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## Plenary 1: HTA As A System Shaper Of Tomorrow's Health Systems

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### Biography

Eva Turk, PhD, MBA Associate Professor | Health Systems Researcher

Eva Turk is a health systems researcher dedicated to designing and implementing safe, sustainable healthcare delivery models. With over 15 years of experience spanning research, policy, and academia, Eva leverages co-creation and smart digital solutions to bridge the gap between technology and human-centric care.

Currently, Eva serves as a Senior Researcher at the University of Applied Sciences St. Pölten, where she leads the Inclusive Digital Community Care research program. Until December 2025 she served in the Cabinet of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia with the key responsibility for the systemic implementation of Health Technology Assessment (HTA).

Eva is also an Associate Professor of Public Health at the University of Maribor, a Public Health delegate with the Norwegian Red Cross (Emergency Response Unit), and a coordinator for the Austrian Digital Health and Social Innovation Ecosystem.

She serves as a director at the HTAi Board and is the International Scientific Program Committee co-chair for the Annual meeting 2026.

Originally from Slovenia, she has studied, lived and worked in Austria, Japan, Finland, Spain, Argentina, Syria and Norway.

She believes that knowledge transfer, capacity building, motivation and empowerment through education represent a cornerstone for improving the society, therefore, she founded SanAstra Foundation, dedicated to improve (digital) health literacy. Beyond her technical expertise, Eva is a fierce advocate for the UN Sustainable Development Goals, with a particular passion for SDG 5: Gender Equality.