

Robotics Unlocking the Future of Healthcare

A Policy Roundtable on Robotic-Assisted Surgery (RAS)

7 September 2026, 14:00 – 18:30

13:45 – 14:00

Arrival & Welcome Coffee

Event Moderator: Lutz Dommel, CEO RPP Group, Partner Paritee

14:00 – 14:15

Opening Remarks

Laura Hampunen, Member RAS Sector Group & Senior Director, Europe, Stryker

Paul Ruebig, Member of the EESC, Rapporteur on the Opinion on Robotics

14:15– 14:45

Keynote: Robotics as a Pillar of Europe's Healthcare Transformation

Hervé Jeannin, Member of the EESC, Co-Rapporteur on the current opinion on Robotics

Tomislav Sokol (EPP, HR), Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur European Health Data Space (EHDS)

Prof Emmanuel Vander Poorten, Surgical Robotics, Medical Devices, Haptics and Teleoperation, Surgical Training at KU Leuven

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Panel 1. Let's Define the Rules Together: Funding, Reimbursement, and Value of RAS

Nadine Jamous, Member RAS SG & Director EMEA Market Access Health Economics & Reimbursement, Zimmer Biomet

Benjamin Boutot, Innovation Program Manager, Relyens

Iñaki Gutiérrez-Ibarluzea, Health Research, Innovation and Evaluation Director, Ministry for Health, Basque Government

Charles Chatzopoulos MD, Head of Urology Department & Director of Robotic Surgery, CHIREC – Delta Hospital, Brussels

Anastasia Chalkidou, Programme Director HealthTech – National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

15:30 – 16:15

Panel 2. From Evidence to Adoption - Implementing RAS

Joachim Haes, Chair RAS SG & Senior Director Government & Public Affairs Europe, Intuitive

Francesco Florindi, Policy Officer, RTD D2 for Health Innovations and Ecosystems, European Commission

Geert de Naeyer, Robotic Urologist, OLV Hospital Aalst / Orsi Academy, Melle, Urologic Surgeon

Prof Alberto Breda, Chair of the EAU Robotic Urology Section (ERUS)

Prof. Tobias Renkawitz, Medical Director and Chair, Department of Orthopaedics, Regensburg University

16:15 – 16:30 **Break**

16:30 – 17:15 **Belgium, Denmark & England - Best Practice Paradigms for Scaling RAS**

Prof Nadia A. Henriksen, Vice-President of the Danish Hernia Database, Consultant Surgeon at Bispebjerg Hospital, Associate professor, University of Copenhagen

Dr Didier Postlethwaite, Orthopaedic Surgeon specialising in Hip Surgery, Cliniques de l'Europe

Prof Fares Haddad, Professor of Orthopaedic and Sports Surgery, UCL; Consultant Hip and Knee Reconstructive Surgeon, UCLH

17:15 – 17:30 **Closing Discussion, Call to Action & Next Steps**

Laura Hampunen, Member RAS Sector Group & Senior Director Sales, Mako Europe, Stryker

17:30 – 18:30 **Networking Reception**