29th EAHM Congress
Effective Leadership in Healthcare Organizations
June 3-5, 2026, VILNIUS

AGENDA

CONGRESS VENUE: Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva
Address: Konstitucijos Av. 20, Vilnius, LT-09308, Lithuania,
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11.00 - 18.00	**Registration** Registration Desk at Radisson hotel lobby / reception.
09.00 - 16.00 **Sign-up required**	**Pre-Congress Courses - Hospital and institution visits** 09.10-12.30 Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos 09.20-12.30 Public Institution Republican Vilnius University Hospital 09.30-12.30 Northway Biotech 13.10-16.30 Vilnius University Faculty of Medicine 13.20-16.30 Vilnius City Clinical Hospital 13.45-17.00 Antakalnio Outpatient Clinic **NOTE:** *The number of participants is limited. Participation will be confirmed during the registration on a first-come, first-served basis*
14.00 - 17.00 **EAHM only**	**EAHM Executive and Board meetings** Radisson hotel conf. Centre – Alfa room
19.00 - 21.00 **Invitational**	**Dinner with the mayor** EAHM & LGVS members, LT officials Vilnius Town Hall

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08.15 - 09.00	**Registration and welcome coffee** Conference centre
Moderator: Petras Staselis	
09.00 - 09.10	**Opening Ceremony** Musical Performance
09.10 - 09.30	**Welcome speeches** Dr. Kęstutis Štaras, President of the Association of Hospital Managers Physicians of Lithuania Alexandre Lourenço, European Hospital Managers Association President Marc Hastert, Secretary General of the European Association of Hospital Managers Prof. Sonata Jarmalaitė, Adviser to the President of the Republic of Lithuania Marija Jakubauskienė, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania Valdas Benkunskas, Mayor of Vilnius
09.30 - 09.50	**Prospects for further development of the European Health Union** **Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis**, Member of the European Parliament
09.50 - 10.10	**Policy, Hospital Management and Innovation: Advancing Modern Healthcare Architecture** **Marija Jakubauskienė**, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania
10.10 - 10.30	**The changing role of hospitals and hospital managers** **Alexandre Lourenço**, European Hospital Managers Association President
5 min. break - preparation for the session	
The Future of the Healthcare Workforce Healthcare leaders are rethinking how to attract, retain, and support their teams in a rapidly evolving environment. This round table addresses workforce shortages, new leadership models, digital competencies, and the urgent need to safeguard staff well-being. **Subtopics:** addressing staff shortages · leadership in complexity · digital upskilling · staff well-being and burnout prevention	
Session 4.1. Moderator: Leandro Luis	
Focus on: Redefining leadership in complex healthcare environments. Leadership strategies for fostering innovation, collaboration, and resilience in healthcare systems. / Technology in Healthcare: Leveraging tech innovations for better diagnostics, treatment, and patient outcomes.	

10.35 - 10.50	**How Innovation can foster the healthcare systems?** **Building Effective Leadership in Organizations:** Leadership strategies for fostering innovation, collaboration, and resilience in healthcare systems **Edvinas Grikšas**, Minister of Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania
10.50 - 11.05	**The St. Gallen Management Model – a best-practice case** **Nanda Samimi,** CEO Forel Klinik AG and President of the Swiss Association of Hospital Directors
11.05 - 11.20	**Conceiving a hospital for the future, thinking outside the box.** **Dr. Michel Nathan,** CEO ir Centre hospitalier Emile Mayrisch Esch - Luxembourg, President of the board National hospital for Psychiatry, President of the board national centre for Radiooncology, President of Committee for European Affairs EAHM
11.20 - 11.35	**Discussion -** Q&A with Sessions Speakers
11.35 - 12.45	Lunch & Networking
Session 4.2. Moderator: Prof. Orna Tal	
Focus on: Strategies to address global staff shortages.	
12.45 - 13.00	**Shaping Future Physician Leaders: Integrating Leadership Training into Higher Medical Education** **Prof. dr. Dalius Jatužis,** Dean of Vilnius University Faculty of Medicine
13.00 - 13.25	**Total Recruiting: A Strategic Response to Europe's Hospital Staffing Crisis** **Stephan Rotthaus,** International expert in HR and hospital marketing, Senator in the German Senate of Economy, President of the Hospital Marketing Congress
13.25 - 13.40	**Discussion -** Q&A with Sessions Speakers
5 min. break - preparation for the session	
Global Transformation in Hospital Management Hospitals worldwide face growing pressure to deliver high-quality care amid financial, demographic, and technological challenges. This session explores innovative strategies for building resilient systems, strengthening cross-border collaboration, and ensuring sustainable growth. **Subtopics:** resilient hospital systems · international knowledge sharing · financial sustainability · balancing efficiency with quality	
Session 4.3. Moderator: Nebil Achour	
Focus: Building resilient hospital systems for future crises.	
13.45 - 14.05	**Hospital System Resilience: A requirement or a luxury?** **Dr. Nebil Achour**, Associate Professor in Disaster Mitigation, Programme Director of MSc Healthcare Management Anglia Ruskin University, UK
14.05 - 14.20	**Preparedness of the Lithuanian Health Sector for Emergencies** **Skirmantas Krunkaitis,** Vice-Minister, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania

