

# Mental health and the pandemic: living, caring, acting!

High-level online event on the mental health impact of COVID-19, 10 May 2021

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

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| <b>10:30</b> | <b>OPENING</b><br><b>CHAIR:</b> John F. Ryan, Director, Public Health, DG for Health and Food Safety, European Commission<br><b>SPEAKERS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety</li><li>• Marta Temido, Minister for Health, Portugal, on behalf of the EU Presidency</li><li>• Sara Cerdas, MEP, Co-chair Coalition for Mental Health and Well-Being</li><li>• Hans Henri P Kluge, Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe</li></ul>  |   |   |
| <b>10:50</b> | <b>UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGE</b><br><b>CHAIR:</b> John F. Ryan, Director, Public Health, DG for Health and Food Safety, European Commission<br><b>SPEAKERS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pim Cuijpers, Co-chair 'Technical advisory group on the mental health impacts of COVID-19 in the WHO European Region'</li><li>• Irene Norstedt, Director, People Directorate, DG for Research and Innovation, European Commission</li><li>• Massimiliano Mascherini, Head of Unit ad interim for Social Policies, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions</li></ul>   |   |   |
| <b>11:30</b> | <b>LIVING - CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, PARENTS AND TEACHERS</b><br><b>CHAIR:</b> Valeria Setti, Commission Coordinator for the rights of the child, DG for Justice and Consumers, European Commission<br>To be introduced by testimonial(s)<br><b>PROMISING APPROACH PRESENTED BY:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carmen Valle-Trabadelo, Inter-Agency Standing Committee Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings</li></ul> <b>PANEL:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President, EUROCHILD</li><li>• Martina Darmanin, President, European Students' Union</li><li>• Susan Flocken, Director, European Trade Union Committee for Education</li></ul> | <b>CARING - HEALTH CARE WORKERS</b><br><b>CHAIR:</b> Jesus Alvarez Hidalgo, Policy officer Health and Safety, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission<br>To be introduced by testimonial(s)<br><b>PROMISING APPROACH PRESENTED BY:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paul Daniel Micallef, Ministry for Health, Malta</li></ul> <b>PANEL:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annabel Seebohm, Secretary General, Standing Committee of European Doctors</li><li>• Elizabeth Adams, President, European Federation of Nurses Associations</li><li>• Pedro Pita Barros, European Commission Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health</li></ul> | <b>RESPONDING - PEOPLE WITH PRE-EXISTING MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS: IMPACT ON PEOPLE AND SERVICES</b><br><b>CHAIR:</b> Dan Chisholm, Programme Manager for Mental Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe<br>To be introduced by testimonial(s)<br><b>PROMISING APPROACH PRESENTED BY:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mateusz Biernat and Paweł Ratyński, Human Foundation Poland</li></ul> <b>PANEL:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alviina Alametsä, MEP, and co-chair Coalition for Mental Health and Well-Being</li><li>• Peter Falkai, President, European Psychiatric Association</li><li>• Nigel Olisa, Executive Director, Global Alliance of Mental Illness Advocacy Networks - Europe</li><li>• Frank Bellivier, Delegate for Mental Health, Ministry of Solidarity and Health, France</li></ul> |

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| <b>13:00 - 14:00</b> | Break   |   |  |
| <b>14:00</b>         | <p><b>LIVING - OLDER PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Isabel de la Mata, Principal Adviser for Health and Crisis management, DG for Health and Food Safety, European Commission</p> <p>To be introduced by testimonial(s)</p> <p><b>PROMISING APPROACH PRESENTED BY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evelyn Kaizer, ARQ National Psychotrauma Center, The Netherlands</li></ul> <p><b>PANEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jean Georges, Director, Alzheimer Europe</li><li>• Freek Spinnewijn, Executive Director, FEANTSA</li><li>• Antonella Cardone, Director, European Cancer Patient Coalition</li><li>• Maciej Kucharczyk, Secretary General, AGE Platform Europe</li></ul> | <p><b>CARING - WORKERS IN SOCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CARE, INFORMAL CARERS</b></p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Maria Jepsen, Acting Executive Director European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions</p> <p>To be introduced by testimonial(s)</p> <p><b>PROMISING APPROACH PRESENTED BY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• René van het Erve, 'Dignity and Pride in the Region' &amp; Noud van Hecke, Vidacto, the Netherlands</li></ul> <p><b>PANEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stecy Yghemonos, Director, Eurocarers</li><li>• William Cockburn, Head of Prevention and Research Unit, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work</li><li>• Luk Zelderloo, Secretary General, European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities</li><li>• Penny Clarke, Deputy General Secretary, EPSU</li></ul> | <p><b>RESPONDING - HEALTH SYSTEMS FIT TO MEET FUTURE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS</b></p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Maya Matthews, Head of Unit Performance of national health systems, DG for Health and Food Safety, European Commission</p> <p><b>PROMISING APPROACH PRESENTED BY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• José L. Ayuso-Mateos, Department of Psychiatry de la Princesa, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain</li></ul> <p><b>PANEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, Director, Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO Regional Office for Europe</li><li>• Emily Hewlett, Health Policy Analyst, OECD</li><li>• Kim Putters, Director, Netherlands Institute for Social Research</li><li>• Günter Klug, President Pro Mente Austria</li></ul> |
| <b>15:30 - 15:40</b> | Break   |   |  |
| <b>15:40 - 16:00</b> | Reporting back from parallel sessions   |   |  |

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| <b>16:00 - 17:10</b> | <b>ACTING: WHAT CAN DIFFERENT ACTORS CONTRIBUTE GIVEN THEIR ROLE AND PERSPECTIVE?</b><br><b>CHAIR:</b> John F. Ryan, Director, Public Health, DG for Health and Food Safety, European Commission<br><br><b>SPEAKERS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Janez Poklukar</b>, Minister for Health, Republic of Slovenia, on behalf of incoming EU Presidency (pre-recorded video message)</li><li>• <b>Maria Walsh</b>, MEP, Co-chair MEP Alliance for Mental Health</li><li>• <b>Henriette Fore</b>, Executive Director, UNICEF</li><li>• <b>Liuska Sanna</b>, Acting Director, Mental Health Europe</li><li>• <b>Joost Korte</b>, Director General DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</li><li>• <b>Sandra Gallina</b>, Director General, DG for Health and Food Safety, European Commission</li></ul> |
| <b>17:10 - 17:15</b> | <b>CLOSING MESSAGE:</b> Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety   |