

MEETING ON GENDER MEDICINE

Hosted by Hon. Letizia Moratti

The Pink Stamp: An Italian experience

Towards organizational culture and health planning from a gender perspective

BRUSSELS, 2 DECEMBER 2026 – 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT | ROOM 3C050

The meeting is part of a broader path aimed at gaining more awareness towards gender differences in European health policies, promoting a more equitable, appropriate and effective approach to prevention, diagnosis and care. Starting from the Italian experience of the Pink Stamp - an award granted to hospitals that distinguish themselves through the provision of services dedicated to prevention, diagnosis and treatment of major diseases, while developing care pathways specifically tailored to women's health needs-, the goal is to foster the spread and implementation of gender medicine in the various Member States through the exchange of best practices, the sharing of experiences and the consolidation of a common vision at European level. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to present a European Manifesto for gender medicine, calling on EU Member States to commit to more equitable and inclusive healthcare, and to propose a European Bollino Rosa (Pink Stamp) to recognise and promote healthcare organisations across Europe that adopt models and pathways integrating a gender perspective into research, healthcare delivery and treatment, with a focus on women's health. This initiative aims to help raise standards of quality and inclusivity across European healthcare systems.

PROGRAM

11.30 AM – 12.30 AM: Visit to the Parlamentarium Museum
2 PM: Guest arrival and Registration
3 PM - 5 PM: Meeting

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Letizia Moratti, Member, European Parliament
Francesca Merzagora, President, Fondazione Onda ETS

PRESENTATIONS

Chair:
Francesca Merzagora, President, Fondazione Onda ETS

The Strategic Role of Gender Medicine
Elena Ortona, Director, Gender Medicine Reference Centre, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, and Vice President, National Centre for Studies on Health and Gender Medicine, Rome

Gender Medicine in European Countries: State of the Art
Annamaria Moretti, President, International Society of Gender Medicine, Bari *(remote intervention)*

The Pink Stamp for Italian hospitals as a tool for cultural and organisational change in healthcare
Walter Ricciardi, Full Professor of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Rome *(remote intervention)*

Data and Digital Innovation to Reduce the Gender Health Gap: From Knowledge to New Care Models
Giorgia Garganese, Associate Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, IRCCS Fondazione Policlinico Gemelli, Rome

Breaking the Cycle: From Evidence Gaps to Better Cardiovascular Outcomes for Women and Girls
Elena Arbelo, Cardiologist, Hospital Clínic de Barcelona, Spain, and Member of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the Spanish Society of Cardiology (SEC)

Presentation of a Manifesto for Gender Medicine
Nicoletta Orthmann, Medical and Scientific Director, Fondazione Onda ETS

Round Table: Experiences Compared

Chair:
Valeria Camia, Journalist, Ticino Scienza; Researcher, Fondazione Sasso Corbaro, Bellinzona
Participants:
Niamh Joyce, Founder, Women's Health Dublin, and Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Ireland
Ida Ramponi, Director General, ASST Valtellina and Alto Lario, Italy
Monica Calamai, Director General, IRCCS Metropolitan Hospital Authority of Genoa, Italy
Michalis Kailides, Director, Donna Health Care Center, Nicosia, Cyprus
Stéphanie van de Werve, Co-founder, Thémis, Brussels, Belgium
Pisti Krystallidou, President, WinCancer, Greece

Policy makers perspectives:
Chair:
Valeria Camia, Journalist, Ticino Scienza; Researcher, Fondazione Sasso Corbaro, Bellinzona
Participants:
Eleonora Meleti, Member, European Parliament
Elena Nevado del Campo, Member, European Parliament

Catch-the-eye interventions

Conclusions:
Letizia Moratti and Francesca Merzagora: A European Pink Stamp

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

To attend the event, registration is mandatory by November the 19th via the form on Eventbrite at the following link:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/biglietti-incontro-sulla-medicina-di-genere-1993825496733?aff=oddtdtcreator
Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Italian, and English.

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