



**Thursday
June 26th, 2025
9:30 – 16:30**

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**Meeting location:
NCBR Office in Brussels,
Rue Belliard 40, 5th floor**

Minimizing the Ecological and Economic Burden of Medication Waste in Europe

This event offers a unique platform for key stakeholders to engage with crucial findings and collaborate on actionable solutions to **reduce medical waste, mitigate ecological impact, and create a more sustainable healthcare system in Europe.**

Organized in the context of the **Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union**, the symposium will present the results of a groundbreaking EU-wide survey that highlights the serious economic and environmental consequences of unused household medications. Real-world data reveals that improper disposal practices, still widespread across many EU member states, contribute significantly to environmental harm. With substantial variations in national regulations and public awareness, urgent action is required.

Why Attend This Meeting?

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| • Cutting-Edge Knowledge | <i>Gain insights into the latest research, technologies, and best practices in pharmaceutical waste management.</i> |
| • Strategic Solutions | <i>Explore ways to reduce waste, mitigate environmental harm, and improve public awareness.</i> |
| • Economic & Environmental Impact | <i>Understand the costs and ecological effects of medication waste.</i> |
| • International Networking Opportunity | <i>Connect with leading experts, policymakers, and stakeholders from across Europe and beyond.</i> |
| • Contribute to Policy Development | <i>Participate in discussions shaping future EU policies on medication disposal.</i> |
| • Health Systems Impact. | <i>Contribute to European and global efforts to protect environmental and public health.</i> |

Who Should Attend?

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| • Healthcare Experts and Researchers | • Policymakers and EU Officials |
| • Environmental Agencies and NGOs | • Industry Stakeholders |

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AGENDA:

| Time | Session / Presentation | Speaker(s) |
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| 9:30–9:45 | Welcome and Introduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Waldemar Dubaniowski – Director of NCBR Office in BrusselsAneta Andrzejczyk, Medical University of LodzProf. Przemyslaw Kardas, Medical University of Lodz |
| Session 1: Ecological and Economic Burden of Medication Waste in Europe–Current Scenario | | |
| 9:45–10:00 | Current Scenario in Medication Waste Legislation | Prof. Justyna Rogowska, Medical University of Gdansk |
| 10:00–10:30 | Lessons Learned in the Pan-European Study on Medication Usage and Disposal | Prof. Przemyslaw Kardas, Medical University of Lodz |
| 10:30–10:45 | Combatting medication waste: from prevention to reuse of unused medication by patients | Dr Charlotte L. Bekker, Radboud University Medical Center |
| 10:45–11:00 | WHO-Led Initiatives to Minimize the Environmental Impact of Medication Waste | Dr Mareike Kroll, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health |
| 11:00–11:15 | Economic Impact of Medication Non-Adherence and Medication Waste | Prof. Tamás Ágh, Syreon Research Institute & University of Pécs |
| 11:15–12:00 | Medication Waste in a Broader Ecological Perspective | Panel Discussion Moderation: Dr Pawel Lewek, Medical University of Lodz Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rene Luigies, Games for HealthLudwig Erik Aguilar, Novo NordiskErika Brattinga-Roth, TCNN |
| 12:00–13:00 Lunch Break | | |

Session 2: Strategies for Reducing the Ecological and Economic Impact of Medication Waste in Europe

