
**Europe in the pandemic:
research and innovation for a more resilient health system**
Video conference on 7 September 2020 – draft programme

Conference of Chairpersons of Committees on Health, Research and Digital Affairs from the national parliaments and the European Parliament as part of the Parliamentary Dimension of Germany's Presidency of the Council of the EU

- 14.00** **Welcome and opening remarks by Thomas Oppermann,
Vice-President of the German Bundestag**
- 14.05** **Session 1
Solidarity and sovereignty: for a more resilient health system in Europe**
- Chaired by: **Erwin Rüdgel**
Chairman of the German Bundestag's Committee on Health
- Keynote statement: **Sandra Gallina**
Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety
- Keynote statement: **Dr Peter Liese**
Member of the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- Keynote statement: **Dr Andrea Ammon**
Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- 14.30** **Discussion**
- With contributions from:
- Manuel Höferlin**
Chairman of the German Bundestag's Committee on the Digital Agenda
- Manuel Pizarro** (tbc)
Substitute member of the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, and co-author of a paper on EU health policy in the context of the pandemic issued by several Members of the European Parliament
- 16.00** Break

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- 16.15** **Session 2**
Cross-border cooperation in health research and European research funding to support sustainable crisis management
- Chaired by: **Dr Ernst Dieter Rossmann**
Chairman of the German Bundestag’s Committee on Education, Research and Technology Assessment
- Keynote statement: **Jean-Eric Paquet**
Director-General of the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Research and Innovation
- Keynote statement: **Dr Petra de Sutter**
Chair of the European Parliament’s Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
- Keynote statement: **Professor Christian Drosten**
Director of the Institute of Virology at Berlin’s Charité hospital
- 16.40** **Discussion**
- 17.50** **Closing remarks**
- 18.00** **End of the video conference**