

Evidence in distress – how can science reach politics?

Programme | Friday 28th November 2025

- Starting at 12.00** **Onboarding with drinks and snacks**
- 12.30 – 12.40** **Welcome**
IQWiG Director – Moderator Julia Offe
- 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) – Scaling up evidence-informed decision-making:
WHO's Framework and Practice
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. Dimitra Panteli (Research Hub of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies)
Dr. Thomas Kaiser (IQWiG)
Dr. Eva Rehfuess (LMU Munich)
Dr. Johannes Hillje (political and communications consultant, thinktank Das Progressive Zentrum)
- 16.30 – 17.00** **Coffee break/reorganize**
- 17.00 – 17.45** **Final discussion: What can science do to ensure politics is really listening?**
Tina Vogel (Federal Ministry of Health)
Dr. Eva Rehfuess (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**
IQWiG Director – Moderator Julia Offe
- 18.00 – 23.00** **Evening event with buffet and drinks**