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INVITATION

FUTURE FORWARD - PREQUEL

Stronger Healthcare and Education for stronger Democracy

Saturday, 07 February 2026
At the premises of Kolping University in Cologne, Germany

European Health Futures Forum
The future of health and healthcare now

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What is it about?

Healthcare and education are two core pillars of democracy.

If people do not trust the functioning of their health and education systems, they risk losing trust in the state and its representatives as well.

Yet, it is a challenge to keep healthcare and education systems efficient and innovative in a way that they keep addressing the needs of society whilst the societal, geopolitical and technological environment is continuously changing.

HEALTHCARE **DEMOCRACY** **EDUCATION**

What do we want to do?

The European Health Futures Forum, the Nordic Wellbeing Academy and the Healthcare Futurists invite you to a network meeting and **'Prequel Workshop'**.

We will bring interdisciplinary academic experts and young professionals together to identify core challenges that need to be mastered to strengthen trust and empowerment in healthcare and education, and thus would strengthen trust in our democracies.

The results will lead into a **hackathon later in 2026**, where health and education professionals, tech innovators, designers, and policy thinkers will co-create **digital or tech-driven solutions** that will make healthcare and education more accessible, inclusive, and effective for all.

Who will be there?

A core group of existing EHFF members are organising the event and are your hosts – and the invitation goes to both the members and the wider network of EHFF, its associated and befriended organisations and individuals in the field of health, social care and education, as well as to the students of the Kolping University of Applied Siences for Health and Social Affairs. It is open for all interested organisations and individuals. There are 35 places available.

Costs and Venue

This is a 'self-pay' event. Travel, accommodation and network dinner need to be paid by participating organisations or individuals.
We will kindly be hosted by the Kolping University of Applied Sciences for Health and Social Affairs in Cologne.

This rational appeals to you and you want to contribute ? Then please join in!

The programme

Friday, 06 February 2026

17.00 Networking Walk in Old Town Cologne
19.00: Networking Dinner in the old town of Cologne (optional)

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9.00-15.30: Interactive workshop

- 9.00-12.00: Open session with students from Kolping University
  - Catalyst talk
  - Creative Hub
- 12.30-14.30: Moderated workshop with EHFF members and friends
  - Synergy lab
  - Hackathon Activation

About EHFF

The **European Health Futures Forum** (EHFF) is a think tank that unites ten years of pan-European impact with proven futures-thinking methods. EHFF now connects stakeholders in more than twenty countries through a lean, digital-first "**network-of-networks**."

Its experts have framed EU definitions of patient empowerment (EMPATHiE), produced self-care guidelines adopted by health authorities (PiSCE, PRO-STEP) and chaired high-level coalitions such as All Policies for a Healthy Europe. This EHFF event is also supported by the Nordic Wellbeing Academy and the Healthcare Futurists.

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