

# EIT Health names Jan-Philipp Beck as new CEO

- Current COO, Jan-Philipp Beck takes over from outgoing CEO, Sylvie Bovie
- Kareen Forissier, Head of Project Management Office, replaces Beck as COO

EIT Health today announced that its Supervisory Board has officially appointed Jan-Philipp Beck, currently the organisation's Chief Operations Officer, as its new CEO, effective immediately.

"Jan-Philipp has contributed significantly during his tenure as COO in building out the strategy, processes and systems of the organisation. We're delighted that he has accepted our nomination to lead EIT Health through its next phase", said Alexander von Gabain, EIT Health Supervisory Board Chair.



Beck, a graduate of the Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, joined EIT Health from EY and previously Deloitte, where his work involved supporting industry, universities and research organisations with the development and roll-out of R&D, innovation projects and related financing concepts. Prior to this, he was Executive Director of the European Youth Parliament, an educational project of the Schwarzkopf-Stiftung in Berlin, where he oversaw the organisation's work connecting over 30,000 young people a year across 34 countries.

"This is a really exciting time for EIT Health, and I'm thrilled to be taking on the role of CEO", said Beck. "I truly believe that the organisation can play a key role in connecting the healthcare needs of citizens with policy makers and our incredible network of over 140 partners to deliver innovative healthcare projects that can positively transform healthcare outcomes across Europe", he added.

Beck takes over from outgoing CEO, Sylvie Bovie, who has decided to leave EIT Health to pursue other opportunities.

"We are very grateful to Sylvie for her achievements in the establishment phase of EIT Health, and we look forward under Jan-Philipp's leadership to the consolidation and growth of the work she started", said von Gabain.

EIT Health also announced that Kareen Forissier, currently Head of the Project Management Office, will succeed Jan-Philipp as COO.

"Kareen's science background as well as significant business and policy experience make her an ideal candidate for COO", said Beck. "EIT Health is now well established with a clear strategy and the systems and processes to support it. I'm tremendously excited about working with Kareen to bring more of our projects and initiatives to life and showcase the transformative value of the organisation and our network", he added.

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## Note for Journalists

Jan-Philipp Beck is available for interviews.

## About EIT Health

EIT Health is one of the largest healthcare initiatives worldwide. Its goal is to sustainably advance the fundamentals of healthcare and thus promote suitable future conditions for healthy living, active ageing and improved wellbeing of people across Europe. EIT Health leverages the expertise of more than 140 partners from the pharma, diagnostics and med tech fields, payers, insurances, research institutions and universities. As one of the EIT's Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs), the initiative benefits from some of the world's best-in-class academic and research organisations and offers both higher education and business expertise. By investing in Europe's best entrepreneurial talents and ideas, EIT Health fosters the development and commercialization of smart product and service solutions in the health sector, addressing the challenges posed by demographic change and ageing societies.

Headquartered in Munich (Germany), EIT Health has six co-location centres in London (UK/Ireland), Stockholm (Scandinavia), Barcelona (Spain), Paris (France), Mannheim and Heidelberg (Germany/Switzerland) and Rotterdam (Belgium/Netherlands), as well as regional "EIT Health InnoStars" clusters consisting of industry partners, academia, and health providers linked to seven regions in six countries – Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Italy and Wales.

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