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European Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare (Video Address)



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Expert GDP Inspector,
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John Harvey
Executive Director, Healthcare Strategy, Oracle (Online)

AGENDA DAY 1, NOVEMBER 4

WELCOME COFFEE & REGISTRATION 8:30-9:00

WELCOME REMARKS 9:00-9:05

Katarina Gabrielson, CEO, Oriola & President, GIRP

OPENING ADDRESS (Video) – The Evolution of the European Regulatory Landscape: The GPL and What It Means for the Supply Chain 9:05-9:15

Olivér Várhelyi, European Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare

PRESENTATION – Supply Chain Review 2026: New Products, New Channels, New Opportunities 9:15-9:45

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

PANEL – Implementing the General Pharmaceutical Legislation: Perspectives from Across the Supply Chain 9:45-11:00

Moderator: Kasper Ernest, Director-General, GIRP

- **Hugues Malonne,** CEO, Federal Agency for Medicines and Health Products
- **Mari Krass**, CEO, Magnum AS
- **Maja Leon Grzymkowska**, Legal Officer, Medical Products: Quality, Safety, Innovation, DG SANTE
- **Ilaria Passarani,** Secretary General, PGEU
- **Hugh Pullen**, Vice President, Head of Public Affairs Region Europe, Novartis

COFFEE BREAK 11:00-11:30

KEYNOTE – The New GDP Legislation: How Will European GDP Rules Evolve? 11:30-11:45

Emil Schwan, Scientific Specialist, European Medicines Agency & Chair of the GDP Drafting Group

PRESENTATION – Wholesalers' Position on the New GDP Delegated Regulation 11:45-12:00

Laura Ribeiro, Head of Quality and Regulatory Affairs, OCP Portugal

PANEL – The Future of GDP: Inspectors' View 12:00-13:00

Moderator: Peter Brown, Expert GDP Inspector, MHRA (UK Medicines Agency)

- **Emil Schwan,** Scientific Specialist, European Medicines Agency & Chair of the GDP Drafting Group
- **Manuel Ibarra**, Head of Department, Pharmaceutical Inspection and Enforcement Department, AEMPS (Spanish Medicines Agency)
- **Simona-Raluca Manole**, Director, GDP Inspection Service, General Directorate for Pharmaceutical Inspection, ANMDMR (Romanian Medicines Agency)
- **Karin Pöllitzer,** GDP Inspector, Austrian Federal Office for Safety in Health Care (Austrian Medicines Agency)
- **Ave Lemmik**, GDP Inspector, Ravimiamet (Estonian Medicines Agency)

AGENDA DAY 1, NOVEMBER 4

LUNCH BREAK 13:00–14:00

PRESENTATION – The Evolution of the Pharmaceutical Market: How Functions, Technologies and Data Change Competitive Power 14:00–14:20

- **Serzas Gutsaga**, Founder, Gutsaga Technologies, Inventor, Author
- **Augustas Gutsaga**, CEO, Gutsaga Technologies

PANEL – The Way Towards Digital Transformation: Enabling Data as Building Blocks 14:20–15:10

Moderator: Kasper Ernest, Director-General, GIRP

- **Frederic Menardo,** Regional Vice President, NNIT
- **Peter Casteleyn,** Clinical Data Strategy Advisor, The European Institute for Innovation through Health Data
- **Paul Reilly,** CEO, PHOENIX Ireland
- **John Harvey,** Executive Director, Healthcare Strategy, Oracle (Online)

PRESENTATION – The Invisible Prescription: How Automation Creates Time for Patients 15:10–15:25

Dieter Hochörtler, Director Sales & Systems Engineering Europe, KNAPP

COFFEE BREAK 15:25–15:55

CASE PRESENTATION – Medication Adherence Packaging 15:55–16:10

Hans Verstijnen, Chief Strategy Officer, Mosadex

PANEL – Medicine Adherence in Europe: Is the Framework Fit for Purpose? 16:10–17:00

Moderator: Kasper Ernest, Director-General, GIRP

- **Hans Verstijnen,** Chief Strategy Officer, Mosadex
- **Mark Roylance,** Global Industry Leader – Patient-Specific Medication, BD Rowa
- **Prof. Marie Schneider**, Associate Professor, University of Geneva

CLOSING REMARKS 17:00

Kasper Ernest, Director-General, GIRP

CONFERENCE DINNER at the Royal Museum of Art & History 19:00–22:30

Parc du Cinquantenaire, Brussels, Belgium

AGENDA DAY 2, NOVEMBER 5

WELCOME COFFEE & REGISTRATION 8:30-9:00

OPENING KEYNOTE – Shortages in Europe: Political Priority and Shared Responsibility 9:00-9:25

Monica Dias, Head of Supply and Availability of Medicines and Medical Devices, EMA

