

THCS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

DATE & TIME: November 28 & 29, Committee of the Regions, Brussels

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Thursday Nov. 28th – AFTERNOON	
12:30 – 13:45	Registration and welcome refreshment
13:45 – 14:15	Opening and Keynote speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MARIA ROSARIA CAMPITIELLO – Italian Ministry of Health, Head of the department for research, prevention and health emergencies • ARJON VAN HENGEL – Deputy Head of Unit DG RTD D.2, European Commission
14:15 – 15:45	<p>First session:</p> <p>Understanding transformation of health and care systems: how to translate theory into practice</p> <p><i>The first session will deep dive into the transformation of health and care systems, exploring it from multiple dimensions. Experts from academia, institutions, patients, and practitioners will present their unique perspectives. The goal? To deliver a comprehensive, 360-degree understanding of what health and care transformation truly means in practical, real-world terms.</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Introduction: What is THCS’s understanding of health and care transformation, and how it is supporting it CHIARA CICCARELLI – Italian Ministry of Health / THCS Coordinating Team</p> <p>The academic perspective DIMITRA PANTELI – Programme Manager, European Observatory on Health Systems & Policies</p> <p>The institutional perspective LOUKIANOS GATZOULIS – DG SANTE Unit C2 “State of Health, European Semester, Health Technology Assessment”</p> <p>The patient perspective ANCA TOMA – General Director, European Patients Forum (EPF)</p> <p>The practitioners perspective ALEXIS STRADER – Director of Policy and Research, European Health Management Association (EHMA)</p> <p>Moderator: GERARDO FORTUNA – Senior EU Policy Reporter at Euronews</p>
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30	<p>Second session:</p> <p>Unlocking Health & Care systems transformation: the role of regional and local authorities in boosting health ecosystems</p> <p><i>The session will discuss the role of LRAs (Local and Regional Administrations) in the transformation of health and care systems, and more in general in the funding of R&I activities. Furthermore, during the panel we will delve deeper into the concept of transformative ecosystems, presenting the work done by THCS' WP9 on this matter.</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Introduction: the role and function of regions in health and care system transformation JOANNA LANE – THCS Advisory Board Chair</p> <p>The experience regional funding agencies involved THCS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → REGINA SAUTO ARCE – B.I.O.E.F. (Basque Country, Spain) → TERESA VIERI – Tuscany Region (Italy) <p>Interactive panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → VALERIA CENACCHI – DG REGIO Unit D2 “Cross – Border Cooperation” → GERDA GEYER – FFG (Austria), THCS WP9 leader → YLVA REISNERT – ERRIN, European Regions Research and Innovation Network <p>Moderator: MADDALENA ILLARIO – THCS Advisory Board Chair</p>
18:00 – 21:00	<p>Evening Reception</p> <p><i>Reception will be held at the Representation of the European Region Tyrol – South Tyrol – Trentino (Rue De Pascale 45/47, 1000 Bruxelles), 5 minutes walking from the Committee of the Regions</i></p>

Friday Nov. 29th – MORNING	
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Registration and welcome coffee</p>
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Third session:</p> <p>Presentation of THCS' JTC 2023 Funded Projects</p> <p><i>The session will showcase four projects funded by THCS's first 2023 Joint Transnational Call. Project leaders will discuss how their work contributes to transforming health and care systems, the ecosystems necessary for implementation, and how they plan to communicate their findings to the public and policymakers. The session will conclude with the launch of the new JTC 2025.</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Introduction: THCS Joint Transnational Calls 101: how it works – ZonMw, THCS WP7 leader Statistical analysis and impact assessment of the Joint Transnational Call 2023 – video</p> <p>Interactive panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → TransCare Project – IONUT ANGHEL, University of Cluj-Napoca (Romania) → IDjaundice@home Project – CHRISTIAN HULZEBOS, University Medical Center Groningen, (The Netherlands) → ICAREWOUNDS Projects – SHAILA CALVO ALMEIDA, Gradiant (Spain) → Digital-CACTUS Project – VIET-THI TRAN, Université Paris Cité (France) <p>Launch of the new JTC 2025 – video</p> <p>Moderator: ANNALISA CARTABIA – Senior Executive Xjenza Malta, THCS WP8</p>

11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:00	<p>Fourth session: Shaping the Future: A Dialogue on EU Partnerships in Health <i>The last session will focus on the Partnership instrument per se by inviting sister initiatives and other EU funded Partnerships in the health domain to discuss common challenges and possible synergies.</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Introduction KATHRIN KAPFINGER - DG RTD, G4 Missions and Partnerships</p> <p>Interactive panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → JOËL GROENEVELD - Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique, ERA4Health → ULRICA DOHNHAMMAR - Swedish Research Council, JPIAMR secretariat, OHAMR → MAGALI POINOT - Innovative Health Initiative → GIOVANNI NICOLETTI - Italian Ministry of Health / JANFP4 Health <p>Moderator: JOHAN HANSEN - Nivel, WP4 leader</p>
13:00 -13:15	Wrap-up and closing
13:15	Goodbye lunch