



# Final Conference

6-7 February 2024 in Tampere, Finland and online

## UNDERSTANDING VACCINE HESITANCY IN EUROPE

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Tuesday February 6, 2024

**09:00 Welcoming words**

Pia Vuolanto, Tampere University, Finland, Principal Investigator of VAX-TRUST  
Carina Pereira, Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA), European Commission,  
Project Officer of VAX-TRUST  
Representative of TAU

**09:30 SESSION 1: Vaccines and vaccine hesitancy in Europe: context and media representations**

Session chairs: Piet Bracke, Ghent University, Belgium,  
VAX-TRUST Work Package 2 leader and Team Leader (UGENT)  
Paulina Polak, Jagiellonian University, Poland  
VAX-TRUST Work Package 3 leader and Team Leader (UJ)

**09:30 Presentations**

*Insights into contextual factors affecting (Covid-19) vaccine hesitancy among Europeans*  
Katrijn Delaruelle, Ghent University, Belgium  
*Blind spots in the media discourse on vaccines - The lessons for science and practitioners*  
Tadeusz Rudek and Alexandra Wagner, Jagiellonian University, Poland

**10:30 Coffee break**

**11:00 Panel discussion**

Anna Soveri, University of Turku, Finland and EU H2020-project JitsuVAX  
Peter J. Schulz, University of Lugano, Switzerland, VAX-TRUST advisory board member  
Jeremy Ward, University Paris-Sorbonne, France, VAX-TRUST advisory board member

**12:15 Lunch break**

**13:15 SESSION 2: Childhood vaccinations: healthcare professionals' and parents' interaction and narratives**

Session chairs: Mario Cardano, University of Turin, Italy,  
VAX-TRUST Work Package 4 leader and Team Leader (UNITO)  
Dino Numerato, Charles University, Czech Republic,  
VAX-TRUST Work Package 4 task leader and Team Leader (CUNI)

**13:15 Presentations**

*Vaccine hesitancy: research design and methods in focus*  
Luigi Gariglio, University of Turin, Italy  
*A typology on dispositions towards childhood vaccination*  
Alice Scavarda, University of Turin, Italy  
*The role of (mis)recognition in HCPs and parents' interactions: exploring vaccine hesitancy using the concept of trajectories*  
Jaroslava Hasmanová Marhánková, Charles University, Czech Republic

**14:15 Coffee break**



**14:45 Panel discussion**

Katharina T. Paul, University of Vienna, Austria,  
Principal Investigator of VALUE VACC project

Ève Dubé, Université Laval, Canada, Research director of Applied Public Health  
Chair on Anthropology and Vaccine Hesitancy, INSPQ-ULaval

**16:00 Closing remarks for the day (30 min)**

Johanna Nurmi, University of Turku, Finland

Pia Vuolanto, Tampere University, Finland, Principal Investigator of VAX-TRUST

## Wednesday February 7, 2024

**09:00 Welcoming words**

Pia Vuolanto, Tampere University, Finland, Principal Investigator of VAX-TRUST

**09:15 SESSION 3: Developing evidence-based vaccine hesitancy interventions for healthcare professionals**

Session chairs: Elisabetta de Vito and Maurizio Esposito,  
University of Cassino and Southern Lazio, Italy,  
VAX-TRUST Work Package 5 leader and Team Leader (UNICLAM)  
Tiago Correia, NOVA University Lisbon, Portugal,  
VAX-TRUST Work Package 6 leader and Team Leader (UNL)

**09:15 Presentations of VAX-TRUST interventions in Target Regions**

***Reusable learning objects:***

*Exploring Childhood Vaccine Hesitancy: A Resource for  
Healthcare Professionals in the United Kingdom*

Tristan Emerson, University of Nottingham, UK

*E-learning tool development in Flanders: An RLO to enhance  
awareness of the complexity of vaccine hesitancy among healthcare  
professionals that are involved in childhood vaccination*

Esther Lermytte, Ghent University, Belgium

***In-person and hybrid interventions:***

*(Dis)trust in vaccination: Intervention designed in the Czech Republic*  
Zuzana Kotherová, Charles University, Czech Republic

*VAX-TRUSTed: VAX-TRUST-Educational intervention on raising awareness of the  
complexity of vaccine hesitancy among healthcare professionals involved in  
discussing childhood vaccinations with parents in the Małopolska Region of Poland*  
Paulina Polak, Tadeusz Rudek, Maria Świątkiewicz-Mośny, Aleksandra Wagner,  
Jagiellonian University, Poland

*The Vaccination Challenge: triggering healthcare professionals'  
reflexivity on vaccine hesitancy in Italy*

Alice Scavarda, Luigi Gariglio and Mario Cardano, University of Turin, Italy

*An intervention to increase awareness of the complexity of vaccine  
hesitancy among health care professionals: Finnish case study*

Aapo Kuusipalo, Tampere University, Finland

*Implementation of a family centred model of vaccination in Portugal*

Joana Mendonça and Fábio Rafael Augusto, University of Lisbon, Portugal

**10:45 Coffee break**



**11:15 Panel discussion**

Kaisu Koski, Hallam University, Sheffield, UK and VAX-TRUST advisory board member

Pierre Verger, l'Observatoire Régional de la Santé Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, Faculté des Sciences Médicales et Paramédicales, France

Michael Edelstein, Bar Ilan University, Israel and EU H2020-project River-EU

**12:15 Lunch break**

**13:15 SESSION 4: Vaccine hesitancy: Health policy implications and recommendations based on VAX-TRUST**

Session chairs:

Presentation:

Jonas Sivelä, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare and VAX-TRUST Team Leader (THL)

Round table:

Ana Patrícia Hilário, University of Lisbon, Portugal, VAX-TRUST Work Package 7 Leader and Team Leader (ICS-ULisboa)

**13:15 Presentation**

*Recommendations to address vaccine hesitancy at the European and country level*

Ana Patrícia Hilário, Joana Mendonça and Fábio Rafael Augusto, University of Lisbon, Portugal

**Discussant**

Hanna Nohynek, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare and WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization, SAGE

**14:15 Coffee break**

**14:45 Round table insights: Sociology's role in shaping public health recommendations on vaccine hesitancy**

**Discussants**

VAX-TRUST Work Package leaders

**16:00 Closing remarks (30 min)**

*Being part of VAX-TRUST: Risk, trust and reflexivity in the doing of international collaborative research on vaccine hesitancy*

Pru Hobson-West, University of Nottingham, UK

*Vaccine hesitancy: conclusions based on VAX-TRUST project*

Pia Vuolanto, Tampere University, Finland, Principal Investigator of VAX-TRUST