



AGENDA

DAY 1 - WED, JUNE 24
De Hoorn ('The Horn')
Leuven, Belgium

ETHICS, POLICY & INNOVATION IN THE QUANTUM AGE: SHAPING RESPONSIBLE AI THROUGH DIGITAL LITERACY AND GOVERNANCE

09:15

WELCOME REMARKS & HNF LAUNCH

Dr Olga Tzortzatou-Nanopoulou, CEO & Co-Founder, Digital Health Literacy & Policy Hub, Nanopoulos Foundation Inc., USA
Prof. Christos Chatzchristou, Project Leader KU Leuven (VAIA - Flanders AI Academy)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Niklas Blomberg, Executive Director, Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) *

Eleni Zika, Head of Sector for Scientific Impact and Feedback to Policy at the European Research Council

10:00

FROM HEALTH TO LITERACY: WHO REALLY UNDERSTANDS DIGITAL MEDICINE?

This fireside chat explores the shift from traditional health literacy to AI literacy, examining how well patients, clinicians, and the public truly understand digital medicine.

Kristine Sorensen, Founder of the Global Health Literacy Academy, Executive Chair of Health Literacy Europe and the International Health Literacy Association
Julia Tsetis, President & CEO of Tsetis Pharmaceutical Group of Companies

10:45

GLOBAL HEALTH LITERACY IN THE AI ERA: BRIDGING THE DIGITAL HEALTH DIVIDE

This fireside chat explores the shift from traditional health literacy to AI literacy, examining how well patients, clinicians, and the public truly understand digital medicine.

Antonella Cardone, CEO, Cancer Patients Europe
Ilse De Vos, Coordinator of VAIA - Flanders AI Academy, Ghent University
Yann Heyer, Policy Officer European Patient Forum

11:30

INNOVATION VS REGULATION: IS EUROPE BUILDING THE WORLD'S SAFEST OR SLOWEST HEALTH AI?

Europe's struggle to balance innovation with regulation in the fast-moving AI health landscape, assessing whether current frameworks safeguard patients or risk slowing scientific and technological progress.

Joeri Boterman, Policy Officer European Commission
Ali Rojo Santos, Senior Manager, EU Alliance Development, Amgen

Elizabeth Kuiper, European Policy center, EuropaBio (moderator)*

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- 13:15** **HUMAN-IN-THE-LOOP MEDICINE: DIGITAL TWINS, SYNTHETIC DATA, AND THE FUTURE OF PRECISION MEDICINE**
How human-in-the-loop models, digital twins, bioinformatics, genomics and synthetic data are reshaping precision medicine, offering new pathways for safer, more personalized clinical decisionmaking.
- Yves Moreaux**, Professor of engineering at the University of Leuven, Belgium
Maarten De Vos, Professor at KU Leuven at the Faculty of Engineering & Medicine
Startup / Biotech / HealthTech
- Christos Chatzichristos**, AI Expert & Project Leader KUL, VAIA (moderator)
- 14:30** **FROM PIPELINES TO PLATFORMS: PHARMA IN THE ALGORITHMIC ERA**
How AI-driven drug discovery and algorithmic platforms are transforming pharmaceutical R&D, accelerating innovation pipelines, and reshaping strategic decision-making. cine, offering new pathways for safer, more personalized clinical decision-making.
- Julia Tsetis**, President & CEO, Tsetis Pharmaceutical Group of Companies
Francesco Florindi, Policy Officer, RTD D2 Health Innovations and Ecosystems, European Commission (moderator)
- 15:30** **AI, TRUST, AND THE HUMAN FACTOR: WHO REALLY CONTROLS DIGITAL HEALTH?**
Explores how human agency, transparency, and accountability are challenged in AI-powered health systems, questioning who ultimately shapes clinical decisions when algorithms enter the care pathway.
- Frédéric Destrebecq**, Executive Director, European Brain Council
- 16:30** **FIRESIDE CHAT - DIGITAL HEALTH LITERACY IN AFRICA**
Mimi Choon-Quinones, Ambassador ; Sr. Advisor on Public Health to The Pan African Parliament of the African Union *
- 17:15** **Closing Remarks & Cocktail Reception**

