

## Speakers' bios

### **Jeannette Baljeu**



Jeannette Baljeu is a member of the European Parliament on behalf of the Dutch People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD), which is part of the liberal political group Renew Europe. She is a full member of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) committee, as well as a substitute member of the committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and Transport and Tourism (TRAN). In parliament, she focuses on a sustainable single European market.

Before Jeannette became a Member of the European Parliament in July 2024, she was Regional Minister of Zuid-Holland (2017-2024) and vice-mayor of Rotterdam (2006-20014), during which time she experienced the practical effects of European regulations. Her work concentrated on the transformation of industry, port and maritime clusters towards a sustainable and circular future. To Jeannette, businesses form the backbone of our society and need clear and workable regulations. Critical raw materials are a concern of high priority to her. In ENVI she will put to good use her experience of water management and water quality issues for which she was responsible in Zuid-Holland. Whereas the previous mandate was all about setting goals, this new mandate will be about #howdoweachievethis.

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### **Davide D'Auria**



Head of the Economic Crime Unit at Europol, where he leads efforts in supporting high-level investigations and analytical support into major frauds (investment frauds, Authorized Push Payment Frauds, BEC frauds, and frauds against the financial interests of EU) and intellectual property crimes (Pharma crime, copyrights and patent infringements). Previously, he worked as a JHA expert on organized crime and economic crimes at the European Commission and the Italian Permanent representation at the European Council. Prior to these roles, he spent over 10 years within the Italian National Police, holding policy related and managerial positions and overseeing complex cross border cases related to organized crime and economic offenses.

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## **Niall McCarthy**



Niall McCarthy took up the role as Regional Director EMEA at the Pharmaceutical Security Institute 2024. Prior to joining the PSI. He has 23 years' experience at The Health Products Regulatory Authority in Ireland. In that time he has worked in the Enforcement Section with a wide ranging experience in Pharma Crime both Nationally and Internationally, bringing cases before the courts.

He was National Liaison for National Police and Customs, Europol, INTERPOL and WHO. On The European front, he was the Secretariat for the Heads of Medicines Agencies, Working Group of Enforcement Officers and successfully expanded and maintained a network of Single Points Of Contacts (SPOCS) throughout the member states and observers, within Drug Regulatory Authorities, Police and Customs which has been of great benefit when conducting cross border

investigations and enquiries.

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## **Carlos Penha Gonçalves**



Carlos Penha Gonçalves is a researcher in immunology, disease genetics, and public health. He holds a Doctorate in Immunology from Umeå University (1999), a Master's degree in Molecular Biology from Universidade Nova de Lisboa (1992), a degree in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Lisbon (1984), and completed his habilitation in Immunogenetics in 2007.

He served as Principal Investigator at the Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência, leading the Genomics Unit from 2003 to 2018. His research focuses on disease mechanisms in malaria, autoimmune disorders, and diabetes, with over 100 peer-reviewed publications and extensive supervision of PhD and postdoctoral researchers.

In 2020, he joined Portugal's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Task Force, contributing to national public health strategy through the Norms and Simplification nucleus. He is currently a researcher at the Instituto de Higiene e Medicina Tropical and an advisor to INFARMED, Portugal's Medicines Authority. Penha Gonçalves is recognized for bridging rigorous academic research with applied public health, combining roles in military veterinary service, scientific leadership, and policy-oriented health strategy.

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### **Agnès Mathieu-Mendes**



Agnès Mathieu-Mendes is a senior official at the European Commission, currently serving as a Head of Unit in the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE). She works on EU policies related to the quality, safety and innovation of medicinal products, contributing to the development of the European pharmaceutical framework.

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### **Solveig de Rancourt**



Solveig de Rancourt joined Sanofi's Product & Patient Protection team end of 2024. At the global level, she supervises product-related investigations, while also functioning as the Detection & Investigation Lead for Europe and Gulf countries. Solveig's responsibilities include assessing threats, coordinating strategic actions, and gathering evidence to protect products, patients, and the Group's reputation.

Prior to joining Sanofi, Solveig spent eight years as an intelligence analyst with French Customs Mediwatch, where she specialized in fighting illegal health product trafficking. Her expertise includes leading pharmaceutical crime investigations and fostering cooperation between private and public sectors. She provided valuable operational assistance and training to customs and law enforcement agencies, enhancing their capabilities to combat pharmaceutical crimes.

Solveig's career in the pharmaceutical industry began as an International Legal Counsel at Ipsen Pharma, giving her a comprehensive understanding of the sector she now works to protect.