PRESENTATION – Shortages Dynamics in Europe 9:25-9:40

Irena Toneva, Director, Supplier Services, IQVIA

PANEL – Shortages: Monitoring, Dialogue and Practice 9:40-10:40

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- **Monica Dias,** Head of Supply and Availability of Medicines and Medical Devices, EMA
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- **Katarína Gatialová**, Director, EU Government Affairs & Policy, Viatris
- **Koen Straetmans**, CEO, Febelco Group

COFFEE BREAK 10:40-11:10

PRESENTATION – The Pharmaceutical Last Mile Goes Electric: Designing Tomorrow's Vehicle Conversions for Sustainability, Cold Chain Integrity, and Climate Change 11:10-11:25

Luca Barboni, CEO, Car Fibreglass

PANEL – Shaping Logistics to Future Needs: What's New in the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain 11:25-12:25

Moderator: Kasper Ernest, Director-General, GIRP

- **Thomas De Bie,** CEO, CAPPI
- **Chris Sonneville,** Regional Sector Head Life Sciences & Healthcare - Europe, DHL
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CLOSING REMARKS 12:25

Kasper Ernest, Director-General, GIRP

LOGISTICS



DATE:

4-5 November 2026

EVENT VENUE:

Brussels, KBR - The Royal Library of Belgium

(Entrance is via **Boulevard de l'Empereur 2,** 1000 Brussels, not Mont des Arts)

More information about the venue: kbr.be/en/

EVENT PROGRAMME:

Please refer to the full programme on our event website: events.girp.eu

REGISTRATION DESK OPENING HOURS:

4th November: 8:30-17:15

5th November: 8:30-12:00

AIRPORT TO THE CITY TRANSFER INFORMATION:

From Brussels Zaventem Airport

- By taxi/uber: around 30 min,
- By train: around 20 min (cheaper than a taxi).

From Brussels Charleroi Airport around 1h by taxi or airport shuttle bus.

From Brussels Central Station, around 2 min walk to the venue (Boulevard de l'Empereur 2).

DINNER:

4 NOVEMBER, 19:00 ART & HISTORY MUSEUM

Parc du Cinquantenaire 10, 1000 Bruxelles

We are pleased to invite you to a Conference Dinner at the Art & History Museum, located in the heart of Brussels' iconic Cinquantenaire Park. It is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, meet new faces, and enjoy an evening in one of the city's most remarkable cultural settings.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Entrance to the Conference Dinner venue

IF YOU WISH TO TAKE OUR BUS TO THE DINNER, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO ARRIVE AT THE MEETING POINT ON TIME.

- **Bus meeting point:** entrance of the **Hilton Brussels Grand Place Hotel** (Carr de l'Europe 3, 1000 Brussels; view the Meeting Point map here)
- **Buses will leave at 18:35**

ACCOMODATION:

We recommend event attendees to book their accommodation at the Hilton Brussels Grand Place Hotel as most participants are staying here. This hotel is located within only 4 minutes walk from the event venue.

If you wish to book a room, you can do so via booking Link GIRP.

INFORMATION FOR GUESTS WHO BOOKED THEIR ACCOMMODATION AT THE HILTON BRUSSELS GRAND PLACE HOTEL:

- **Hotel check-in time** is from 14:00
- **Hotel check-out time** is until 12:00

- For alternative check-in or check-out times, please note the following:

Early check-in

From 07:00 to 10:00 – €100.00

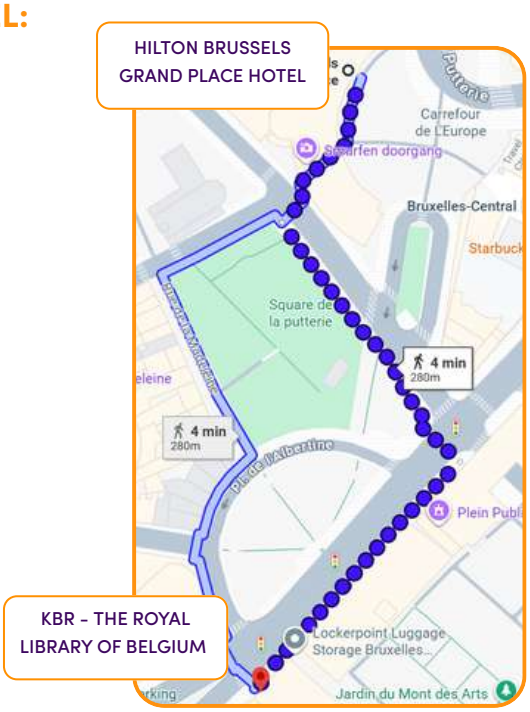
From 10:00 to 13:00 – €50.00

Late check-out

From 12:00 to 13:00 – €50.00

From 13:00 to 15:00 – €75.00

After 18:00 – Full room rate applies



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In case of cancellations between 27 days prior to arrival and the arrival date, the full stay will be charged against each person's credit card.

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