

ENPHE 2026 Forum

Keynote Speaker I

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Title: Shaping the future of community-centered healthcare education through collaborative and practice-based learning.

The forum will open with a warm welcome from the Deputy Mayor of Tartu, Vice-President of EURASHE (European Association for the Applied Sciences in Higher Education), and former Rector of Tartu Applied Health Sciences University.

Drawing from experience in both higher education leadership and local government, the keynote will reflect on how healthcare education must evolve in response to demographic change, workforce shortages, technological transformation and the growing need for stronger community-based healthcare services. The session will highlight the importance of close partnerships between higher education institutions, cities, healthcare providers and communities, as well as the role of applied universities in building resilient and people-centered healthcare systems. Special attention will also be given to the future of international cooperation and the shared opportunities for collaboration between ENPHE, universities of applied sciences and regional partners in shaping innovative and sustainable healthcare education across Europe.