

Agenda: Day 1

16 November 2021



Theme A: understanding heart failure in the new language of 2021

Session	Topic	Speakers	Details
Heart failure and cardiovascular disease – 2021 and beyond 16:00 – 17:20 CET Chair: Billy Kelleher MEP	Welcome and overview	Billy Kelleher MEP European Parliament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and overview from the Chair
	Where from here? The big picture of heart failure in Europe	Ed Harding Heart Failure Policy Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where are we now in heart failure policy and care in Europe? What are the defining qualities of central strategies going forward?
	Heart failure: where we are, and why we need an EU policy	Prof. Giuseppe Rosano Heart Failure Association of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC HFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heart failure's journey towards an era of guideline-based care and increasing political prominence Key points in the revised ESC HFA guidelines (2021), and what they mean for systems/decision-makers going forward Clinical view on strategic system/policy priorities ahead
	Why should cardiovascular disease matter to governments?	Dr Veena Raleigh The King's Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The link between cardiovascular disease, heart failure, healthy ageing and health inequalities Lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, and rationale for action going forwards
	Stronger together: the future of heart failure policy and advocacy	Penilla Gunther FOKUS Patient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient response to presentations above on behalf of the Global Heart Hub Reflection on the challenges of advocacy and policy change from a former national parliamentarian
Q&A			

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It is time for Europe to take the lead in heart failure 17:30 – 18:25 CET Chair: Ed Harding	Welcome and overview	Ed Harding Heart Failure Policy Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and overview from the Chair
	The strategic role for the EU in heart failure	Dr Ambrose McLoughlin Heartbeat Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can the EU take a leadership role in heart failure? (presenting the HPFN Action Statement on Heart Failure)
	How the EU can shape the future of cardiovascular disease	Birgit Beger European Heart Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline of cardiovascular disease advocacy at EU-level (drawing on the blueprint for EU action on cardiovascular disease) How can the cardiovascular disease community work together to prioritise political recognition and secure strategic investments in the future? (European Alliance for Cardiovascular Health)
	Commission response	John F Ryan European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission response to discussions and the Action Statement on Heart Failure
	Q&A		
	Chair's closing statement		

Theme B: future proofing – how should heart failure strategies evolve in 2021 and beyond?

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No delay: transforming detection, diagnosis and escalation 18:35 – 20:00 CET Chair: Dr Joe Gallagher	Welcome and overview	Dr Joe Gallagher Irish College of General Practitioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and overview from the Chair
	Diagnosis: a global challenge	Marissa A Mes Heart Failure Policy Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A presentation of key findings on diagnosis in heart failure from 11 European countries (Heart failure policy and practice in Europe)
		Prof. Kenneth McDonald Health Service Executive, Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STOP HF initiative (Ireland), a case study in community-based natriuretic peptide (NP) screening to identify people who are at increased risk of developing heart failure, and intensify prevention efforts
		Prof. Mark Petrie University of Glasgow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPERA case study: how an integrated community team using AI-enhanced echocardiography and NP testing has reduced diagnostic bottlenecks and improved management strategies and outcomes
		Prof. Damien Gruson Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biomarkers in heart failure and the detection of iron deficiency: a discussion of systemic challenges in diagnosing iron deficiency in heart failure, and policy implications of new guidelines from the Heart Failure Association of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC HFA)
		Prof. Salvatore Di Somma Italian Association of Patients with Heart Failure (AISC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How could we reshape health systems to better manage worsening heart failure? An overview of worsening heart failure, key research and case studies, and discussion of persistent systemic barriers in heart failure management
	Reshaping health systems to better managing worsening heart failure	Louise Clayton Alliance for Heart Failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid-access heart failure pathways: a case study from the Midlands, UK
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Virtual networking

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16:30 – 17:10 CET

The summit aims to foster pan-European collaboration among heart failure advocates from all sectors, including healthcare professionals, patient advocates, decision-makers and industry representatives.

Join our networking session for a unique opportunity to meet and build connections with other advocates who are passionate about improving the lives of people with heart failure.

