

# High-level Conference on Medical Devices: *Innovation and Patient Safety*

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UNDER THE AUSPICES OF  
THE CYPRIOT PRESIDENCY  
OF THE COUNCIL



*Charlemagne building, 170 Rue De La Loi, 1049 Brussels  
"Alcide De Gasperi" room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)*

09:00 – 10:00	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE • Charlemagne, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
10:00 – 10:15	KEYNOTE ADDRESS <b>Olivér Várhelyi</b> , European Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare • Charlemagne building, Alcide de Gasperi, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
10:15 – 10:45	SCENE SETTER <b>Rainer Becker</b> , DG SANTE D Director, Medical products and innovation • Charlemagne building, Alcide de Gasperi, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
10:45 – 11:00	TRANSFER TO THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS ROOMS
11:00 – 12:30	BREAKOUT SESSIONS FROM LAB TO PATIENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charlemagne building, Alcide de Gasperi room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Jenkins &amp; Mansholt rooms, ground floor</li> <li><b>1. Enhanced predictability for conformity assessments:</b> combining certainty with flexibility</li> <li><b>2. Clinical evidence at EU level to support the regulatory framework:</b> the key role of Expert Panels</li> <li><b>3. Breakthrough technologies for better care:</b> turning guidance into reality</li> </ul>
12:30 – 14:00	NETWORKING LUNCH EXPLORE THE EUDAMED HUB • Charlemagne building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor

14:00 – 14:45	<b>COLLECTIVE REFLECTION: <i>reporting back from the breakout dialogues</i></b> <i>Breakout sessions rapporteurs, moderator, all participants</i> • Charlemagne building, Alcide de Gasperi room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
14:45 – 15:30	<b>VOICES FROM THE FIELD: <i>how innovation can improve patient safety</i></b> • Charlemagne building, Alcide de Gasperi room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
15:30 – 16:00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> • Charlemagne building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
16:00 – 16:30	<b>FIRESIDE CHAT – <i>State of play: MDR/IVDR reform</i></b> Council Presidency Minister of Health, European Parliament representative, Moderator – <b>Ms Tamsin Rose</b> • Charlemagne building, Alcide de Gasperi room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
16:30 – 17:00	<b>CLOSING ADDRESS</b> <b>Sandra Gallina</b> , DG SANTE Director-General • Charlemagne building, Alcide de Gasperi room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
17:00 – 18:30	<b>NETWORKING COCKTAIL</b> • Charlemagne building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor