Who's who - EUMASS

Introductory panel

Name	Picture	Bio
JP Schenkelaars		Dr. Jean-Pierre B^{on} Schenkelaars is specialist in social insurance medicine and medical expertise, currently invested in teaching and expertise in the management of public health and social security. President of the European Union of Medicine in Assurance and Social Security and of the Belgian scientific association of insurance medicine (ASMA), he provide independent expert missions and also give trainings in the field of social security, between others as senior lecturer at the Université catholique de Louvain. As a former hospital manager, he managed the medical department of Christian sickness fund. He also chaired the Medical Council of Disability, the body that, in the framework of the National Institute for Healthcare and disability insurance, recognizes the state of disability and supervises all medical records of incapacity for work of the country and he participate in several consultation bodies of the NIHDI, the Federal public service Social Security and the Walloon Region (AViQ). Concerned about social medicine, he invested myself in several social and cooperation initiatives like the presidency of Damien Foundation, Caritas Catholica ...

| Vandenbroucke | | Frank Vandenbroucke is a Dutch-speaking Belgian politician born on October 21, 1955, in Louvain, Belgium. He is a member of the Socialist Party Vooruit.

Vandenbroucke has had a long political career, starting in 1985 when he was elected as a member of the Chamber of Representatives. He has held various ministerial positions, including Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs under the government of Jean-Luc Dehaene. Subsequently, he served as Federal Minister of Social Affairs and Pensions in Guy Verhofstadt's government.

In addition to his service at the federal level, Vandenbroucke has also held positions at the regional level, becoming a member of the Flemish Parliament and holding ministerial roles in the Flemish government.

In October 2020, he was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health in the Belgian government led by Alexander De Croo.

Frank Vandenbroucke is recognised for his commitment to social welfare and public health, as well as his extensive experience in national and regional politics in Belgium. |

| Antoine Kasel | | After his baccalaureate from the European school of Brussels (1995), Antoine Kasel studied law at the Free University of Brussels (ULB), at the College of Europe in Bruges and at the University of Luxembourg. He holds a master in Belgian law (2001), a LL.M. in European law (2002) as well as a post-master certificate in Luxembourgish law (2004).

From 2002 to 2005, Kasel worked for the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs acting as a deputy Mertens counselor at the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the European Union.

In 2005, Kasel joined the Luxembourg Ministry of Finance as the financial counselor of the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the European Union. In that capacity, he acted as the head of the ECOFIN Unit and as the main coordinator for economic, financial, tax and budgetary affairs between 2005 and 2013.

From 2005 to 2009, Kasel was also the Luxembourg representative in the budget committee of the Council as well as the Luxembourg member of the budget committee of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM).

Moreover, Kasel was the alternate member for Luxembourg in the Economic and Finance Committee (EFC) and in the Euro Working Group (EWG) from 2009 to 2013. He also acted during that period as the personal representative (Sherpa) of the President of the Eurogroup in Brussels. |

		From 2011 to 2013, Kasel represented Luxembourg in the negotiations on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 and took part as a Luxembourg representative in the negotiations of the intergovernmental conference on the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (TSCG). In November 2014, Kasel was appointed member of Cabinet of Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, where as a legal and budgetary advisor of the President, he acted as the G20 Sherpa for the EU and was responsible to monitor several policies in the fields of economic, financial, tax and budgetary affairs. He was also in charge during that period to advise the President on EU regional policy as well as on research, science and innovation issues. In September 2019, Kasel left the cabinet of the Commission President in order to take the lead of the transition team of Commissioner-designate for Jobs and Social Rights, Nicolas Schmit. Since December 2019, Kasel is the Head of Cabinet for the European Commissioner in charge of Jobs and Social Rights. Kasel is fluent in French (mother tongue) and English, and has solid skills in German and Luxembourgish.

| Giulia Barbucci | | Giulia Barbucci has been a Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) since 2015. She was EESC's Vice-President in charge of budget between 2020 and 2023. Currently, Giulia Barbucci is the rapporteur of the opinion 'Artificial intelligence for public services, organisation of work, more equal and inclusive societies' (SOC 790), which was requested by the European Commission to the EESC. She is also a member of the group of members appointed to prepare the opinion 'For an artificial intelligence pro- workers : the trade union role to prevent and minimise the negative impacts on the world of work' (SOC/803). |

Since 2009 Giulia Barbucci has been a Member of the Executive Committee of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and since 2007 deputy member of its Women's Committee; she is also a member of the European Social Dialogue Committee and of the Working Group on Workers' participation. In these capacities, she took part in various European social partner negotiations.

In Italy, Giulia Barbucci has been working as a full-time officer in the European and International Policy section at CGIL (Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro), the largest Italian trade union confederation, since 2001. Before this position, she worked in other departments of CGIL: since 1997 in the Industrial Relations and Collective Bargaining Department and from 1989 to 1996 in the International Department in charge of Western European countries. She participated in the Italian transposition of many European directives.

Keynote speakers

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Stijn Broecke		Stijn Broecke is a Senior Economist at the OECD, where he leads the organisation's Future of Work Initiative. He currently manages a large research programme on the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the labour market. Stijn holds an MPhil in Development Studies from the University of Cambridge and a PhD in Economics from Royal Holloway, University of London. He has 20 years experience working in government (Mozambique Ministry of Health, UK Civil Service) and international organisations (African Development Bank and OECD). He is also a Research Fellow at IZA.
Koenraad B[on] Debackere		Koenraad Debackere is a professor of economics and management of technology and innovation at KU Leuven. He is chair of KU Leuven Associatie and a member of the Board of Governors of RWTH Aachen. He has held or holds directorships in several companies. He studied engineering, economics and business at the University of Ghent and MIT and held visiting professorships at several international universities.

Panel 1

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Timo Minssen-Moderator		Timo Minssen is Professor of Law at the University of Copenhagen (UCPH). He is the Founding Director of UCPH's Center for Advanced Studies in Biomedical Innovation Law (CeBIL), grant-holder and PI of the Inter-CeBIL NNF Program, and an LML Research Affiliate at the University of Cambridge. His research, supervision, teaching, and part-time advisory practice at X-officio Advokat AB, concentrates on Intellectual Property-, Competition & Regulatory Law, as well as on the law & ethics of emerging health and life science technologies, such as genome editing, big data, artificial intelligence and quantum technology. This involves a plethora of legal issues emerging during the lifecycle of relevant products and processes - from the sustainable regulation of R&D and incentives for innovation to responsible technology transfer and commercialization. Drawing from his academic and practical experience from German and Swedish law firms, courts & life science start-ups, Timo serves as a member of several international committees and as an advisor to the WHO, WIPO, EU Commission, various organizations, companies, national governments and law firms. Timo has also been a visiting research fellow at Harvard Law School, University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, and at the Chicago-Kent College of Law where he taught a course on comparative US and European patent law. His publications comprise 7 books, as well as 200+ articles, book chapters, and internet publications. Timo's research has been featured in i.a. The Economist, The Financial Times, El Mundo, Politico, WHO Bulletin, Times of India & Times Higher Education, and is published in leading legal, social science, business, and natural science journals, such as Science, JAMA, NEJM Catalyst, Harvard Business Review, Harvard Business Manager, Nature Biotechnology, Nature Genetics, Nature Electronics, Nature PJ Digital Medicine, The Lancet Digital Health, and PLoS-Computational Biology.

Anastasiya Kiseleva		Anastasiya Kiseleva is a researcher in law, health and technologies. She works on different topics, including AI in healthcare, the European Health Data Space, AI-based medical devices, genetic testing and editing with AI. Her papers in the mentioned areas were top listed by the publishing journals and cited by the European Parliament and the European Commission. Anastasiya acts as an external AI Policy Expert at EUMASS (the European Union of Medicine in Assurance and Social Security). She is a member of Ethics Advisory Boards in several EU-funded projects such as DigiCare4You and Marvel. Since June 2023, she joined the Editorial Board of the European Health & Pharmaceutical Law Review. Anastasiya is the holder of the EUTOPIA grant – PhD co-tutelle program of excellence and academic mobility. She carries out international and interdisciplinary research on the transparent development and use of AI in healthcare. Anastasiya works at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Faculty of Law, LSTS and HALL research groups) and CY Cergy Paris University (Faculty of Computer Science, ETIS lab).
Tugce Schmitt		Tugce Schmitt is a researcher at Maastricht University, where she pursues her PhD as an external candidate within the research line Value-Based Health Care (VBHC). Her PhD topic is the governance of health data for integrated care with a focus on the primary and secondary use of electronic health records data, and her broader research interest is data-driven innovation in health systems to achieve person-centred care. The European projects that she has worked on in the past ten years are concerned with patients' rights in cross-border healthcare (Directive 2011/24/EU), the Digital Single Market and the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan. Before joining academia, she was a policy officer in one of the public law corporate bodies of the Federal Joint Committee in Germany, contributing to federal-level directives on quality assurance of health services.

Michael Czerniawski		Michal Czerniawski, PhD, is a lawyer working for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament. He specialises in data protection, information security and transparency. He holds an LL.M. in Law and Technology from the University of Ottawa and is an attorney-at-law admitted in Poland. Before joining the European Parliament, he was a legal officer at the European Data Protection Board.
Margarita Akritidou		Margarita Akritidou is a Legal Officer at the European Data Protection Board, which she joined in May 2023. She holds an LLM in International Law from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and from Harvard Law School and is a qualified lawyer in Greece. Before joining the EDPB, she worked in the field of online safety for children and data protection at the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) at the European Commission and the European Parliament. Margarita specialises in the supervision of EU large-scale information systems connecting EU Member States' authorities and EU bodies and law enforcement matters. In addition, she has been involved in AI and Large Language Models, the EDPB's opinions under Article 64 GDPR, and social media-related matters.

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Anastasiya Kiseleva - Moderator		Anastasiya Kiseleva is a researcher in law, health and technologies. She works on different topics, including AI in healthcare, the European Health Data Space, AI-based medical devices, genetic testing and editing with AI. Her papers in the mentioned areas were top listed by the publishing journals and cited by the European Parliament and the European Commission. Anastasiya acts as an external AI Policy Expert at EUMASS (the European Union of Medicine in Assurance and Social Security). She is a member of Ethics Advisory Boards in several EU-funded projects such as DigiCare4You and Marvel. Since June 2023, she joined the Editorial Board of the European Health & Pharmaceutical Law Review. Anastasiya is the holder of the EUTOPIA grant – PhD co-tutelle program of excellence and academic mobility. She carries out international and interdisciplinary research on the transparent development and use of AI in healthcare. Anastasiya works at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Faculty of Law, LSTS and HALL research groups) and CY Cergy Paris University (Faculty of Computer Science, ETIS lab).
Paul Quinn		Mr. Quinn is a legal scholar and has a notable focus on issues related to the use of health data. His doctoral thesis specifically addresses the interplay between the law and concepts such as discrimination concerning the phenomenon of stigmatization. In his capacity as a research professor at LSTS, Mr. Quinn is actively engaged in various research interests, particularly in the realms of data protection, privacy, and challenges associated with stigmatization and discrimination. He contributes significantly to the Health and Aging Unit at LSTS, overseeing research initiatives on these critical topics. Mr. Quinn has developed considerable expertise in privacy and data protection matters, particularly within healthcare delivery and scientific research. His success in securing participation for LSTS and VUB in numerous research projects attests to his role as an expert in legal and ethical issues related to privacy and data protection. He serves as a

		member of the University's Ethics Board for Research in the Social Sciences, emphasizing his commitment to upholding ethical standards in academic research
Stephen Gilbert		Stephen Gilbert is Professor of Medical Device Regulatory Science at the Else Kröner Fresenius Center for Digital Health, Technische Universität Dresden where he teaches and conducts research on regulatory science with a team of colleagues. He worked in senior MedTech and Digital Heath roles in industry for 5 years, before returning to academia in 2022. His research goal are to advance the regulatory science of software as a medical device and AI-enabled medical devices. Innovative digital approaches to healthcare must be accompanied by innovative approaches in regulation to ensure speed to market, to maximum access of patients to life saving treatments whilst ensuring safety on market. My main research interests are in: (i) data sharing and the European Health Data Space; (ii) approaches to market approval of adaptive AI enabled medical devices; (iii) drug<->digital/AI-enabled medical device product realisation; (iv) digital/virtual twins: as an organising concept of the future of healthcare."
Pedro Facon		Pedro Facon holds a master's degree in political science from KU Leuven, stands as a key figure in the landscape of public health in Belgium. In his professional journey, Facon has held pivotal roles, including that of a researcher at the KU Leuven and strategy advisor at INAMI, as well as Chief of Cabinet for healthcare with Minister Maggie De Block and Director-General Healthcare at the Ministry of health. He served as the Government Commissioner for the Coronavirus Crisis in Belgium from 2020 to 2022, playing a central role in coordinating and leading the response efforts during this challenging period. With a wealth of experience spanning over 8 years at INAMI and additional leadership roles at SPF Public Health, Facon is recognized by the public as the Corona Commissioner, a role he assumed during the tumultuous times of the coronavirus crisis. This visibility reflects his commitment to transparent communication and effective crisis response. Currently serving as Deputy General Administrator at INAMI, Pedro Facon continues to be a linchpin in the orchestration of public health strategies