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## **Martin Bergen**



Martin started his career in healthcare with a research project on digital prescriptions in hospitals. He then spent several years supporting the introduction of the electronic health insurance card in Germany. He became involved in the falsified medicines project in 2011 when he participated in a working group that planned the establishment of what is now known as the European Medicines Verification System (EMVS).

Martin has been the managing director of the German National Medicines Verification Organisation (securPharm) since 2012. From the first pilot phase in 2012/13 onwards, he has played a key role in the project to protect against falsified medicines, from the initial concept to the national implementation and continuous improvement. Contacting partners throughout Europe is part of

his daily routine. He also liaises with the many national competent authorities in Germany and helped them with the Ozempic case.

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## **Martin Burman – WGEO**



Martin Burman is a pharmacist and senior investigator at the Swedish Medical Products Agency, where he investigates violations of medicinal law and supports police and customs in complex pharmaceutical crime cases. Martins is a member of the Swedish market surveillance councils group on e-commerce. Since 2024, he has served as Chair of the Working Group of Enforcement Officers (WGEO), a network representing EU medicines agencies, police, and customs and reporting to the Heads of Medicines

Agencies. He was also responsible for mapping the illegal trade of medicines for a governmental commission during 2025.

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## **Anita Sands**



Anita Sands is a technical officer at the World Health Organization's Market Surveillance and Control Team within the Regulation and Safety Unit of the Department of Regulation and Prequalification. She has extensive expertise in the regulation of medical devices. In addition to leading WHO's work on post-market and market surveillance of medical devices, she serves as the Department's focal point for the traceability of medical products which has been an activity prioritized by the WHO Member State mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products. Anita has coordinated the publication of key WHO guidance documents, including policy paper on traceability of medical products and country experiences implementing traceability systems for

medical products.

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## **Răzvan Mihai Prisada**



President of National Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices of Romania (NAMMDR). Assoc. Prof. PhD Răzvan Mihai Prisada, senior public health leader and pharmaceutical regulatory expert is currently serving as the president of the National Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices of Romania (NAMMDR). For the past four years, in this role he has led the national competent authority for medicines for human use and medical devices while representing Romania in key European regulatory forums. He is a member of the Management Board of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and of the Heads of Medicines Agencies (HMA), contributing to EU-level strategic decision-making in medicines for human use regulation.

Previously, he served as Health Attaché within Romania's Permanent Representation to the European Union and chaired the Council of the EU Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices during Romania's Presidency of the Council of the EU.

Simultaneously with his public health and diplomatic career, he is Associate Professor at the “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest, thereby merging academic expertise in the pharmaceutical field with high-level institutional leadership, European negotiation experience, and strategic coordination in national and European public health policy.

Mr. Prisada`s long-term vision is to build resilient, transparent, and forward-looking pharmaceutical regulatory systems that support innovation while safeguarding public health. This includes advancing European cooperation, digital transformation, and sustainable healthcare policies for European patients.

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## **Oscar ALARCÓN-JIMÉNEZ**



Oscar Alarcón Jiménez is a Senior legal advisor at the Council of Europe, with a distinguished specialization in the defence and promotion of human rights and the consolidation of democracy. With over two decades of professional experience at the Council of Europe, his work focusses on combating transnational organised crime with a particular emphasis on crimes threatening public health. Since 2018, Mr Alarcón Jiménez has served as Executive Secretary of the MEDICRIME Convention, the landmark Council of Europe convention combating the falsification of medical products and other related crimes.

In addition, he also serves as Executive Secretary of the Santiago de Compostela Convention, the pioneering international instrument dedicated to combating trafficking in human organs.

Since joining the Council of Europe in 2002, he has developed his professional experience across both its political bodies and its intergovernmental sector, primarily within the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, where he has contributed to standard setting, cooperation and monitoring activities.

Doctor in Law by the University of Strasbourg (France), he also completed various postgraduate programmes, including a LL.M. in European Union Law at Carlos III University (Spain) and a postgraduate degree in International Economic and Media Law from the Europa-Institut (Germany).

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### **Maximilian Wilms-Posen**



Since 2019

Policy Officer for Prescriptive Medicine Market (FMD, Medicines Shortages, HTA)

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### **Kai Mjaanes**



Kai, joined the FMD community in 2017 and has served as Managing Director of Nomvec and NoMVO from 2018 to 2024, overseeing the successful implementation and operation of Norway's national medicines verification system. He has extensive expertise in the pharmaceutical sector, including roles in both wholesaler and pharmacy organisations. He is a graduate of the Norwegian Air Force Academy, holds an MBA and has pursued further qualifications in project management, finance, and logistics. From January 2025, Kai is serving as EMVO's General Manager.