

## Context

Europe's health policy landscape is evolving rapidly as security, competitiveness, and strategic autonomy rise to the top of the EU political agenda. In this shifting context, understanding how health systems and public health priorities relate to broader geopolitical and economic pressures is becoming increasingly relevant.

This webinar, *A Europe That Cares: Health Policy in an Era of Security, Competitiveness, and Strategic Autonomy*, brings together three complementary perspectives - institutional, geopolitical, and environmental - to examine the current state of EU health policy and its future direction. Over 90 minutes, speakers will explore key trends, emerging challenges, and opportunities for action, followed by an open discussion with participants.

## Agenda



**16 June 2026**  
**14:00 - 15:00 CEST**  
**Via Teams**

- 14:00** Opening remarks by the Chair of the EEAC Network– **Arnau Queralt Bassa** (Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalonia)
- 14:05** **How EU Initiatives Are Embedding Health and Wellbeing - Caroline Costongs** (Director, EuroHealthNet)
- 14:20** **EU health policy in a changing geopolitical landscape - Dr. Matthias Wismar** (Programme Manager, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies)
- 14:35** Questions and discussion with participants
- 14:50** Closing remarks by WG Chair **Valentin-Veron Toma** (Romanian Consultative Council for Sustainable Development)

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