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Health in All Policies – 20 years later International Conference, April 17, 2026

The Institute of Social Sciences in Belgrade, in partnership with Vojvodina Bar Association and Erasmus University Rotterdam, is pleased to invite you to the conference *Health in All Policies – 20 years later*, which will take place in Belgrade on 17 April 2026.

The conference will cover a wide range of issues in the field of medical law, especially those concerning the intersections between medical law and other branches of law. Bearing in mind that the “Health in All Policies” approach was first proposed in 2006, during Finland’s presidency of the European Union, a 20-year period is an appropriate timeframe to assess what has been undertaken at the level of the European Union, individual European countries, and the international community. At the time this approach was introduced, health was primarily recognized as an object of protection within environmental law.

COVID-19 pandemic, however, clearly demonstrated the interconnectedness of health with all areas of life, and consequently, the need for linking health regulations with the rules governing all other aspects of life. The idea of incorporating health considerations into all policies arose two decades ago, but the pandemic confirmed its necessity. Yet, even after the pandemic, numerous challenges and dilemmas remain—challenges that health law, environmental law, labor law, social protection law, data protection regulations, digitalization rules, and other branches and sub-branches of law must address through mutual cooperation. This involves not only the intersection of various legal fields but also of different systems operating in practice. Following the “Health in All Policies” approach, and as a response to the outbreak of the pandemic, the WHO launched an integrated, unified approach intended to balance and optimize the health of people, animals, and ecosystems—“One Health.”

These ideas and general approaches provide a framework for the further development of national and international systems, and consequently, of legislation. The aim of the conference is to provide an overview of national responses to the international initiatives that have been launched.

Conference participants are invited to focus on two topics:

- 1. National and international responses to the EU initiative “Health in All Policies” over the past 20 years (first part of the Conference)**
- 2. Current issues in medical law and public health – in the form of seventh traditional Round Table (second part of the Conference)**

Abstract submission deadline: 10 February 2026.

Abstracts in English (up to 500 words) should be sent to the following email addresses: msjenicic@idn.org.rs and snikolic@idn.org.rs

The results of the abstract review process will be sent to applicants by 24 February 2026.

Registration:

The deadline for conference registration and for indicating the form of participation (online or in person) is 1 March 2026.

There is no registration fee.

The conference will be organized in a hybrid format, at the Institute of Social Sciences in Belgrade and online, in English language.

As a result of the conference, a book of abstracts will be published in both electronic and printed form in English.

Conference Organisational Committee