

Hosted by MEP Romana Jerković Chair of the MEP Cardiovascular Health Group

Agenda

I. WHY IT MATTERS: PERSONAL & POLICY URGENCY (15:00–15:45)

Moderator: Madalina Iamandei

15:00 – 15:05 [Video](#) from 2015

15:05 – 15:15 **Opening Remarks, MEP Romana Jerković**

A New Era for Cardiovascular Health: The Role of Early Detection for Prevention

- Framing cardiovascular health as a European priority
- Inherited lipid disorders as a major opportunity for CVD prevention
- Investment in health and investment in the next generation competitiveness

15:15 – 15:35 **The Human Face of Policy: Young Advocates & Caregivers Speak**

Lena-Rosa Hanauer (FH, Austria), Joanna Kacprzak (HoFH, Poland), Aedan Kaal (elevated Lp(a), Netherlands), Teevi Poobus (FCS, Estonia)

Short, emotional testimonies that humanise the stakes of missed or late diagnoses

15:35 – 15:45 **Ten years on - From Lived Experience to System Change, Magdalena Daccord, CEO, FH Europe Foundation**

Preventing the Preventable: How patient and citizen led movement is driving policy shift

FH Europe's journey from a small NGO to the engine behind two major declarations

II. THE CASE FOR ACTION: DATA, ECONOMICS, POLICY TOOLS (15:45–16:25)

Moderator: Madalina Iamandei

15:45 – 15:55 **Testing Pays Off: The Economic Argument, Prof. Zanfina Ademi (online)**

The cost-effectiveness of FH and Lp(a) screening as a preventive investment, not a cost burden.

Cardiovascular Prevention as the Cornerstone of a Competitive Europe

Scaling Up Lipid Screening to Secure Next Generations



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15:55 – 16:15 **A Tale of Two Declarations: Proof of Policy Impact, Prof. Børge Nordestgaard, Prof. Albert Wiegman & Prof. Florian Kronenberg (online)**

How the Prague Declaration (FH paediatric screening) and Brussels International Declaration (Lp(a) testing) as part of integrated care show that patient-led advocacy can create real momentum.

16:15 – 16:25 **Linking to EU and Global Policy: The Cardiovascular Health Plan, Várhelyi Cabinet member (confirmed) and WHO representative (Dr Oxana Domenti invited)**

Situating testing in the context of the upcoming EU Plan on CVD and UN NCDs Resolution

III. WHAT WORKS: EVIDENCE AND INNOVATION

Moderator: Kitti Almer

16:25 – 16:50 **Panel: Innovation through EU-funded projects (Perfecto FH, FH-EARLY, PerMed FH)**

Prof. Mafalda Bourbon (Portugal), Dr. Marius Geantă (Romania), Prof. Fausto Pinto (Portugal), Assoc. Prof. Andrie Panayiotou (Cyprus)

Focus: Success stories, EU co-funded solutions, and practical examples of how small wins can go mainstream

IV. CLOSING: FROM DECLARATIONS TO DEEDS (16:50–17:00)

Moderator: Kitti Almer

MEP Tomislav Sokol (invited) - The Role of Parliament: Turning Momentum into Mandate

Magdalena Daccord, CEO, FH Europe Foundation - A closing appeal to MEPs to push forward national-level implementation and support screening across EU policies