Data collection and surveillance strategies are needed to foster patient safety and tackle 8.8 million cases of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in EU. Health stakeholders and policymakers are invited to join a debate exploring the disruptive role of data in implementing effective HAI surveillance systems in Europe and opportunities for shaping effective patient safety strategies in the EU. Our session will explore:

1. The potential of surveillance networks and monitoring mechanisms
2. Future-facing solutions to encourage a ‘safety culture’ and a blame-free approach to patient safety reporting
3. The role the EU can play in supporting its Member States to share relevant data on patient safety & measurable indicators

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We look forward to welcoming you in Gastein!
# Health First Europe Workshop

**DATA FOR SAFER CARE**

The format of the workshop is an open debate (i.e. fishbowl conversation) on the **topics and questions** listed below

## 1. What are the main barriers to implement surveillance systems and data-driven solutions for patient safety and how to overcome them?

**Focus and key question(s)**
- Why most of European countries do not have a national surveillance system?
- What are the main barriers for the implementation of surveillance systems and data-driven solutions?
- How to overcome the main barriers for the implementation of surveillance systems?
- What can be done to support surveillance systems and data management within health care settings?
- What is the role of each health care stakeholder in building a safety culture?

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## 2. National examples and EU initiatives

**Focus and key question(s)**
- What solutions are already in place at national level?
- What is the value of EU research and innovation initiatives?

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