Health Working Group Meeting

Next Generation of Healthcare: Resilience and Circularity

23rd June 2026 | 10:00-12:00

ERRIN Offices, Rue du Luxembourg 3 (8th floor), 1000 Brussels

European healthcare systems are operating under increasing pressure from demographic change, workforce shortages, climate impacts, and rising costs. Strengthening the resilience of health systems while transitioning towards more circular models of care has therefore become a strategic priority for regions and cities.

Circularity in healthcare, covering areas such as sustainable procurement, waste reduction, reuse of medical materials, energy efficiency and resilient supply chains, offers a pathway to reduce environmental impact while improving system robustness and long-term viability.

At the same time, resilient healthcare systems must be capable of anticipating, absorbing, and adapting to shocks, whether driven by public health crises, climate-related events, or disruptions to critical resources. Integrating circular economy principles into healthcare planning can enhance preparedness, reduce dependencies, and support continuity of care, while aligning with broader EU objectives such as the Clean Industrial Deal and health resilience agendas. However, translating these concepts into practice requires cross-sector collaboration, regulatory clarity, investment, and the exchange of proven regional solutions.

This session aims to bring together health, sustainability, and innovation stakeholders to:

- showcase regional and local practices that strengthen healthcare resilience through circular approaches,
- explore EU policy frameworks and initiatives linking health, sustainability, and resilience,
- discuss funding and collaboration opportunities supporting the transition to resilient and circular healthcare systems in regions and cities.

Time	Description of agenda point Speaker
10:00	**Welcome** **ERRIN Health WG Leaders**
10:10	**Resilience as a core component of future healthcare: Critical Medicines Act** Agnes Mathieu-Mendes, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE)
10:30	**Circularity as a core enabler of both sustainability and resilience** Ali Fakih, Healthcare without Harm
10:50	**Regional Examples**
11:10	**Presentation of Cluster-Level MFF Input on Health**
11:20	**ERRIN Updates** ERRIN Secretariat
11:30	**Closure of the meeting**