

Workshop: “Vaccination challenges and EU cooperation. What is the way forward?”

19 November 2018 (13:30 - 18:30)

Palace of the Academies, rue Ducale 1, 1000 Brussels / Room Roi Baudouin

Agenda

Moderator: Gary Finnegan, Health journalist

13:30-14:00	Registration
14:00-14:05	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jean-Michel Foidart, Perpetual secretary, Belgian Royal Academy of Medicine (ARMB)
14:05 -14:15	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Griffin, President, Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM)
14:15-14:45	How can European countries improve vaccination in the wake of the measles outbreak? - Views from academia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Griffin, President, Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM) Jos van der Meer, past President, European Academies’ Science Advisory Council (EASAC)
14:45-14:55	Session 1: How can vaccination levels be improved through better public dialogue? Impulse presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Catchpole, Chief Scientist, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) Siff Malue Nielsen, Consultant, Vaccine-preventable Diseases & Immunization (VPI), WHO Regional Office for Europe Heidi Larson, Professor of Anthropology, Risk and Decision Science, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Paolo Villari, Professor, Department of Public Health and Infectious Diseases of Sapienza University of Rome – Representing the Institute Pasteur of Italy
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15:25-15:55	Discussion with the audience
15:55-16:15	Coffee break
16:15-16:25	Session 2: Vaccination and EU policies: How to strengthen cooperation at EU level? Impulse presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martin Seychell, Deputy Director General for Health, European Commission, DG SANTE Andrija Visic, Manager, Policy and Government Affairs, Vaccines Europe Geneviève Chêne, Coordinator of the EU Joint Action on Vaccination (INSERM) Mariano Votta, Director, Active Citizenship Network
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16:55-17:25	Discussion with the audience
17:25-17:35	Concluding remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pierre Coulie, Member of the Belgian Royal Academy of Medicine (ARMB)
17:35-18:30	Networking cocktail

About the workshop

Background

Vaccination is one of the most important medical measures developed in the 20th Century and the main tool for primary prevention of diseases. Despite the contribution made by vaccines to people's health and well-being, vaccination programmes face today major challenges in the EU: declining coverage, supply shortages and growing vaccine hesitancy.

In April, the European Commission adopted a [proposal for a Council Recommendation](#) and a [Communication](#) on Strengthened Cooperation against Vaccine Preventable Diseases, with a focus on three pillars for action: 1) tackling vaccine hesitancy and improving vaccination coverage; 2) sustainable vaccination policies in the EU; 3) EU coordination and contribution to global health.

This creates the momentum to stimulate debate and share of ideas which can inform the work of policy-makers and the biomedical community in these areas.

Aim of the workshop

The aim of the workshop is to trigger discussions on the following aspects:

- How can vaccination levels be improved through better public dialogue? Which concrete actions can be taken by European and national health authorities and other biomedical stakeholders to engage with the public and address concerns about vaccination?
- Which policy interventions could be taken by the European Commission and Member States to ensure that vaccination programmes function well? Which areas would benefit from increased cooperation at EU level?

About the FEAM European Biomedical Policy Forum

The FEAM European Biomedical Policy Forum provides a platform for discussion on key policy issues for the biomedical community.

The Forum is an initiative from the Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM). It aims to bring together representatives from academia, research charities, industry, European and national trade associations and professional bodies, regulators, public health bodies, and patient and consumers groups. Partners join on an equal footing, regardless of size and type of organisation.

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Workshop venue

Palace of the Academies (Room Roi Baudouin)

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1000 Brussels, Belgium



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From [Brussels Airport](#)

By train (travel length: +/- 50min)

- Take the train at the Airport
- Stop at Brussels Midi Station
- Take the metro line 2 or 6 (direction Elisabeth).
- Stop at Trone
- The meeting venue, Palace of the Academies, is at 2min walk from the metro station Trone

By taxi (travel length: +/- 30min, depending on traffic)

- Take the taxi to the meeting venue, Palace of the Academies (cost: around 50 €)



From [Brussels Midi train station \(Thalys and Eurostar connections\)](#)

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