



## Attendance Report

### European Health Summit



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### WP3 / T3.2 : Participation in EU Policy Events

The Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF), represented by Mrs. Lily Cannon, Operations Manager and Ms. Eleni Antoniou, Senior Policy Officer, participated in the online 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the European Health Summit, held on 16 June 2022.

The European Health Summit is a platform of stimulating discussions, sharing experiences and creating new partnerships which are the key to building a more resilient model for healthcare in Europe and to ensure the well-being of its citizens. Three different sessions on transformative therapies, emergency preparedness and digital health provided participants with useful insights and updated TIF's policy agenda.

The first session hosted a discussion on the challenges posed by transformative therapies, including healthcare systems sustainability, or cross border healthcare, in the context of the EU Pharmaceutical Strategy, and the revision of the EU legislation on orphan and pediatric medicines. The second session focused on the newly established Health Emergency preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) of the European Commission, set up to enhance Europe's ability to quickly respond to cross border healthcare threats and ensure health security. The third session shed light onto the European Commission's 2018 communication on the transformation of digital health that affirmed the Commission's intention to accelerate the use of digital tools to improve access to healthcare, prevention, diagnostics, and solutions thanks to high-performance computing. The best practice example of Wallonia, Belgium was presented to inspire further similar initiatives.



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