

# Head way



A new roadmap in Mental Health

## **FORUM**

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*Short biographical notes*



## **Pierluigi Antonelli**

*Pierluigi Antonelli started his career as an entrepreneur in the automotive business before joining McKinsey, where he worked in the US and Italy. He moved to the pharmaceutical business when he joined, in 1999, Bristol-Myers Squibb where he worked both in the Pharmaceutical and Medical device divisions, holding several commercial roles in different geographies (Portugal, Switzerland, Italy, US, France). He moved in 2011, as Senior Vice President, to Merck&Co where he served as President of MSD Italy, and Fertility Head for the Europe and Canada region. He then joined Novartis as Head of Western Europe and Sandoz in 2015, where he was promoted to Head of Europe, Oncology, in early 2018. In early 2019, he was appointed CEO of Angelini Pharma, a part of Angelini Industries, where has been leading company's successful transformation into a trail-blazer international leader in the treatment of brain health, rare diseases, and consumer health.*



## **Celso Arango**

*Celso Arango is currently Chair of the Child and Adolescent Department of Psychiatry at Hospital Gregorio Marañón as well as Director of the Gregorio Marañón Psychiatric and Mental Health Institute, Professor of Psychiatry at the MPRC of the University of Maryland, Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at UCSF in San Francisco, Visiting Professor of Psychiatry at Kings College London, and Tenured Full Professor at UCM. Since 2022, he is also the Chairman of the Spanish Psychiatry and Mental Health Society and Secretary of the Schizophrenia International Research Society. He is the Past President of the ECNP and President of the Spanish Ministry of Health Advisory Board for Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Arango has written more than 675 peer-reviewed articles and 11 books, is on the editorial board for 20 high-impact journals, has participated in more than 76 competitively funded research projects and has been the coordinator or Principal Investigator for 13 EU-funded projects.*



## **Brando Benifei**

*Brando Benifei is an Italian MEP from La Spezia, Italy. This is his second mandate, and he is the current Head of the Democratic Party Delegation in the European Parliament. He is member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO). Brando is also a member of the European Parliamentary Group for Kidneys' Health and of the Parliamentary Interest Group on Antimicrobial Resistance. He is the vice-president of the Parliamentary Disability Intergroup; he co-chairs the Parliamentary Group "Heart Group" and the Interest Group "European patients' rights in cross-border healthcare". He was also a member of the Coalition for Mental Health and Wellbeing and of the MEP Mental Health Alliance.*



## **Daniela Bianco**

*Partner and Head of the Healthcare area of The European House-Ambrosetti. In 2000 she began working at The European House-Ambrosetti, in the Strategy and Top Management area. In 2005 she took part in the design and development of the Meridiano Sanità Think Tank, a platform for research, analysis, and discussion with the main healthcare stakeholders on the issues of health, organization, and financing of healthcare systems. She has managed and developed several projects in the healthcare field for private companies, public associations, and institutions. She is author of numerous papers and articles on healthcare issues. She graduated from the University L. Bocconi of Milan in Business Administration.*



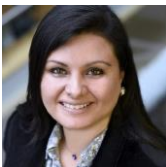
## **Estrella Durá-Ferrandis**

*Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and Substitute in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, and the Special Committee on Beating Cancer and Co-Chair of the MEP Mental Health Alliance. She is a Full Professor at the University of Valencia in the Department of Personality, Evaluation and Psychological Treatments. At the same University, she obtained her Ph.D. in Psychology. She is an expert in social policy programs with the main objective to increase the quality of life, social protection, and welfare of vulnerable groups. Some of the topics she has worked on include unemployment, women and health, persons with functional diversity and/or chronic illnesses, dependent elderly persons and migrants. She has been shadow rapporteur to the European Parliament's report on "Access to affordable, decent housing to all" and the report on "Mental Health in the digital world of work".*



## **Lara Fleischer**

*Lara Fleischer currently heads the Well-being Data Insights and Policy Practice unit at the OECD Centre on Well-being, Inclusion, Sustainability and Equal Opportunity (WISE), where she works with member countries on developing better measures of well-being and assessing how such multi-dimensional evidence could transform the way governments work. Among other things, she leads the OECD "How's Life?" report series, as well as a project on the policy linkages between mental health and people's wider economic, social, relational, environmental, and political experiences. Lara holds an MPhil from the University of Oxford and held previous positions at the Busara Center for Behavioral Economics in Nairobi and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative.*



## **Elaine Flores**

*Elaine C. Flores is a Research Fellow in Planetary Health at the Centre on Climate Change and Planetary Health at LSHTM and the Stanford Center for Innovation in Global Health. She is a Peruvian Medical Doctor, with an MSc in Epidemiology Research, and a Ph.D. in Epidemiology and Population Health. Her work is on the mental health impact of environmental factors and disasters, resilience-promoting factors, social determinants of health, and other global health topics, especially from a Low- and middle-income countries and interdisciplinary perspective.*

She is interested in further exploring the links between mental health, climate change, and social inequalities across vulnerable groups with a gender lens. She is also working toward community-based solutions and minorities' well-being facing the climate crisis.