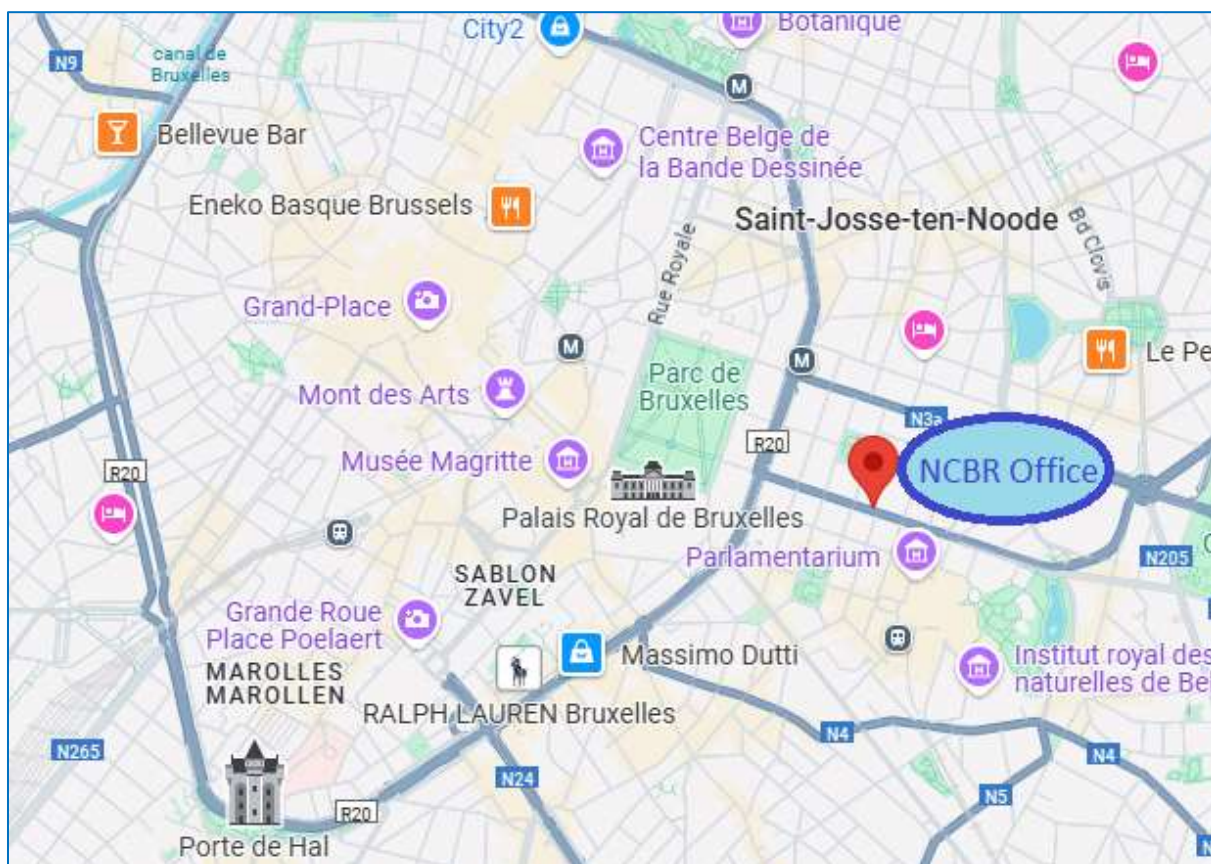
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| 13:00–13:20 | ENKORE - An Innovative Health Initiative Project Tackling Medication Waste and Advancing Circular Solutions for Medical Devices | Maria Eugenia Beltrán Jaunsarás Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM) |
| 13:20–13:40 | The University as a Catalyst for Ecological Transformation: From the GATEKEEPER Digital App to the EcoUMED Environmental Policy | Aneta Andrzejczyk & Dr Ewelina Łojewska, Medical University of Lodz |
| 13:40–14:30 | Roundtable Stakeholder Discussion: Implementing Ecological Change in Unused Drug Management Across Europe | Moderation: Dr Pawel Lewek, Medical University of Lodz Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean McPike, Eli Lilly & Co Ltd • Prof. Tamás Ágh, Syreon Research Institute & University of Pécs • Prof. Bart van den Bemt, Sint Maartenskliniek / Radboudumc |

14:30–15:00 Coffee Break

Session 3: Shaping the Future: Advancing Scientific Research on Ecology and Economics in Medication Management

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| 15:00–15:20 | Horizon Europe Initiatives Driving Ecological Change in Europe: New Instruments Stimulating and Funding Research in Medicine and Ecology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHI • Cluster Health • European Innovation Council • European Innovation Ecosystems • EIT Health | Moderation: Dr Pawel Lewek, Medical University of Lodz Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomasz Dyląg, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation • Magda Krakowiak, EIT Health • Kirsty Reid, EFPIA |
| 15:20–15:50 | Questions & Answers | Moderated discussion |
| 15:50–16:00 | Presentation of the Policy Brief Summary & Closing Remarks | Prof. Przemyslaw Kardas, Medical University of Lodz |

16:00–16:30 Light snacks & networking



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Meeting Mode & Place:

On-site meeting

How to get there?

By Metro:

- Take **Line 2 or Line 6** and get off at **Trone station** (5-minutes' walk to the office).
- Alternatively, you can take **Line 1 or 5** and get off at **Maelbeek station** (10-min walk).

By Bus:

- Bus **Line 34** stops at Science station (5-minutes' walk to the office).
- Bus **Line 64 or 27** stop at TREVES station (5-minutes' walk to the office)

From Brussels Airport (BRU):

- Take **Train to Brussels Central Station** (approx. 20 min), then transfer to **Metro Line 1** towards **Stockel** and get off at **Schuman**. From there, it's a 10-minutes' walk.
- Take **Bus 12 to Luxemburg station** (30 min) (5-minutes' walk to the office).

How to contact the organizers?