

European community pharmacists elect Mathias Arnold as PGEU President and Ana Soldo as PGEU Vice-President for 2027

Today, at the PGEU General Assembly, PGEU members elected Mathias Arnold from ABDA – Federal Union of German Associations of Pharmacists as PGEU President for 2027 and Ana Soldo from the Croatian Chamber of Pharmacists as PGEU Vice-President.



The newly elected President Mathias Arnold stated: *“I would like to sincerely thank all PGEU members for the trust they have placed in me. European pharmacy is facing major opportunities and challenges, from strengthening access to medicines and addressing ongoing shortages to advancing digital transformation and reinforcing the role of community pharmacists within resilient healthcare systems. I look forward to working closely with all PGEU members, the Executive Committee and the Secretariat to continue promoting the essential contribution of pharmacists to public health and patient care across Europe.”*

Mathias Arnold is a German pharmacist with extensive experience in community pharmacy practice, professional representation and international pharmaceutical affairs. After studying pharmacy at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, he obtained his pharmacist license in 1988 and worked as a research assistant at the university’s Biotechnology Center before founding Lilien-Pharmacy in Halle in 1992. He has also led the ABDA delegation to the PGEU and FIP since 2018 and represented German pharmacists internationally in several leadership roles, including within the PGEU Executive Committee. In addition, he is widely recognized for his longstanding commitment to patient care, pharmacy education, public outreach and professional training.

Ana Soldo highlighted: *“I am honoured to be elected as Vice-President of PGEU for the 2027 mandate. I strongly believe that pharmacists and their professional organisations play a crucial role not only in advancing the profession, but also in shaping sustainable, modern and patient-centred healthcare systems across Europe. Together with PGEU members, I will continue advocating for evidence-based healthcare, responsible innovation, greater transparency and stronger investment in professional development and education for pharmacists.”*



Ana Soldo is a Croatian pharmacist and President of the Croatian Chamber of Pharmacists since 2017. She graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry at the University of Zagreb and built her professional career within community pharmacy practice, including serving as Deputy Director of Gradska ljekarna Zagreb. Throughout her leadership, she has focused on strengthening the role of pharmacists within healthcare systems, promoting patient-centred pharmacy services, supporting interprofessional collaboration and advancing the modernization of pharmacy practice.

The elected PGEU President and Vice-President will start their mandate on 1st January 2027.