14.20 - 14.50	**Mechnikov Hospital during the war** (Ukraine's experience) **Sergii Ryzhenko**, Doctor of Medicine, Professor, General Director of Mechnikov Hospital, Dnipro
14.50 - 15.05	**Discussion -** Q&A with Sessions Speakers
15.05 - 15.30	Coffee Break & Networking
Session 4.4. Moderator: Mary Kirwan	
Focus on: Cross-border collaboration and knowledge sharing.	
15.30 - 15.50	**How leadership drives the growth of biotechnology in Lithuania** **Prof. Vladas Algirdas Bumelis**, CEO of Northway Biotech companies and Chairman of the Board of Northway Healthcare Group
15.50 - 16.05	**From Strategy to Impact: Managing a Leading University Hospital.** **Prof. habil. dr. Renaldas Jurkevičius**, Director general of the Hospital of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences Kauno klinikos
16.05 - 16.20	**Public Sector Mergers: From Theory to Reality** **Prof. Tomas Jovaiša, MD, PhD, FRCA, FFCIM,** General Director, Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos
16.20 - 16.35	**Strange Bedfellows: Private Equity partnerships in Charity Hospitals** **Brent Stackhouse,** Managing Director, Mount Sinai Health System
16.35 - 16.50	**Discussion -** Q&A with Sessions Speakers
5 min. preparation for the session	
Session 4.5. Moderator: Paul Bomke	
Focus on: Financial sustainability and innovative funding models. / Balancing efficiency with quality of care.	
16.55 - 17.10	**Between reform efforts, sectoral boundaries, and political realities - „Outpatient before inpatient" – impacts on budget and on governance in psycho-social care in Germany** **Paul Bomke,** CEO of Pfalzklinikum – Service provider for psychosocial provider for mental health and neurology services
17.10 - 17.25	**Transformation of management in a large neurological and psychiatric hospital.** **Holger Höhmann,** MAS, MIM, MBA-HCM, CEO LVR Klinik Bedburg-Hau Germany
17.25 - 17.40	**An explorative study into how hospital leaders can best support staff to transition during a relocation.** **June Stanley**, Chief Executive of National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dublin
17.40 - 17.55	**Financial sustainability in governmental hospitals in Israel - challenges and opportunities** **Dr. Yuval Levy,** MD, MHA Director, Israeli Government Medical Centers Network
17.55 - 18.10	**Discussion -** Q&A with Sessions Speakers
18.10 - 20.00	**Networking Reception with wine & EAHM Awards Ceremony** Radisson hotel conf. Centre **Moderator: Katharina Janus**

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Moderator: Petras Staselis	
08.45 - 09.15	**Long Term Management of Cardiometabolic Risk Factors in the population: Health and Economic Benefits** **Prof. John Deanfield CBE,** Professor of Cardiology / University College London
Digital Innovation and Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare Digital technologies are redefining the future of healthcare delivery. Experts will discuss how hospitals can responsibly harness AI to support clinical decision-making, protect patient data, and accelerate digital transformation across the sector.	
09.15 - 09.45	**Intelligent Healthcare Systems: Innovation, Procurement and Digital Health in Europe** **Prof. Henrique Martins**, Associate Professor and Director of BRUDHI, ISCTE, Lisbon Portugal
Session 5.1. Moderator: Sharon Morrow	
Focus on: Harnessing AI for diagnostics and clinical decision support. **An Aging Population:** As medical advances lead to longer lifespans, addressing the needs of an aging population becomes crucial. **Side topics:** Geriatric care, age-related diseases, preventive measures for seniors, integration of health care and social services	
09.45 - 10.00	**Expanding primary care and investing in digitalisation to relieve hospitals in their outpatient sections** **Dr. Bernd Leinich,** Public Health Fund (Ministry of Health), Graz. Managing Director in charge of planning, financing and supervising hospitals and ambulatory care institutions in Southern Austria
10.00 - 10.15	**Enhancing Hospital Preparedness and Response to Cyber Incidents** **Dr. Sara Bitan**, C.E.O., CyCloak Ltd.
10.15 - 10.20	**Discussion -** Q&A with Sessions Speakers
10.20 - 10.50	Coffee Break & Networking
Patient-Centered Care and Experience As patients become active partners in care, hospitals must redesign services to enhance experience and outcomes. This session focuses on co-designing pathways, personalizing medicine, and ensuring equitable access while embedding patient perspectives into performance metrics. **Subtopics:** co-designed care pathways · personalized medicine · patient experience as KPI · equity and access	
Session 5.2. Moderator: Georgia Oikonomopoulou	
Focus on: Co-designing care pathways with patients. / Measuring and improving patient experience as a core KPI.	
10.50 - 11.05	**Local Health Integration: Building Territorial Governance for Better Care Continuity** **Leandro Luís,** Deputy Administrator of the Board and Director of the Department of Primary Health Care, ULS São José
11.05 - 11.20	**Smart Nurse Call Systems: Anticipated Impact on Nursing Efficiency and Workflow**

