



ECHDO Annual General Meeting 2026

“Collective Strength: Advancing CHD Through Partnership”

The ECHDO AGM will follow the Biennial Meeting of the AEPC Neurodevelopmental and Psychosocial Care Working Group which takes place from 15-17 April 2026, in Zurich, Switzerland at [University Children’s Hospital Zurich](#). [Visit the AEPC information page here](#).

City Tour Friday 17 April 2026 at 18:00

A guided city tour by Beatrice and Marina of Cuore Matto Friday at Bürkliplatz.

ECHDO Member Dinner Friday 17 April 2026 hosted by Cuore Matto

Dinner Friday night at about 7:30 PM, Further details to follow.

ECHDO Annual General Meeting 18 April 2026

09:00 until 16:30, also at [University Children’s Hospital Zurich](#).

ECHDO Conference Programme 18 April 2026

Time	Session
09:00	Registration and Coffee
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome and Opening ECHDO Incoming President – Katarina Stano
09:45 – 10:15	Annual Report and Introduction Karen Tomlin –Pre-recorded
10:15 – 10:45	Building an Educational Hospital-Foundation Partnership Program for Children with Cardiac Diseases , MUDr. Lubica Kováčiková, PhD., Head of the Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine, Children’s Cardiac Center Bratislava, Slovakia
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:30	EU-MDR and the Specific Challenges for Pediatric Cardiology Sebastian Kahnt (BVHK)
11:30 – 12:05	Partners in Progress (online): The Role of EACH and EPF in Strengthening ECHDO’s Voice Across Europe:

	EPF: Claudia Louati & Mehitabel Holler, Patients and Research Manager at EHN (Approx. 20 minutes each)
12:05 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	ECHDO Annual General Meeting (Separate AGM Agenda – see convening notice – chaired by Michelle Woods)
14:30 – 14:45	Coffee Break
14:45 – 15:45	Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence with Heart: How Patient Organisations Strengthen Research and Policy – Edward Callus • The Who, Where and How of EU Health Policy: Making the Patient Voice Count – Katarina Stano
15:45 – 16:30	Final Thoughts, Wrap-Up and Close Agreeing on Goals for the Board

[Refer to our website for Travel and other related information](#)

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