



Adult Immunization Board

*A platform to provide multidisciplinary guidelines for
the implementation and optimization of adult
immunization in Europe*



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STATEMENT SLIDE

I disclose the following conflicts of interest:

- The Adult Immunization Board is currently supported by an **unrestricted grant** from **Vaccines Europe**

Content of the presentation

- From idea to concept
- Adult Immunization Board (AIB) mission and objectives
- AIB advisors and AIB secretariat
- Differences from existing VHPB and HPV board
- AIB workplan: (upcoming) meetings and activities
 - AIB Kick-off meeting (Nov 2022)
 - AIB Technical meeting (April 2023)
 - AIB Country meeting (Dec 2023)

Adult Immunization Board: From idea to concept

Growing number and share of older people

Concerning low adult vaccination coverage

Barriers experienced during implementation of COVID-19 vaccination strategies

Increasing number of questions about adult immunization / life course immunization

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Need for independent and multidisciplinary reflection on adult immunization in Europe

Adult Immunization Board

Based on good experience with existing multidisciplinary advisory groups

AIB - Mission and Objectives

- The purpose of the AIB is **to contribute to the reduction of the impact of vaccine-preventable infections and diseases in European adults**
 - By providing evidence-based guidance on key technical and strategic issues
 - By sharing relevant information on adult immunization with a broad array of stakeholders
 - By monitoring the progress of adult immunization programs at regional, national and European levels
- In line with the VHPB/HPV board, the AIB organizes **two live meetings per year**.
 - **Technical meeting**
 - to discuss specific technical aspects on adult immunization together with subject matter experts
 - **Country meeting**
 - to discuss country-specific issues on adult immunization together with local experts

Focus audiences → key opinion leaders, policymakers, researchers, public health experts and health care professionals

A multi-disciplinary Board formed by prominent experts

- **Independent, international, multidisciplinary group** of +/- 24 advisors and observers
- Experts in different fields of adult immunization/representing different EU-regions
- The board members **set the strategy and define the actions** of the AIB twice a year during an advisory board meeting the evening before the AIB meetings.
- Advisors act in their personal capacity → **Provides open and honest discussions**

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A multi-disciplinary Board formed by prominent experts

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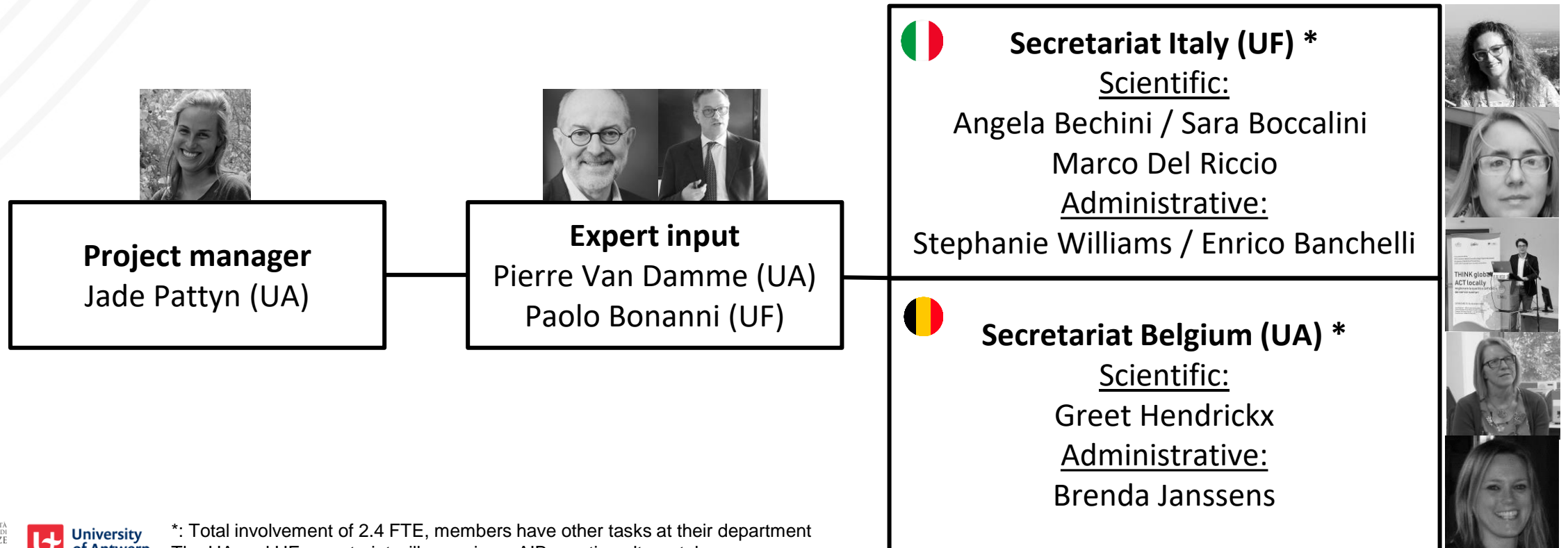
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The AIB has a permanent executive secretariat

Collaboration between university of Antwerp (UA) and university of Florence (UF)



Unrestricted Grant – Vaccines Europe

- The executive secretariat of the Adult Immunization Board benefits from being seated at the University of Antwerp and the University of Florence, where it has the infrastructure and administrative services of the universities at its disposal.
- The AIB is supported for its activities and meetings by an unrestricted grant from **Vaccines Europe**. All meeting funds are collected by the AIB secretariat. **Meeting topics and editorial control of the output and website rests entirely with the executive secretariat** of the Adult Immunization Board according to all ethical rules of both Universities.
- For the Board and its advisors, strict operational and scientific independence is essential. Adult Immunization Board advisors and invited experts get only travel and subsistence reimbursed according to the Universities Rules, no honorary or other forms of remuneration are paid.

Differences with existing VHPB and HPV board



VHPB Board

- Disease specific
- Mostly EU-focused
- Secretariat UA based
- Multisponsored unrestricted grants
- Since 1992

www.vhpb.org



HPV Board

- Disease specific
- Global
- Secretariat UA based
- Multisponsored unrestricted grants
- Since 2015

www.HPVboard.org



Adult Immunization Board

- **Not** disease specific
- EU-focused
- Secretariat UA and UF based
- Unrestricted grant Vaccines Europe
- Fresh collaboration: Since Nov 2022

www.adultimmunizationboard.org

(Upcoming) meetings / activities

Meeting	Date	Type	Topic	Location
Meeting 1	8 Nov 2022	Kick off AIB	“Proto-board” meeting to establish the basic structure and functions of the Board and to plan the agendas of future meetings	Antwerp
Meeting 2	20-21 April 2023	Technical	Assessing the health burden of vaccine-preventable infections in European Adults: challenges and opportunities	Antwerp
Meeting 3	Dec 2023	Country	Adult immunization in Italy: lessons learned and the way forward	Italy
Meeting 4	H1 2024	Technical	Topic (TBD)	TBD
Meeting 5	H2 2024	Country	Adult immunization in ? : lessons learned and the way forward	TBD
Meeting 6	H1 2025	Technical	Topic (TBD)	TBD
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Way of working



Meeting topics- countries
Objectives – meeting outcome

Literature –web review



Draft agenda

Potential speakers

Potential participants





AIB Technical meeting 20-21 April 2023:

Assessing the health burden of vaccine-preventable infections in European Adults: challenges and opportunities



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