

EUVECA Final Conference

The importance of VET and regional collaboration to ensure sustainability in the European healthcare sector

Tuesday, 24 March 2026 - from 9.00 to 17.30

Venue: [L42BusinessCentersWorkspaces](#)

Rue de de la Loi / Wetstraat 42, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

Agenda

08.30 - 09.00	Registration and welcome coffee
09.00 - 09.30	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keynote address ‘We have a dream...’ by Ms Sabine Paasch Olsen and Ms Henriette Hansen, EUVECA project coordinators ● Intervention from a representative of the European Commission, DG EMPL
09.30 - 10.45	Session 1 - From megatrends to skills needs and education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The EUVECA baseline report by Dr Matic Kavčič, Professor, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia ● Skills for the future health workforce – Insights from the BeWell skills intelligence by Dr Matthias Wismar, Programme Manager, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, Belgium ● The health management perspective by Ms Federica Margheri, Executive Director, European Health Management Association (EHMA), Belgium ● The student’s perspective by Ms Guinevere Savat and Ms Alicia Kuz, Belgian Medical Students’ Association, Belgium ● The health professional perspective by Ms Tihana Gašpert, Policy Officer, European Special Nurse Organisation, Croatia
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 - 12.30	Session 2 – Excellence in VET: it all starts with the educators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The importance of European collaboration to ensure high quality health educators by Dr Cécile Dury, President, FINE Europe (European Federation of Educators in Nursing Science), Belgium ● The V-model by Dr Marloes Postel, Associate Professor, Saxion University College, The Netherlands ● Using VR in health care education by Mr Ansgar Büter-Menke, Head of the Digital Transformation Department, University Hospital of Slesvig Holstein, Germany ● Using Simulation in healthcare education by Ms Anja Požnenel Belec, Project Manager, Ljubljana Community Health Center, Slovenia

12.30 - 13.30	Networking lunch
13.30 - 14.45	<p>Session 3 – Regional and European collaboration in VET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Regions working together on health skills development - How Edu4Health can support by Ms Karolina Mackiewicz, Innovation Director, Global Health Connector, Finland ◉ Connecting the dots at the European level by Mr Michele Calabró, Director, European Regional and Local Health Authorities (EUREGHA), Belgium ◉ Regional and inter-regional collaboration in the health education ecosystem - An example from Trento, Italy by Ms Olivia Balagna, Project Manager, Autonomous Province of Trento, Italy ◉ Bringing European projects together through the Edu4Health platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Collaboration with the Care About IT project by Ms Jessica Knopper ◉ Collaboration with the XiA project by Dr Henrique Martins, MD
14.45 – 15.15	Coffee break
15.15 – 16.30	<p>Session 4 – Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Ms Federica Margheri, Executive Director, European Health Management Association (EHMA), Belgium ◉ Ms Tihana Gašpert, Policy Officer, European Special Nurse Organisation, Croatia ◉ Ms Karolina Mackiewicz, Innovation Director, Global Health Connector, Finland ◉ Dr Cécile Dury, President, FINE Europe (European Federation of Educators in Nursing Science), Belgium ◉ Ms Jessica Knopper, Project Manager of the Care About IT project ◉ Dr Henrique Martins, MD, Project Coordinator of the XiA project
16.30 - 16.45	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Ms Sabine Paasch Olsen and Ms Henriette Hansen, EUVECA project coordinators
16.45 – 17.30	Networking reception