### Hilikka Kärkkäinen

Hilikka is a social worker by profession, retired in 2014. Since 2016, she has been the President of GAMIAN-Europe, a pan-European mental health patients' organization with 60 member organizations from 27 European countries. She is also an expert by experience. She was Executive Director of the Finnish Central Association for Mental Health 1998-2002, and she has been the President and Vice President of Mieli Maasta, which is a patient association for those suffering from depression. Hilikka is also a Board Director of the European Brain Council (EBC), and the European Psychiatric Association (EPA).



### Pina Picierno

Pina Picierno was born in Santa Maria Capua Vetere (Province of Caserta) in 1981. She graduated in Communication Sciences at the University of Salerno. In 2003 she became National President of the "Giovani della Margherita", a youth political group of the democratic political area. In the national Italian elections in 2008 and 2013 she was elected to the Chamber of Deputies for the Partito Democratico, dealing with issues of culture, justice, and legality, both in parliamentary committees and in the political party at national level. Elected for a second political term as a Member of the European Parliament in 2019, she is a member of the Industry, Energy and Research (ITRE), Agriculture (AGRI), Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) committees and the Delegation for relations with Israel (D-IL). In January 2022, she was elected second Vice-President of the European Parliament with 527 votes, subsequently obtaining, among others, the portfolios for Communication and for the relations with the Parliamentary Assembly for the Mediterranean.



### John Saunders

John Saunders is the Executive Director at EUFAMI, an organization of family member associations across Europe. John has been the Director of Shine, Supporting People affected by Mental Ill Health from 2001 until 2021. He has previously worked in the field of Autism and Learning Disability. He is Chair of the Mental Health Commission, the regulatory body for Mental Health Services in Ireland. He is also Chair of the National Implementation Monitoring Committee; an Irish Government body established to oversee and report on the implementation of its new Mental Health policy – Sharing the Vision. He was a member of the National Expert Group to review and update Mental Health Services - A Vision for Change, established by the Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children, Ireland, and Chair of the second Implementation Monitoring Group.



### Fabrizio Starace

Fabrizio Starace is Director at the Department of Mental Health & Drug Abuse of the AUSL of Modena, Adjunct Professor of Social Psychiatry and Community Mental Health at UNIMORE University, President of the Italian Society of Psychiatric Epidemiology (SIEP). After a long experience in national and international research institutes, including the WHO, he has participated in the introduction and application of the Health Budget in Italy and currently coordinates the regional program of Emilia-Romagna dedicated to psychotic onset. Since 2019, he has been a member of the Superior Council of Health. In 2020 he was called to be a member of the Committee of Experts on Economic and Social Issues of the Presidency of the Council. Since 2021, he has been coordinating the Ministerial Technical Table for Mental Health. In 2022, he was elected to the presidency of Section III of the Superior Health Council. He is the author of more than 300 scientific publications in national and international journals.



### Margaret Walker

Margaret Walker is member of the European Psychiatric Association (EPA) and became its Executive Director in September 2020. A committed association management and public affairs professional, Margaret has over 20 years of experience in the field, and has worked with scientific, medical, and patient associations at European and international level. Margaret has a Postgraduate Certificate in Humanities, a BA (Hons) in Humanities, as well as a Diploma in Gender and Development. She is a member of the UK's Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) and of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising (CioF).



### Maria Walsh

Hon. Maria Walsh sits on the EMPL, CULT and LIBE Committees of the European Parliament as a Member of the EPP. As Co-Chair of both the Mental Health Alliance and the Coalition of Mental Health and Wellbeing Interest Groups in the Parliament, Maria is dedicated to highlighting the cross-sectional impacts of mental health throughout her policy work. Mental health is at the center of all her conversations, and she consistently engages with EU citizens on the impact of mental health on their everyday lives. She always takes stances on policy and legislation that align with her values of inclusion, equality, and respect, even if this entails some difficult conversations within the Parliament.



### Mariam Zaidi

Mariam Zaidi is an international news presenter, reporter, and expert on the EU. Also specializing in politics and foreign affairs, she has more recently steered coverage on the Ukraine war and the energy crisis for Euronews. As a seasoned moderator and master of ceremonies for EURACTIV, EU institutions and global corporate clients she is a master of many trades. A law grad with an MA in Journalism she has worked for the BBC, ITV, CGTN, APTN and NBC.