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OPENING REMARKS & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Vytenis Andriukaitis, Member of European Parliament, Committee of Public Health *

10:00

STATE AS ARCHITECT: HOW COUNTRIES DEPLOY DIGITAL PUBLIC HEALTH & AI

How governments move beyond regulation to actively design, implement, and scale AI solutions within national health systems, drawing on real-world digital transformation success stories

Manish Pant, Policy Specialist, Digital Health, UN Development Program
Sabine Demey, Director, Franders AI Research Programme

11:00

CONSENT, TRUST, DATA AND EXPLOITATION IN AI-DRIVEN HEALTHCARE

How the European Health Data Space (EHDS) enhances innovation and EU competitiveness, while safeguarding patients' data? Is there a risk for power imbalances when AI systems mediate clinical decisions, shaping who benefits, who is vulnerable and who controls patient data and autonomy?

Dr Ine van Zeeland, Senior Researcher, Media, Innovation and Technology (SMIT) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Dana Eleftheriadou, Senior Expert on Digital Health, European Commission
Aneta Tyszkiewicz, Associate Director, Digital & Data for the Science Policy and Regulatory Affairs team at EFPIA
Valeri Storms, Head of Digital Health Innovation, Daiichi Sankyo Europe GmbH

13:00

GLOBAL TRENDS IN DIGITAL MENTAL HEALTH: FROM COMMUNITY LITERACY TO LEADERSHIP – LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

Dr Antonis Kousoulis, MD, DrPH, Director of Partnerships - Secretariat Lead, Global Mental Health Action Network

14:00

NEXTGEN INNOVATION IN HEALTHCARE - PART 1

Leaders from startups, tech, and biotech to explore the real-world challenges of scaling HealthTech solutions and achieving meaningful market traction.

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15:00 WHY MOST HEALTHTECH NEVER SCALES? PART 2

why most digital health innovations struggle to scale, examining the structural, regulatory, and economic barriers that prevent promising technologies from moving beyond pilots.

Eleni Pentafragka, CSO, ELPEN Innovation
Henk Vansteenkiste, Senior Manager, HICT

15:30 DUAL-USE IN HEALTHCARE WITH NATO INNOVATION FUND

Orestis Trasanidis, 28DIGITAL
Amalia Kontesi, NATO Innovation Fund

16:00 CLOSING REMARKS





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- 09:30 MEET THE HUB'S SEVEN TASK FORCES LEADERS:
FOCUSED DIALOGUES ON AI & HEALTH**
- TASK FORCE 1 – OMICS & EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN BIOMEDICINE:
HOPE, HYPE, AND EVIDENCE. LESSONS FROM THE 1MG INITIATIVE**
Dr Ciara Staunton, Legal Scholar & Consultant
- 10:00 TASK FORCE 2 – MISINFORMATION AND MEDIA LITERACY
MISINFORMATION, MEDIA, AND PUBLIC TRUST IN HEALTH AI**
Aziel Gangerdine, Health Literacy & Compliance Manager
- 10:30 TASK FORCE 3 - HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS & REGULATION
REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS FOR AI IN HEALTHCARE**
Dr. Sofia Palmieri, Post-Doctoral Fellow in Medicine, Artificial Intelligence,
and the Law, Harvard Law School
- 11:00 TASK FORCE 4 – PATIENT CARE & HUMAN RIGHTS
BIAS, FAIRNESS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN MEDICAL AI**
Dr. Teodora Lalova-Spinks, Postdoctoral Researcher (law & health), KU
Leuven
- 11:30 TASK FORCE 5 - COMMUNITY DIGITAL HEALTH LITERACY
BUILDING INCLUSIVE DIGITAL HEALTH LITERACY**
Dr. Antonis Kousoulis, Director of Partnerships - Secretariat Lead, Global
Mental Health Action Network
- 12:00 TASK FORCE 6 – SCALEUP DUAL-USE HEALTH TECH
GLOBAL SECURITY, SCIENCE & INNOVATION**
Orestis Trasanidis, Managing Director, EIT AI
- 12:30 TASK FORCE 7 – CLIMATE, SUSTAINABILITY & HEALTH FUTURES**
Dr Stella Apostolaki, Assist Prof of Environmental Science, The American
College of Greece