		in Belgium. His multifaceted background, from academia to high-stakes crisis management, positions him as an expert in the field, contributing significantly to the resilience and adaptability of Belgium's public health infrastructure
Jordan Maris		Jordan Maris is an expert on Digital Policy and senior policy advisor to MEP Karen Melchior, who was Renew negotiator for the Legal Affairs Committee's opinion on the AI Act. His work on the AI act focussed on Transparency and Explainability obligations, in particular in high-risk cases, as well as on the impact of the AI act on Open Source Software developers. Jordan has also worked on other digital policy files, including the Digital Services Act, Data Act, European Digital Identity, Product and AI Liability Directives

Panel 3

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Hrvoje Vrazic		Dr. Hrvoje Vrazic is a cardiologist and has a diverse professional background spanning various roles in healthcare, research, and academia. Currently employed as a Senior HTA Researcher at the Austrian Social Insurance at the Department of Healthcare Provision and Innovation in Vienna, focusing on medical devices and related frameworks/regulations, including innovation, new technologies and Health Technology Assessment Regulation (HTA-R). Furthermore, he is a nominated Member to the European Commission's Coordination Group on Health Technology Assessment for medical devices for Austria. Prior to this, he worked in Global Medical Affairs at Novo Nordisk HQ in Copenhagen, providing scientific medical guidance and supporting cross-functional collaboration and clinical trial execution. His earlier experience includes roles as a cardiologist at the University Hospital Dubrava in Zagreb, specializing in cardiac arrhythmias and devices, and as an internal medicine consultant at the same institution. He hold a Master's Degree in Health Economics and Outcomes Research (LSE, UK) and a PhD in Regionalism of Risk Factors in Hospitalized Coronary Heart Disease Patients (Medical School, University of Zagreb).
Giovanni Briganti		Giovanni Briganti is a doctor from the Université libre de Bruxelles, with a PhD from the University of Mons, and a master's degree in total quality management from the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Mons. After completing a postdoc research term at Harvard, Giovanni Briganti took academic positions at three French-speaking universities. He lectures at the medical faculties of the University of Mons, the University of Liège, and the Université libre de Bruxelles. Specialist in Artificial Intelligence in health (theme of his doctoral work), Giovanni Briganti has taken over the coordination of the federal AI4Health working group within AI4Belgium, and coordinates numerous research and innovation projects in the field of artificial intelligence and digital health. At the

			University of Mons, he holds the Chair of AI and Digital Medicine, offering the world's first compulsory AI courses in the medical curriculum.
Tetiana Klymchuk			Dr Tetiana Klymchuk is a Data Scientist specializing in Natural Language Processing and Associate Professor at the International University of Catalonia (Spain). She holds two PhDs - in Mathematics from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia (Spain) and in Applied Mathematics from the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine). Dr. Klymchuk has authored 15 articles and participated in over 40 international conferences. Over the past five years, Dr. Klymchuk has led the Artificial Intelligence team at a technology consultancy in Barcelona. She is now a co-founder of Somia Solutions, a cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence company specializing in the commercialization of Deep Learning algorithms.
Bart DeSmet			Dr. Bart Desmet is a Computer Scientist at the Rehabilitation Medicine Department of the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center. He leads the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Section's work on Natural Language Processing to foster access to and use of whole-person functioning information for work disability assessment, clinical practice and research. With a long track record of interdisciplinary research and a desire to see AI applied for good, his research has focused on suicide prevention, online youth protection, mental health, disability and patient-centered health outcomes. He obtained his PhD from Ghent University, has co-authored over 40 peer-reviewed publications, co-organized the AI for Function, Disability, and Health workshop series, and is chair of the Workshop on Computational Linguistics and Clinical Psychology.

| Tina Manoharan | | As the Global Lead of Data & AI at Philips, Tina focused on advancing Data & AI powered solutions to actionable clinical, operational and consumer health insights. She also led the Data Science & AI innovation team that supported Philips Businesses and Markets with the creation of smart connected devices, services, and solutions. Prior to Philips, Tina was business leader AI-Pathway Companion for Radiology, Oncology and Cardiology at Siemens Healthineers. She holds a PhD in Computer Science from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh (UK). |