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<p>Can digital innovation make person-centred care a reality for all?</p> <p>17:20 – 18:35 CET</p> <p>Chair: Marc Bains</p>	Welcome and overview	Marc Bains The HeartLife Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome and overview from the Chair
	What is the current state of play in remote care and digital innovation in heart failure?	Ed Harding Heart Failure Policy Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The state of play in remote care and digital innovation in heart failure: key findings from 11 European countries in Heart failure policy and practice in Europe, and discussion of what this might mean for national heart failure policy priorities
	Case studies: digital and innovative solutions in heart failure	Dr Panos Stafylas HealThink	<ul style="list-style-type: none">European lessons in cardiovascular disease digital solutions: experiences of digital solutions in cardiovascular disease and resulting policy lessons from European eHealth projectsReflections on challenges in telemedicine and remote care in heart failure in Greece
		Prof. Kenneth McDonald Health Service Executive, Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">St Vincent’s HF Virtual Clinic: a case study at involving the Heartbeat Trust, Health Service Executive and St Vincent’s, which provides rapid remote access to heart failure specialists to help them manage heart failure in the community
		Prof. Rod Taylor University of Glasgow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">REACH-HF: a case study on the opportunities and challenges for home-based cardiac rehabilitation during the COVID-19 pandemic
		Denis Janssen The Patient’s Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Patient viewpoint: the importance of quality of life for people living with heart failure, and the potential for digital solutions to support the delivery of best-practice heart failure care
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<div>Workforce expansion and clinical delegation</div> <div>18:50 – 20:05 CET</div> <div>Chair: Prof. Izabella Uchmanowicz</div>	Welcome and overview	Prof. Izabella Uchmanowicz European Society of Cardiology Association of Cardiovascular Nursing & Allied Professions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and overview from the Chair• Overview of heart failure specialist nursing and allied health professionals across Europe
	Heart failure nursing across Europe	Marissa A Mes Heart Failure Policy Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Findings from 11 countries on heart failure specialist nursing from Heart failure policy and practice in Europe
	The patient perspective	Lynn Hedgecoe British Society for Heart Failure (BSH) Patient Advisory Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The perspective of people living with heart failure on the importance of having support throughout the care journey, and the roles for different healthcare professionals
	Case studies: workforce expansion	Carys Barton BSH Nurse Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BSH Nurse Competency Framework and wider reflections on the value of specialist nursing, key models, and lessons learnt in implementation on a national scale
		Dr Miek Smeets Academic Centre for General Practice at KU Leuven	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OSCAR-HF trial: description of a community-based service to optimise heart failure care in general practice, and key systemic challenges to wider implementation
		Prof. Josep Comín Colet Bellvitge University Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barcelona integrated heart failure management: a focal integrated care model involving specialist nursing, and key lessons learnt in implementation
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Theme C: advocacy workshops and 'inside the mind' of decision-makers

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Raising our game in heart failure advocacy 16:30 – 18:30 CET Chair: Neil Johnson	Welcome and overview	Neil Johnson Global Heart Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and overview from the Chair Comment on state of heart failure advocacy across Europe
	Case studies: policy learnings from other advocates	Dr Janine Hogan British Society for Heart Failure (BSH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freedom from Failure: an overview of the BSH's evidence-based tailored approach for engaging Members of Parliament on heart failure
		Prof. José Ramón González Juanatey University Hospital Santiago de Compostela	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heart failure on the Horizon 2025, the first comprehensive policy white paper on heart failure in Spain, and its contribution to the development of the forthcoming national strategy on cardiovascular health
		Nick Hartshorne-Evans Pumping Marvellous Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online petition for 'Legal right to 2 week review of patients with suspected heart failure': how patient advocacy organisations can harness the power of social media to engage decision-makers and leverage the advocacy base for change
		Paul Mitchell Fragility Fracture Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience from the world of osteoporosis and fragility fractures: an overview of advocacy work for fragility fractures and its impact at the European level, and how these processes could be emulated in heart failure
	Q&A		
	Where next? Raising our game in heart failure advocacy	All speakers from above, to be joined by:	
		Joe Farrington-Douglas (Chair) Heart Failure Policy Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel discussion
		Penilla Gunther FOKUS Patient	
		Dr Ambrose McLoughlin Heartbeat Trust	
	HFPN closing statement	Ed Harding Heart Failure Policy Network	