



Ms. Karmen Joller

Minister of Social Affairs
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Dublin, 29 July 2026

**RE: Invitation to Ireland's Conference on Mental Health – Resilient Europe:
Mental Health as a Strategic Asset for Europe's Strength and
Competitiveness (15 October 2026, Cork)**

Dear Minister Joller,

I am honoured to invite you and your experts to the high-level conference on mental health, "Resilient Europe: Mental Health as a Strategic Asset for Europe's Strength and Competitiveness", which will take place in University College Cork (UCC) on 15 October 2026, as part of Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the EU.

The conference will bring together ministers, senior officials and experts from a range of fields to discuss the latest research findings and share experience and expertise in mental health policy. It will form part of a focused Presidency engagement on the theme of "Learning from previous shocks: Building systemic mental health resilience into communities."

I would also like to extend an invitation to a follow-up ministerial event in Waterford, on the following day, 16 October, "Voices in Recovery: Celebrating Lived Experience." This will explore how lived and living experience can inform and strengthen mental health policy and systems. It will draw on the WHO Roadmap for Integrating Lived and Living Experience into Mental Health Policy and Systems.

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Please find attached the meeting details, including the agenda and practical information regarding the Conference.

Should you require any additional information, your office may contact us at Health_EUPresEvents@health.gov.ie.

I look forward to welcoming you to Ireland.

Yours Sincerely,

Mary Butler, TD

Government Chief Whip and Minister for Mental Health, Ireland

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