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[Invitation to speak at the European Health Forum Gastein 2026](#)

Dear Minister Joller,

I am delighted to invite you to speak at the 29th European Health Forum Gastein, taking place from 29 September – 2 October 2026 in Bad Hofgastein, Austria, under the theme [Health for a stronger European Union – high time for action!](#)

We would be honoured to involve you as a speaker in this year's conference programme. Opportunities where we could offer you an active role include the following:

- Speaking in one of our three EHFG plenary sessions between Wednesday 30 September and Friday 2 October 2026 (on competitiveness, preparedness, geopolitics and innovation);
- Participation in the invitation-only Gastein Policy Dialogue held in partnership with the [European Observatory on Health Systems & Policies](#) on the evening of Wednesday 30 September;
- Contribution to conference sessions on various EU health priority topics;
- Participation in a press point with international media on 30 September or 1 October;
- Bilateral meeting opportunities with other Ministers and senior stakeholders attending the conference.

The annual European Health Forum Gastein is a leading independent, not-for-profit platform for intersectoral policy dialogue on health, solidarity and equity in Europe and beyond. As a neutral and inclusive space, the conference brings together experts and decision-makers from the public and private sectors, civil society and science and academia to tackle Europe's most pressing health challenges. Please take a look at [EHFG at a Glance](#) and our [EHFG 2025 Outcomes](#) to find out more about us and for an insight into the proceedings of last year's conference.

[Our 2026 main theme – Health for a stronger European Union – high time for action!](#)

Europe stands at a pivotal moment for health and well-being. Health is both a social good and a strategic pillar of European unity, resilience, and competitiveness. Recent crises reveal the limits of fragmented national responses and weakened solidarity. A stronger European Health Union must be part of a broader vision that reinforces shared values and safeguards the EU's capacity to act collectively. A Europe fit for the future begins with healthier people – through collaboration and solution-oriented dialogue, the EHFG will provide a dose of sanity in this polarised world!

We hope that you will accept this invitation to join us in Bad Hofgastein at the end of September! For further information or to discuss how we can best tailor your participation, please do not hesitate to contact EHFG Senior Advisor [Louise Boyle](#).

Yours sincerely,



Dr Clemens Martin Auer
President
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