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Andrzej Rys is the Principal Scientific Advisor in DG Health and Food Safety (SANTE), European Commission.

A clinical radiologist and public health doctor by training and practice in Krakow and abroad, he was the founder and director of School of Public Health at the Jagiellonian University (1991-1997), director of Krakow's city health department (1997-1999), Deputy Minister of Health in his native Poland (1999-2002). He also was founder and chief editor of the "Health and Management" journal.

He is the founder (2003-2006) of the Jagiellonian University's Centre for Innovation, Technology Transfer and University Development (CITTRU), where he founded Poland's first Life Science Park and Krakow Life Science Cluster.

He negotiated the health chapter of Polish accession to the EU and has served as a director at the European Commission Health Department in Brussels and Luxembourg from June 2006 to October 2022. His responsibility areas: pharma and medical devices regulation, SoHO regulation, patients' rights in cross-border health care directive, health systems, HTA regulation, digital health (including the European Health Data Space Regulation), tobacco control, health security, global health, scientific advice.

During academic year 2023/24, he was the EU Fellow at St Anthony's College, Oxford University. His work will focus on global digital health/health data/AI, and in particular the innovation and system change strategies underpinning policy in the UK, across Europe and in leading health jurisdictions around the world.

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