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**Webinar:**  
***The role of a European Health Data Space in a pandemic***

*Speaker Bios*

 **SPEAKER BIOS**

**Ioana-Maria Gligor**

**Head of Unit, European Reference Networks and Digital Health, DG SANTE**



Ioana-Maria Gligor is Head of Unit for European Reference Networks and Digital Health in the European Commission, in DG Health and Food Safety (SANTE). Before joining DG SANTE, Ioana was Deputy Head of Unit in the Secretariat General of the Commission and in DG Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) and assistant to the Director General of DG EMPL. She started her career in the European Commission in the cabinet of Commissioner Orban. Before joining the European administration, she was adviser and spokesperson to the Romanian Minister Delegate, Chief Negotiator with the EU. Ioana graduated from the College of Europe and has a PhD in international relations and EU affairs.

## **Nigel Hughes**

**Scientific Director Observational Health Data Analytics/Epidemiology, Janssen Research and Development AND Project Leader, European Health Data & Evidence Network (EHDEN)**



Nigel Hughes has a thirty-five-year career spanning the NHS in the UK (16 years), NGOs and patient organisations (10 years) and within the pharmaceutical industry (17 years).

He has worked clinically in HIV and viral hepatitis, liver disease, and in sales & marketing, medical affairs, market access and health economics, R&D, precision medicine, advanced diagnostics, health IT and Real World Data/Real World Medicine. His experience covers clinical, education, as an advisor, consulting, communications and lobbying over the years. He is currently the Project Lead for the IMI2 European Health Data & Evidence

Network (EHDEN) and was Platform Co-Lead for the IMI1 European Medical Information Framework (EMIF), as well as consulting on numerous projects and programmes in the domain of RWD/RWE.

## **Nazar Rasul**

**Head of Technology & Innovation Strategy, Siemens Healthineers**



Nazar has been within Siemens since more than 15 years, with strong professional background in technology and digitalization strategy, realization of digital agenda, strategic innovations on corporate level, R&D and portfolio planning in the areas of AI and autonomous systems, business development.

His current position is Head of Technology & Innovation Strategy within company CTO organization. He used to work several years previously for Siemens Corporate Technology within Strategic Marketing & Visioning as Project Director with focus on strategic innovation management and future visions.

Between 2003 and 2009 he was Head of R&D within Medical Electronics and Imaging Solutions at Siemens Healthcare in Germany. He started his carrier earlier at Siemens Medical Solutions in Sweden as Technical Project Manager for Angiography systems for cardiology and neurology applications.

He holds a Ph.D. in the areas of Automated systems, master's degree in Engineering and an MBA in General Management.

## **Bert Verdonck**

### **Business Leader, Population Health Management International, Philips**



Bert Verdonck has a 25+ year career in healthcare informatics. He owns a PhD in signal and image processing from Telecom Paris and a MS in electro technical engineering of the University Leuven. He has a lifelong career at Philips which started in clinical software applications for radiology, cardiology and oncology. He extended experience into care solutions outside the hospital: home monitoring, regional eHealth solutions and population health management. His geographic focus has been global, including focus on North America, International markets as well as EMEA. He held positions in clinical science, advanced development, product management, marketing, sales, business transformation, software engineering and general management.

## **Frank Baitman**

### **Global Head, Compliance and Strategy, Digital Health Technologies, Roche**



Frank is the Global Head, Compliance and Strategy, Digital Health Technologies with Roche. In this role, Frank oversees a range of compliance activities for clinically-validated digital products, including privacy, cybersecurity and quality management. He has held leadership positions in both government and the private sector, at the intersection of innovation, technology and healthcare.

During the Obama Administration, he served as Chief Information Officer with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) where he focused on developing a secure foundation for digital innovation in the Cloud, and on improving business outcomes from HHS' \$10.4 billion IT investments. Frank

has been deeply involved in cybersecurity and privacy issues, including as chair for the Department's Privacy Incident Response Team, and as co-chair of the U.S. Government CIO Council's Privacy Committee.

Prior to joining HHS, Frank served as Chief Information Officer for the U.S. Social Security Administration. In this role, Frank developed an incentive program to encourage healthcare providers to share electronic health records with SSA, enabling disability determinations to be made more quickly and accurately, and helping to reduce a 2½ year backlog by more than 50%. Using Design Thinking, Frank led a re-design of the online retirement process which resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of seniors who retire online. Frank chaired the U.S. Government's Accessibility Committee, a cross-agency group focused on ensuring that government resources are available to all Americans, including those with disabilities. Earlier roles that Frank has held include: President of Petards, Inc, a digital video surveillance vendor, and Director of Corporate Strategy for IBM Corp., and Manager of Marketing Strategy at IBM Research.

Frank is an active board member with multiple health technology innovators that employ technology to improve healthcare outcomes, while reducing costs. These companies include HiLabs, which is focused on using big data analytics to improve population health, and PatientsVoices, which identifies actionable insights to improve the patient experience. He also

advised Deque Systems, a software company whose mission is “Digital Equality,” making the Internet accessible to people with disabilities, and Kloog, a startup focused on creating insights from IoT in healthcare.

Frank chairs the advisory board for NPower Baltimore, a non-profit that empowers at-risk young adults and veterans with technology skills. Since its launch 3 years ago, NPower has trained and graduated more than 300 young adults in Baltimore City, and helped them to navigate their first internship, and permanent job.

He is a regular speaker on public policy issues – including digital government, privacy and surveillance, cybersecurity, and the intersection of technology and healthcare. In the past year, he has spoken to the Harvard Business School of NY about immutable trends in healthcare, at an SAP Forum on Artificial Intelligence, and at the Global Center for Health Innovation on revenue cycle management. Frank was honored with FedScoop’s 50 Golden Gov award in 2014 and in 2015 “for leading government into a new technology landscape with innovative ideas, and by inspiring others to get on board.” Earlier, he received the Fed 100 award, which is given to “individuals who have gone above and beyond their daily responsibilities and have made a difference in the way technology has transformed their government agency.”

Frank received his Master’s degree in Public Management from the University of Maryland at College Park, and his Bachelor’s degree from the State University of New York at Albany. Frank has been a resident of Baltimore City for 16 years, and lives in the Greenmount West neighborhood.

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### **Cornelia Kutterer**

#### **Senior Director European Government Affairs, AI, Privacy, Digital Policies, Microsoft**



Cornelia is responsible for AI, privacy and regulatory policies in the EU with a focus on digital transformation and ethical implications. She leads a team working on corporate and regulatory affairs, including competition, telecom and content policies. She has long standing experience in Information Society & Internet policies at European level and speaks regularly at regional and international conferences.

Previously, Cornelia was Senior Legal Advisor at BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation, heading up the legal department and driving the policy agenda for consumers’ digital life with a focus on intellectual property, data protection and e-commerce. She has also gained experience in a top 10 law firm in the fields of competition law and regulatory affairs and in a German organisation focusing on the freedom of services and labour law. She started her professional career in the European Parliament as a political advisor to an MEP in 1997.

Cornelia is a qualified German lawyer, and holds a master’s degree in information technology and telecommunication laws. She studied law at the Universities of Passau, Porto (Portugal), Hamburg and Strathclyde (UK).

**Mario Romao**  
**Global Director for Health IT Policy, Intel**



Mario works on digital healthcare policy and oversees the latest developments of AI policy across Europe. He is also involved in policies that harness data and ICT across economic sectors with special emphasis on healthcare.

He participates actively in numerous alliances and trade associations promoting the advancement of AI and healthcare technologies.

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