

Informing National Adult Immunization Strategies and Action in Germany and France

Workshop Programme

20 June 2024

14:00-14:05	<p><u>Welcome and opening remarks</u></p> <p><i>Ms. Katrina Bouzanis, International Federation on Ageing</i></p>
14:05-14:15	<p><u>Overview of IFA initiative “Informing National Adult Immunization Strategies and Actions in Germany and France” and presentation of the National Report Card</u></p> <p><i>Ms. Elizabeth Lewis, International Federation on Ageing</i></p>
14:15-14:45	<p><u>Adult vaccination in Germany and France through the lens of Prevention, Access, and Equity</u></p> <p>Increasing the vaccination rates of older adults must be a central focus to promote healthy ageing and quality of life into later years. Addressing the importance of immunization, this session will be guided by the three pillars of Prevention, Access, and Equity.</p> <p>Vaccinations prevent the onset of diseases or lessen their severity, reducing the burden on healthcare systems. This is particularly important for older adults, who are more likely to experience severe complications, loss of function and hospitalization due to vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs). To address the Prevention Pillar, attendees will discuss the current policy environments in Germany and France and national strategies that support vaccination.</p> <p>Increasing the ease and range of available sites to access vaccination can reduce the spread of disease, support maintaining function, and improving the overall health of citizens. To address the Access Pillar, attendees will discuss the implementation of vaccine strategies and highlight the functionality of vaccination policies once translated into action.</p> <p>Vaccine equity ensures that everyone, regardless of their social position, has access to disease preventative measures. To address the Equity pillar of this session, attendees will discuss the importance of targeted immunization efforts and the role of civil society organizations. Speakers will address what challenges CSOs are experiencing in promoting immunization for older adults, and the importance of addressing the social determinants of health.</p>
	<p><u>Prevention Pillar: Current national strategies to support immunization for older adults in France</u></p> <p><i>Professor Catherine Weil-Olivier, Honorary Professor of Paediatrics, Paris-Cité VII University</i></p>
	<p><u>Access Pillar: Expanding vaccine administration sites, and the role of pharmacists and physicians in vaccine administration</u></p> <p><i>Dr. Jens Gobrecht, Director of the Brussels Representation and International Affairs, The German Association of Pharmacists</i></p>

	<p><u>Equity Pillar: Engaging civil society in health promotion and advocacy</u></p> <p><i>Mr. Mariano Votta, Director, Active Citizenship Network</i></p>
<p>14:45- 15:25</p>	<p><u>Moderated Discussion</u></p> <p>A moderated discussion will be held, with directed questions for each presenter, as well as opportunities for attendees to ask questions. The goal of this discussion is for attendees to collaborate in the creation of a roadmap for action to support adult immunization in Germany and France.</p>
<p>15:25- 15:30</p>	<p><u>Concluding Remarks</u></p> <p><i>Ms. Katrina Bouzanis, International Federation on Ageing</i></p>