

Securing Heart Failure as a Key Pillar in Future EU Cardiovascular Disease Policy

22 October 2024, Budapest

Introduction

We look forward to welcoming you to this event hosted by the Working Group on Heart Failure and Myocardial Diseases of the Hungarian Society of Cardiology, with support from The Heart Failure Policy Network.

This event aims to elevate political attention for heart failure in Europe. In light of the Hungarian Presidency's commitment to developing an EU Cardiovascular Health Plan, this meeting provides an opportunity for leading heart failure stakeholders, EU policymakers and Hungarian officials to jointly discuss the inclusion of the condition in a such a plan.

Provisional meeting agenda: 22nd October 2024

Please note, final speaker line-up and session titles are yet to be confirmed

Time	Session	Speaker	Description
Opening & keynotes			
10:00	Welcome	Professor Dávid Becker , President, Hungarian Society of Cardiology Penilla Gunther , Founder, FOKUS Patient	
10:05	Keynote: Hungarian Presidency	Judit Bidló , Secretary of State for the Professional Management of Health, Hungarian Ministry of the Interior	
10:15	Keynote: Event patron	Professor Béla Merkely , Rector, Semmelweis University	
10:25	Keynote: Upcoming Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU	Izabela Leszczyna , Polish Minister of Health <i>Remote</i>	

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Discussion: Driving impact in heart failure – key priority areas for the EU

10:30	Introduction: Understanding heart failure as a critical sustainability challenge for Europe	<p>Ed Harding, Network Director, HFPN</p> <p>Salvatore Di Somma, Professor of Medicine, University La Sapienza Rome; Scientific Director, Italian Association of Patients with Heart Failure (Associazione Italiana Scompensati Cardiaci, AISC)</p>	Outline of why HF is a critical issue requiring attention from European policymakers and how the three focus topics can help tackle the problem
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Panel 1: Securing early detection of heart failure

10:35	Panel 1: Securing early detection of heart failure (30 min)	<p>Chairs:</p> <p>Dr Attila Borbély, Head of the Working Group on Heart Failure and Myocardial Diseases, Hungarian Society of Cardiology</p> <p>Ed Harding, Network Director, HFPN</p>	
		<p>Speakers:</p> <p>Professor Damien Gruson, Head of Laboratory Medicine, Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc <i>remote</i></p> <p>Professor Kenneth McDonald, Clinical Lead, National Heart Programme, Ireland; Professor of Cardiology, University College Dublin</p> <p>Dr Attila Borbély, Head of the Working Group on Heart Failure and Myocardial Diseases, Hungarian Society of Cardiology</p> <p>Dr Balázs Sax, Deputy Head of the Working Group on Heart Failure and Myocardial Diseases, Hungarian Society of Cardiology</p>	<p>Innovations in heart failure detection and diagnosis</p> <p>Importance of early diagnosis of heart failure</p> <p>Use of natriuretic peptides in the diagnosis and follow-up of heart failure patients in Hungary</p> <p>Early identification of advanced heart failure is essential for effective therapies</p>

11.05 - Coffee break (20 min)

Panel 2: Harnessing workforce solutions to ensure sustainable heart failure care		
11:25	Part 1: Comorbidity management within the multidisciplinary team (35 min)	Chairs Professor Zoltán Vokó , Director, Center for Health Technology Assessment and Analysis, Semmelweis University Ed Harding , Network Director, HFPN
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12.00	Part 2: HF specialist nursing: a pioneering model in chronic disease management (20 min)	Chairs Professor Noémi Nyolczas , Cardiologist, Hungarian Army Medical Center for Cardiology Ed Harding , Network Director, HFPN
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Panel 3: Tangible policy targets to push the frontiers of HF research and innovation

12:20	<p>Panel 3: Tangible policy targets to push the frontiers of HF translational research, innovation and HF specialist education</p> <p>(30 min)</p>	<p>Chairs</p> <p>Professor Zoltán Papp, Head of the Division of Clinical Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Debrecen</p> <p>Ed Harding, Network Director, HFPN</p>	
		<p>Professor Maurizio Volterrani, Chair, ICARE-HF Committee; Head of the Cardiopulmonary Department, IRCCS San Raffaele, Rome, Italy– <i>Remote</i></p> <p>Professor Agnieszka Pawlak, President of the Heart Failure Association, Polish Society of Cardiology</p> <p>Professor Zoltán Papp Head of the Division of Clinical Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Debrecen</p> <p>Professor Róbert Sepp, Coordinator of Myocardial Diseases of the Working Group on Heart Failure and Myocardial Diseases, Hungarian Society of Cardiology</p>	<p>Driving excellence in HF care: HF education and quality care centres</p> <p>Reducing hospitalisations in Poland</p> <p>The importance of translational research in heart failure</p> <p>Diagnostic and treatment options for patients with HOCM and ATTR-CM in Hungary: current situation</p>

Conclusion: policy asks and reaction

12:50	<p>Presentation of HF policy submission</p>	<p>Penilla Gunther, Founder, FOKUS Patient</p> <p>Steven Macari, President, Association Vie Et Coeur (AVEC)</p> <p>Ed Harding, Network Director, HFPN</p>	
13.00	<p>Joint discussion with Hungarian Ministry of the Interior representatives</p>	<p>Chairs</p> <p>Penilla Gunther, Founder, FOKUS Patient</p> <p>Ed Harding, Network Director, HFPN</p> <p>Professor Béla Merkely, Rector, Semmelweis University</p> <p>Dr Attila Borbély, Head of the Working Group on Heart Failure and Myocardial Diseases of the Hungarian Society of Cardiology</p> <p>Dr Judit Bidló</p>	<p>Discussion of Hungarian priorities, including local needs and how they can be addressed</p>



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13:20 Group photo and official hand-over of policy letter to Hungarian presidency representatives

13:25 Closing remarks

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