

Evidence in distress – how can science reach politics?

Moderator: Maike Voss

Programme | Friday 28th November 2025

- Starting at 12.00** **Onboarding with drinks and snacks**
- 12.30 – 12.40** **Welcome**
IQWiG Director – Moderator Maike Voss
- 12.40 – 13.15** **Keynote: Recommendations for communication between science und politics**
Dr. Martin Bujard (Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB))
Dr. Helena Ludwig-Walz (Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB))
- 13.15 – 14.00** **Dialogue: What does politics need from science?**
Michael Hennrich (Pharma Deutschland e. V.)
Barbara Steffens (TK health insurance, former health minister North Rhine Westphalia)
Boris Velter (former management Federal Ministry of Health)
- 14.00 – 14.45** **Lunchtime snack**
- 14.45 – 15.30** **Impetus from abroad – virtual participation**
Tanja Kuchenmüller (WHO, Geneva) – Bridging the gap
Paul Cairney (University of Stirling, Scotland) – Why might policymakers ignore your evidence?
How can you respond?
- 15.30 – 16.30** **Lightning talks: The scientific perspective**
Dr. Eva Rehfuss (LMU Munich)
Dr. Johannes Hillje (political and communications consultant, thinktank Das Progressive Zentrum)
Dr. Dimitra Panteli (Research Hub of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies)
Dr. Thomas Kaiser (IQWiG)
- 16.30 – 17.00** **Coffee break/reorganize**
- 17.00 – 17.45** **Final discussion: What can science do to ensure politics is really listening?**
Johanna Sell (Federal Ministry of Health)
Dr. Eva Rehfuss (LMU Munich)
Dr. Johannes Hillje (political and communications consultant, thinktank Das Progressive Zentrum)
Claudia Finis (health policy representative for the German OI organization (DOIG))
Dr. Andreas Lehr (Observer Gesundheit)
- 17.45 – 18.00** **Wrap up and close**
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- 18.00 – 23.00** **Evening event with buffet and drinks**