

*7th Meeting of the Working Group Health -
North America*

**USA/Maryland:
Entering the U.S. Market – MedTech & Life Sciences in the State of
Maryland**

**14 April 2026, 15:00 – 16:30 (Berlin) | 09:00 – 10:30 (Washington)
MS-Teams**

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Maryland is one of the leading life sciences and MedTech hubs in the United States and is home to world-class research institutions, hospitals, industry leaders, and key regulatory bodies such as Johns Hopkins Hospital, MedStar Health, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), creating a highly innovative ecosystem.

15:00 – 15:10	<p>Opening & Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stefan Leitz & Maik Kraenkel, Co-Chairs of the GHA Working Group North America Opening & Short Overview of Activities - Armin Smajilovic, Vice Chairman of the Board, GHA - Paul Matino, Regional Manager for Europe, Maryland Department of Commerce - Quick introduction of participating GHA members
15:10 – 15:45	<p>Maryland's Life Sciences Industry, Assets, Incentives to Fuel Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brad Gillenwater, Manager, Life Sciences Group, Maryland Department of Commerce - <u>Dr. Brian Hasselfeld, M.D.</u>, Executive Medical Director for Digital Health and Innovation, Johns Hopkins Medicine
15:45 – 16:15	<p><u>Maryland Global Gateway & Soft Landing Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aisha Booker, Director of Foreign Direct Investment, Maryland Department of Commerce - Absiola Ude, Global Gateway Program Manager, Maryland Department of Commerce - Armin Smajilovic, Director Marketing & Business Development, Kimetec GmbH

16:15 – 16:30	Possible Delegation to MEDTECH Week 2027 - Armin Smajilovic , Director Marketing & Business Development, Kimetec GmbH
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