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**Invitation as Honorary Speaker to the
9th German – Eastern European Health Forum
on 9 October 2026 in Berlin**

Your Excellency, dear Ms. Joller,

Cooperation in the health sector is paramount to economic growth and inclusive prosperity. Berlin is playing a key role as a vibrant hub for innovation and excellence in global health. Mid-October a series of important events take place in the capital.

The 9th German-Eastern European Health Forum on October 9th, 2026, (10:00 - 16:00 CET) is organised by the German Eastern Business Association (Ost-Ausschuss der Deutschen Wirtschaft) and the GHA - German Health Alliance as an Official Side Event of the World Health Summit. The forum provides a framework for exchange and networking with decision-makers from Germany and the partner countries, company representatives, experts, and researchers.

The ninth edition will be dedicated to the topic **“New approaches in the health sector in Eastern Europe”**.

We would be honoured to welcome you to the Health Forum with a special input as a **Speaker in the Ministerial Panel**.

A key aspect of the discussions will be the cooperation between Germany and the participating countries, emphasizing joint initiatives, knowledge exchange, and collaborative efforts to strengthen healthcare systems and drive innovation in the region.

Please find the preliminary agenda attached to this letter.

The conference will focus on three key themes: i) European cooperation for resilient health systems and the role of regulatory alignment, ii) joint efforts in preventing neurodegenerative diseases, and iii) advancements in healthcare digitalization, highlighting the journey from data to care.

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In addition to our Health Forum, we would like to extend a cordial invitation to you, Your Excellency, to attend two further important formats:

Virchow Prize – Towards Health For All

The Prize, endowed by the non-profit Virchow Foundation for Global Health, recognises outstanding lifetime achievements in the field of global health that align and uphold the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations Agenda 2030. Laureates are celebrated for their innovations which significantly impact the broad health challenges we face as a global community. Hence, we are delighted to invite you to the **2026 “Virchow Prize – Towards Health For All” Award Ceremony followed by a festive reception on October 10, 2026 (17:00-20:00 CET)** at the Rotes Rathaus Berlin (Berlin City Hall). The ceremony is for laureates and distinguished, international guests.

World Health Summit (WHS)

The World Health Summit is the leading platform for global health, catalyzing cross-sectoral solutions to improve health worldwide. Taking place from **11–13 October, 2026**, in Berlin, the World Health Summit 2026 will convene leaders and changemakers from science, politics, civil society, and the private sector under the leitmotif “From Crisis to Resilience: Innovating for Health.” We would greatly value your participation and would be pleased to coordinate delegation passes with the WHS organizing team.

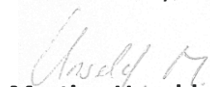
The combination of these different events

- 9 October 2026, **9th German – Eastern European Health Forum**
- 10 October 2026, **Virchow Prize for Global Health Award Ceremony**
- 11-13 October 2026, **World Health Summit (WHS)**

could result in a highly attractive program, should Your Excellency do us the honour of accepting our invitation to Berlin.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Martin Hoffmann, Director Strategy & Research, German Eastern Business Association (Ost-Ausschuss) (m.hoffmann@oa-ev.de) and Alexander Boxler, Deputy Managing Director at GHA – German Health Alliance (boxler@gha.health).

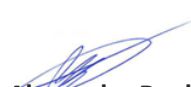
Yours sincerely,



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