	Julia Theresia Berger, Head of Nursing in a residential care home
11.20 - 11.35	**Health at a glance 'watch my health'** **Jürgen Huber,** Consultant for Occupational Medicine and Coordinator of the Professional Group of Occupational Health Specialists at AUVA
11.35 - 11.50	**Trauma Cushion and Resonance Healing: A New Paradigm for Trauma Neutralization in Healthcare Settings** **Andrea Ristl,** CEO, Founder
11.50 - 12.05	**Patient Experience as a Key KPI: What we learn from Patients and how it improves Health Care in Austria** **Verena Nikolai,** Head of the Department for Quality in Health Systems, Health Care Systems' Research, Austrian Ministry of Health
12.05 - 12.20	**Discussion -** Q&A with Sessions Speakers
5 min. preparation for the session	
12.25 - 13.10	**Leading Under Fire: Hospital Command and Continuity during Mass Casualty Events - The Israeli Experience from Ichilov** **Dr. Daniel Trotzky,** Deputy Medical Director and Director of Emergency Medicine Services & Preparedness
13.10 - 14.10	Lunch & Networking
Session 5.3. Moderator: Marc Hastert	
Focus: Personalised medicine and precision health approaches.	
14.10 - 14.25	**Implementing Precision Health at Scale: A System-Level Blueprint** **Ana Antunes,** COO Further Group - design & management of specialised value-added services and insurance solutions
14.25 - 14.40	**Modernization of the Compulsory Health Insurance System, by Keeping Main Principles: Equity, Solidarity, Universal Coverage** **Juozas Galdikas,** Expert of Agency HaDEA under the European Commission, Expert/CEO of MB ZERROCORR
14.40 - 14.55	**Discussion -** Q&A with Sessions Speakers
5 min. preparation for the session	
Session 5.4. Moderator: Doris Gillig	
Focus on: Mental Health Destigmatization: Breaking down taboos around mental health is essential for overall well-being; The socioeconomic challenges of addiction and the role of healthcare professionals. **Side topics:** Mental health awareness campaigns, access to mental health services, addiction.	
14.55 - 15.10	**Mental Health Destigmatization: let us share the French experience** **Doris Gillig,** Hospital manager, board member in charge of international affairs of ADESM (the French Association of public psychiatric institutions), board member in charge of international affairs of ADH (the French Association of Hospital Managers), executive committee member and scientific sub committee member of EAHM (European Association of Hospital Managers), member of the European mental health committee

15.10 - 15.25	**Destigmatization from the perspective of the institution and management: Resilience – Robustness – Performance** **Pascal Mariotti,** Chief Executive Officer of Le Vinatier, a psychiatric hospital in Lyon, President of the French Association of Public Psychiatric Institutions**.**
15.25 - 15.35	**Discussion -** Q&A with Sessions Speakers
15.35 - 16.00	Coffee break and networking
Session 5.5. Moderator: Breda Crehan Roche	
Focus on: Integrating sustainability into long-term hospital strategies **Environmental Health:** Addressing environmental factors impacting health (e.g., pollution, climate change). **Side topics:** Air quality, sustainable practices, green spaces in urban planning.	
16.00 - 16.15	**Achieving measurable sustainability outcomes in healthcare** **Dr. Wing Kit Lau,** Chief Sustainability Officer, Bon Secours Health System
16.15 - 16.30	**Building a sustainable Patient journey with intrahospital rehabilitation capacities** **Dr. Till Hornung,** CEO of VALENS Group
16.30 - 16.40	**Discussion -** Q&A with Sessions Speakers
16.40 - 17.10	**The Importance of International Collaboration – Closing Remarks from the International Hospital Federation** **Ronald Lavater**, CEO of the International Hospital Federation **Lucie Blancpain**, COO of the International Hospital Federation
17.10	**The end**