

## BEATRICE LORENZIN

*Minister of Health*



Stakeholder for the ONE OF US Forum (15h00 to 15h10)

### POLITICAL CAREER PATH

The Honourable Beatrice Lorenzin began her political career in October 1997. She is the Minister of Health in the government presided by Prime Minister Matteo Renzi. She swore in before the President of the Republic Giorgio Napolitano on 22 February 2014.

She also served as Minister of Health in the government presided by Enrico Letta from 28 April 2013 until the formation of the present government. Minister Lorenzin is the fifth woman to serve as Minister of Health after Tina Anselmi, Mariapia Garavaglia, Rosy Bindi, and Livia Turco

### A LEADER IN DEFENCE OF LIFE

Ever since the beginning of her mandate, Minister Lorenzin has focused on reforming Italy's health care system to improve its quality and effectiveness, reduce waste, and rationalize resources in order to ensure its sustainability in light of the new challenges brought about by an ageing population.

Additional initiatives spearheaded by Minister Lorenzin in the health care field include, to name a few: the Pact for Health with regional governments, to improve the quality and appropriateness of services provided and to ensure a unified system; the Pact for Digital Health to improve the transparency and efficiency of the NHS; the National Fertility Plan; the update of the guidelines regulating Assisted Reproduction; the National Plan for Rare Diseases; new norms against smoking.

Minister Lorenzin's steadfast commitment to preventive healthcare and the promotion of healthy lifestyles has led to several awareness-raising campaigns, such as the following: against alcohol abuse/smoking; to promote the breast feeding; to prevent HIV infections.

Additionally, the Minister shall continue to promote prevention as a key tool for the sustainability of the national healthcare system, with a particular focus on healthy lifestyles, on vaccinations and on health and social assistance for the elderly and the chronic ill.

Another important goal concerns the approval of the law reforming the professional liability of healthcare professionals, in order to reduce the phenomenon of defensive medicine, and the reform of health care research.