

2nd German-East European Healthcare Symposium

OPASCA participates in health care symposium in Central Asia and Eastern Europe

Mannheim, 28.10.2019 OPASCA was one of the participants and sponsors of the German-East European Healthcare Symposium on October 25th in Berlin. The side event of the World Health Summit took place for the second time and is increasingly establishing itself as one of the most important health conferences for Eastern and Southern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus.

“Comprehensive Health Care – Improving the Quality of Life”

The theme of this year's symposium was "Comprehensive Health Care - Improving the Quality of Life". Organized by the Ost-Ausschuss - Osteuropaverein der Deutschen Wirtschaft (OAOEV), in cooperation with the German Health Alliance, the lectures and discussions this year focused on current developments in health care in Central Asia and Eastern Europe, with a focus on oncology.

“High-Level-Round-Tables“

In the morning and afternoon, “high-level round tables” took place. The first table focused on "Technical Innovation and Digitalization in the Health Sector of Central Asia and Eastern Europe". Participants included H.E. Alisher Shadmanov, the Minister of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, representatives of the KfW Development Bank, as well as experts from research and industry.

At the second "High-Level-Round-Table" on "Improving Cancer Patient Outcomes through Innovation and Modern Treatment Modalities", Dr. Alexej Swerdlow, Managing Director and CEO of OPASCA, was one of four experts to talk about the need to create standardized oncological services in preventive medicine, diagnostics and therapy, as well as corresponding training opportunities for local specialists. He cited some current developments in Uzbekistan as "best practice": In Tashkent, the German Oncology Clinic is being established based on German standards, and with the help of German experts in order to significantly improve health care for cancer patients in Uzbekistan. At the same time, local training and further education programmes are being established in order to sustainably meet the demand for skilled personnel. In this project, OPASCA is working not only with local companies but also with the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) as part of the developPPP programme.

The OAOEV - inform, network, engage in action

The OAOEV is an initiative of the German economy for 29 countries in Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, as well as the South Caucasus and Central Asia. The association is in close contact with the governments of the countries and companies, and supports international projects, the dismantling of trade barriers, and the improvement of economic conditions in the regions. The association, which was founded in 2018, currently has 350 member companies. You can find out more about the initiative, its projects and goals [here](#). OPASCA has been a member since 2019.

More information about the German-East European Healthcare Symposium can be found [here](#).

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