strategy for research and clinical development. His research has focussed on the host response to infection at cell, molecular and whole body level. Such work involves immune and metabolic responses in vivo in humans.



**Daphne Holt**

Daphne joined the world of charity management in 1999 after 30 years in medical research and education, first with the UK Medical Research Council and then at Imperial College in London, where from 1986 she was team leader at the Karim Centre for Meningitis Research. After working for 10 years on international development for the Meningitis Trust (UK) she joined the Confederation of Meningitis Organisations (CoMO) in 2009 to become the first executive director, and to establish CoMO as a registered organisation in Perth, Western Australia. Daphne became a member of the Governing Council of CoMO and subsequently its Vice President for Europe and Africa, posts that she held until December 2017 when she retired to help found the Coalition for Life-course Immunisation (CLCI) and become its Chair. Daphne is a member of the editorial board of Vaccine Today and is generally active in the world of vaccines advocacy.



**Peggy Maguire**

Director General of the European Institute of Women's Health (EIWH), she is responsible for the EIWH strategy and advocacy for equitable and gender-sensitive approaches in health policy, research, treatment and care. She has served as a member of the EU Commission's External Advisory Group on Ageing and Disability ,Horizon 2020: Advisory Group:SC1 Demographic Change Health and Wellbeing and Advisory Group -Gender and the WHO expert group on gender mainstreaming. Peggy is a member of the European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, Technical Advisory Group on vaccination uptake. Peggy has initiated many research projects and publications, including the development of Cancoma cancer information initiative for women and families.



**David Salisbury**

He was Director of Immunisation at the Department of Health, London, until 2014. Professor Salisbury trained as a paediatrician at Oxford and at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London. He has an honorary Chair at Imperial College, London and is an Associate Fellow of the Centre on Global Health Security at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House. He is Chair of the Board of the Jenner Vaccine Foundation and was inaugural President of the International Association of Immunisation Managers. Professor Salisbury continues to work extensively with the World Health Organization on the Global Programme for Vaccines. He was the Chair of the WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Vaccines from 2005 to 2010. He is Chair of the Global Commission for Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication and Chair of the European Region Certification Commission for Poliomyelitis Eradication. He serves on advisory boards for four EC-funded vaccine research projects. He has also had extensive experience in Global Health Security having co-chaired a G7 working group on Pandemic Influenza.



**Martin Seychell**

Graduated in chemistry and pharmaceutical technology, he specialized in Chemical analysis. He has held important positions on several government boards and commissions in Malta (Food Safety Commission and the Pesticides Board). He occupied the post of Head of Directorate at the Malta Standards Authority (2001-2006). He has been responsible for the implementation of a number of EU directives in the areas of risk assessment, food safety, chemicals and cosmetic products legislation. He held the post of Director of Environment in Malta (2006-2011). He was appointed Deputy Director General for Health and Consumers at the European Commission in March 2011.



**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.



**Suzanne Wait**

She is Managing Director at The Health Policy Partnership a London-based health policy research consultancy. The focus of The Health Policy Partnership is to deliver evidence-based policy reports that help build consensus among different stakeholders on where changes are most needed to improve outcomes for patients. Suzanne has worked on a wide range of topics, including most recently life-course approaches to vaccination, viral hepatitis, oncology, and mental health. She has helped run a number of multi-stakeholder policy initiatives, working closely with leading patient advocates, civic society, healthcare professionals and policymakers. She has published extensively, and taught Health Policy for five years at the School of Public Policy at University College London. She is a former Nuffield Trust Research Fellow at the Judge Institute of Management at Cambridge University and was Adjunct Professor at the University of Strasbourg.

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