

AGENDA

PharmaConnect, a recognised platform for strategic dialogue across Europe's health ecosystem, will convene decision-makers and experts at its 2026 edition to exchange insights and practical experience on what it will take to safeguard equitable access to medicines, strengthen resilience, and ensure our shared critical infrastructure continues to deliver its essential role amid systemic change.

MAY 26, WELCOME DINNER

19:00

DAY 1, MAY 27

OPENING REMARKS BY GIRP PRESIDENT

9:00–9:05

Katarina Gabrielson, GIRP President and CEO, Oriola

KEYNOTE AND Q&A

9:05–9:35

Christina Egelund, Acting Danish Minister for Higher Education and Science and Member of Parliament

KEYNOTE – The Future of European Health Systems

9:35–10:00

Bogi Eliassen, Executive Director, Movement Health Foundation

PANEL – Future Foresight: How Will Europe Look Like in 2040?

10:00–11:00

Moderator: **Kasper Ernest**, Director-General, GIRP

- **Bogi Eliassen**, Executive Director, Movement Health Foundation
- **Kai Kaasalainen**, Director-General, Tamro and Member, World Economic Forum Specialist Group
- **Markus Kalliola**, Programme Director, International Programmes, Sitra

COFFEE BREAK

11:00–11:30

FIRESIDE CHAT – AI: What's Coming Next?

11:30–12:00

- **Dr Kanwar Preet Singh Sandhu**, Global Head of Strategic Initiatives, Cyber Security, Tata Consulting
- **Kasper Ernest**, Director-General, GIRP

PANEL – AI in Practice: How Can AI Improve Productivity? **12:00–13:00**

Moderator: Kasper Ernest, Director-General, GIRP

- **Dr Kanwar Preet Singh Sandhu**, Global Head of Strategic Initiatives, Cyber Security, Tata Consulting
- **Dr Klaus Dohrmann**, Vice President, Global Head of Innovation & Trend Research, DHL
- **Andreas Koch**, Chief Wholesale & Logistics, Galenica
- **Matthias Dalkner**, Vice President, Healthcare Solutions, KNAPP

LUNCH **13:00–14:00**

PRESENTATION – GIRP Sector Study on Pharmaceutical Systemic Wholesalers **14:00–14:15**

Fatima Wafqui, Research Associate, Medical Technology Research Group, London School of Economics

PANEL – A World Without Systemic Wholesalers: What if Public Service Providers Were No More? **14:15–15:15**

Introduction by Irena Toneva, Director, Supplier Services, IQVIA

Moderator: Kasper Ernest, Director-General, GIRP

- **Maja Leon Grzymkowska**, Legal Officer, Medical Products: Quality, Safety, Innovation, DG SANTE
- **Ancel-la Santos Quintano**, Head of Food, Health, and Chemicals Safety, BEUC (The European Consumer Organisation)
- **Valeria Ronzitti**, General Secretary, SGI Europe
- **Alain Roudergues**, Director-General, SECOF
- **Fatima Wafqui**, Research Associate, Medical Technology Research Group, London School of Economics

PRESENTATION - Outlook on Shifts in the US Pharmaceutical Market **15:15–16:00**

Heather Meade, Principal, EY/Washington Council Ernst & Young

CLOSING REMARKS OF DAY 1 **16:00**

Kasper Ernest, Director-General, GIRP

GALA DINNER **19:00**

DAY 2, MAY 28

KEYNOTE - Advancing Equitable Access to Medicines in Europe: WHO Perspective 9:00-9:15

Rasmus P. Gjesing, Regional Adviser, Access to Medicines & Health Products, WHO Europe

PRESENTATION – The Changing Shape of Healthcare Markets 9:15-10:00

- **Simon Tottman**, Vice President, Global Strategic Partners, IQVIA
- **Max Newton**, Principal, Global Strategic Partners, IQVIA

PANEL - The Future of Pharmaceutical Distribution: New Practices, New Actors, New Challenges 10:00-11:00

Moderator: **Eddy Gilissen**, Senior Director, Supplier Alliance, IQVIA

- **Bo Kristensen Jessen**, Head of Strategic Account, Europe and Canada, Novo Nordisk
- **Albert Hofbauer**, Head of Operations Logistics, Managing Director of Pharmaceutical Transport, Kwizda
- **Matthias Heck**, Senior Advisor Strategic Alliance Development, EUCOPE
- **Pascal Bekaert**, Head of Global Trade Effectiveness & Channels Strategy, Sanofi

COFFEE BREAK 11:00-11:30

PANEL – The Role of Preventive Care in a Shifting Health Architecture 11:30-12:45

Introduction by **Kelsey Stoddart**, Senior Consultant, IQVIA

Moderator: **Kasper Ernest**, Director-General, GIRP

- **Antoine Pivron**, Vice President, Health Solutions, Withings
- **Prof Magnus T. Jensen**, CEO, Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen
- **Tom Murray**, Former President, Irish Pharmacy Union
- **António Valério Rosa**, Manufacturer Commercial Director, Member of the Executive Committee, Empifarma

CLOSING REMARKS 12:45

Kasper Ernest, Director-General, GIRP

LUNCH 12:45-13:45