Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

Claudia Louati

Work experience

May 2023 – Current

Head of Policy
European Patients' Forum
Brussels, Belgium
• Strategic development and implementation of EPF's policy and advocacy work;
• Leads the policy team in developing effective advocacy strategies and campaigns to ensure integration of the patient perspective in EU-level policies and initiatives;
• Leads on developing effective and inclusive membership consultation processes and engagement mechanisms in collaboration with other EPF teams;
• Represents EPF at senior level in external meetings and conferences, and contributes to relevant EU working groups and multi-stakeholder networks.

September 2016 - April 2023

Policy Advisor
U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Europe Office/U.S. Mission to the European Union
Brussels, Belgium
• Drove engagement with FDA's regulatory counterparts in Europe to promote regulatory cooperation and alignment where possible; advocated for FDA's positions;
• Developed and implemented policy programmes in collaboration with international partners to initiate discussions amongst regulators/other relevant government agencies on emerging health issues (e.g. COVID-19 vaccines, digital health regulation, trans-shipped illicit health products);
• Conducted in-depth policy research and analysis and provided strategic advice to FDA international leads/subject-matter experts on EU regulatory and policy developments related to medical products;
• Led specific aspects of the implementation of strategic cooperation initiatives between the FDA and regulatory counterparts at EU/Member State levels, including the U.S.-EU Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) on pharmaceutical GMP inspections;
• Drafted briefings and talking points for FDA leadership for high-level meetings;
• Represented FDA in international meetings and conferences as a speaker;
• Acted as FDA EU point of contact for the pharma and medical devices industry on FDA's regulatory framework for medical products.

May 2012 - September 2016

Public Affairs Consultant, Healthcare and Environment
Burson-Marsteller (Burson Cohn & Wolfe)
Brussels, Belgium
• Developed and implemented advocacy and awareness raising campaigns at EU level in the field of public health and chemical policy targeted at the EU institutions;
• Advised clients on advocacy strategies and activities; supported engagement with patient organizations and other relevant stakeholders and development of policy positions on issues of relevance;
• Supported coordination of companies' affiliates' network for roll-out of pan-European advocacy campaigns at national level;
• Managed projects, project teams and clients; line managed junior consultants and interns;
• Contributed to growing the client base – drafting of new business proposals, presentations with prospect clients, and participation in marketing activities.

Pharmaceutical company clients included Bayer Healthcare, Lundbeck, Sanofi, Biogen, AbbVie, Ipsen, Novo Nordisk, Pfizer, AstraZeneca, EFPIA.

Education and training

February 2021 - August 2022

Global Health Certificate
University of Massachusetts Amherst (Online Programme)
United States
Courses completed: "Emerging Infectious Diseases"; "International Health, Population and Development"; "Comparative Healthcare Systems"; "Global Health in the Developing World"; "Program Evaluation in Health and Human Service Organizations".

September 2009-October 2011

Double master's degree in European Affairs:

MSc in Politics and Government in the EU – International Relations of the EU
London School of Economics (LSE)
London, United Kingdom
Subjects: Political System of the EU, International Relations of the EU, History of the EU

Master in European Affairs
Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (SciencesPo)

Paris, France
Subjects: EU law, Political System of the EU, EU policies, History of the EU

September 2006 - July 2009

Bachelor in Political Science
Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (SciencesPo)
Paris, France Paris, France
Subjects: Law, French Constitutional Law, Economics, History, Comparative Politics
Includes 9 month exchange programme at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia (United States)

Additional information

Publications

Kreeftenberg, L.L., Henneman, L., Louati, C. *et al.* Personalised prevention: what patients and citizen advocates want for better engagement – a qualitative study. *BMC Public Health* **25**, 3777 (2025). https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-025-24925-0

Fraser, Alan G, *et al.* Recommended methodologies for clinical investigations of high-risk medical devices— Conclusions from the European Union CORE-MD Project. *The Lancet Regional Health - Europe* **58,** 101460 (2025). https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lanepe.2025.101460

Vanneste A, Wens I, Sinnaeve P, Louati C, Huys I, Ioannidis JPA, Adriaenssens T. Evolution of reported patient and public involvement over time in randomised controlled trials in major medical journals and in their protocols: meta-epidemiological evaluation. BMJ. 2025 Apr 10;389:e082697. doi: 10.1136/bmj-2024-082697. PMID: 40210257; PMCID: PMC11983158.

Projects

Examples of EU-funded projects in which I am involved:

- IHI READi project https://ihi-readi.org/
- IHI HEU-EFS project https://heuefs.eu/
- IHI IDERHA project https://www.iderha.org/

Examples of projects in which I was involved in my previous position include:

- Organisation of the March 2020 ICMRA Global regulatory workshop on COVID-19 vaccine development co-chaired by FDA and EMA
- Organisation of two FDA-European Commission-EMA Bilateral meetings in 2018 and 2020
- Participation in the implementation of the U.S.-EU Mutual Recognition Agreement on Pharmaceutical GMP inspections
- Organisation of an FDA-OECD programme and series of workshops on a whole-of-government approach to countering the threat of illicit trade in health products

Memberships

Other Relevant Information

I am a patient representative