

EU4Health Civil Society Alliance pays tribute to John Ryan

The EU public health community unified within the EU4Health Civil Society Alliance is in mourning following the heartbreaking news of the passing of former DG SANTE Deputy Director General, John Ryan. His departure leaves a profound void as we reflect on his monumental contributions to the European health project and his unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of all. Indeed, we have lost a true public health champion.

John's legacy within our community spans an incredible 25 years, during which his tireless dedication has left an indelible mark on our collective pursuit of better health for all. John played a central and indispensable role in the EU's solution-oriented approach to health and in shaping the development and implementation of a true #HealthUnion. A pivotal figure and ally in our endeavours, he enriched our collaborative efforts and guided us towards meaningful change. His legacy will endure in the very fabric of our work.

As we all remember John in our own special ways, his influence extended far beyond the professional realm. His kindness, generosity, and passion for public health advocacy were felt by all who had the privilege of working alongside him.

As we grieve the loss of a dear friend and powerful advocate, a compassionate and inspiring individual, our thoughts are with John's family, friends, and all those who had the privilege of working alongside him. In honouring his memory, we reaffirm our commitment to the principles and causes he championed, ensuring that his enduring legacy continues to inspire future generations of public health advocates.

Dear John, rest in peace, knowing that your contributions have left a profound mark that will continue to shape the future of public health in Europe.