Michaela Bayerle-Eder, Austria

Univ. Prof. Dr. Michaela Bayerle-Eder is a **specialist in Internal Medicine, Endocrinology and Metabolism**, and **Clinical Pharmacology** at the Medical University of Vienna (AKH Wien), where she has built a distinguished clinical and academic career at the intersection of endocrinology and sexual medicine.

In 2008, she earned an Executive MBA with distinction. Her training in sexual medicine took her to leading centres in Vienna, Oxford, Milan, and Amsterdam, and in 2012she became one of the first Austrians to be awarded the European subspecialty diploma in Sexual Medicine — making her a Fellow of the European Committee of Sexual Medicine (FECSEM).
Her primary research focus is female sexual dysfunction, a field she has championed for over two decades. Among her notable contributions is a double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover study on the role of oxytocin in female sexual function — the first of its kind conducted in Europe.

Beyond her clinical and research work, Prof. Bayerle-Eder is the **founder and President of the Austrian Society for Sexual Medicine and Sexual Health** (Österreichische Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Sexualmedizin und der sexuellen Gesundheit, ÖGFSSG), which she established to advance the recognition and integration of sexual medicine within the Austrian healthcare system.

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Under her leadership, the society has grown into an active national platform for education, advocacy, and multidisciplinary collaboration, closely aligned withESSM's standards and guidelines.

She has been a driving force in establishing sexual medicine as a recognised subspecialty in Austria, advocating for its inclusion in medical curricula and in national healthcare reimbursement frameworks. She has also played a key role in hosting the ESSM Annual Meeting in Vienna in February 2025, which drew over 1,500 international participants.

Prof. Bayerle-Eder is a highly sought-after lecturer and educator, teaching at the Medical University of Vienna, Karl Landsteiner University Krems, and through the Austrian Academy of Psychology. She is an active member of the ESSM Executive Committee and brings to it a rare breadth of expertise spanning endocrinology, pharmacology, female sexual health, and health policy.