



3rd EU HCV Virtual Policy Summit Final Programme "Securing Wider EU Commitment to the elimination of HCV"

Wednesday, 24 March 2021

14:00 – 18:30 CET

**Meeting Chairs: Prof Angelos Hatzakis, Prof George Papatheodoridis and Prof Heiner Wedemeyer
Hepatitis B&C Public Policy Association**

Timing	Programme Item	Speakers
14:00 – 14:25	<p><u>Welcome and Introductory comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome and scene setting</i> <i>“5 years on: Revisiting the Elimination Manifesto”</i> • <i>Introductory comments on the continued need/opportunity to eliminate HCV in Europe</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>European Association for the Study of the Liver</i> - <i>ACHIEVE Coalition</i> - <i>WHO Europe</i> - <i>European Parliament</i> 	<p>Prof Heiner Wedemeyer, Co-Chair HepBCPPA and Hannover Medical School, Germany</p> <p>Prof George Papatheodoridis, Co-chair HepBCPPA and University of Athens Medical School, Greece</p> <p>Prof Maria Buti, EU Policy Councillor, EASL</p> <p>Mr George Kalamitsis, Co-Chair ACHIEVE Coalition and Chair, Liver Patients International</p> <p>Dr Antons Mozalevskis, WHO Europe</p> <p>Mr Petros Kokkalis, MEP, Greece</p>
14:25 – 14:55	<p><u>Keynote addresses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How the EU can help deliver on the WHO elimination goal for viral Hepatitis B and C</i> • <i>The elimination of viral hepatitis as a public health threat in the EU : Keeping People Who Inject Drugs in focus</i> 	<p><u>Chair:</u> Prof Rafael Esteban Mur Co-Chair HepBCPPA and University Hospital Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>Mr John F Ryan, Director of Public Health, Country Knowledge, Crisis Management, DG SANTE, European Commission</p> <p>Mr Alexis Goosdeel, Director, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction</p>

<p>14:55 – 15:40</p>	<p><u>Session 1. Progress in HCV elimination in Europe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Facts and figures of HCV elimination in Europe</i> • <i>Care continuum and barriers</i> • <i>Synergies of harm reduction and HCV elimination</i> • <i>Panel discussion and Q&A moderated by session chairs</i> 	<p><i>Chairs:</i> Prof Massimo Colombo, San Raffaele Hospital, Milan, Italy Prof Markus Peck-Radosavljevic, Klinikum Klagenfurt, Klagenfurt, Austria</p> <p>Dr Homie Razavi, Centre for Disease Analysis, USA</p> <p>Prof Jeffrey Lazarus, ISGlobal, Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>Prof Sharon Hutchinson, Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, UK</p>
<p>15:40 – 16:25</p>	<p><u>Session 2. HCV diagnosis in the era of HCV elimination</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Screening of the general population</i> • <i>Diagnosing the risk groups – the hidden and mobile population</i> • <i>From evidence to impact: reaching the elimination targets in the EU/EEA</i> • <i>Panel discussion and Q&A moderated by session chairs</i> 	<p><i>Chairs:</i> Mr Bertrand Audoin International Association of Providers of AIDS Care Prof Nurdan Tözün, Acıbadem University School of Medicine, Turkey</p> <p>Prof Stanislas Pol, Hôpital Cochin, Paris, France.</p> <p>Dr Ruth Zimmermann, Robert Koch Institute Berlin, Germany</p> <p>Dr Lina Nerlander, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control</p>
<p>16:25 – 16:45</p>	<p><u>Session 3. COVID-19 and HCV</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Impact of COVID-19 on HCV elimination</i> • <i>Q&A</i> 	<p><i>Chair:</i> Prof Harry LA Janssen, Toronto Western and Toronto General Hospital, University Health Network, Toronto, Canada</p> <p>Prof Alessio Aghemo, Humanitas University Hospital, Milan, Italy</p>
<p>16:45 – 16:50</p>	<p><u>Session 4a. Introduction to breakout sessions on Best Practices at the National level (PLENARY SESSION BEFORE BREAKOUT)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction to breakout sessions</i> 	<p><i>Chair:</i> Prof Mojca Maticic, University Medical Centre Ljubljana, Slovenia</p>

<p>16:50 – 17:30</p>	<p><u>Session 4b. Elements of an effective elimination strategy - Best Practices at the National level (4 BREAKOUT SESSIONS – see details below)</u></p> <p><i>Breakout Session A. ACHIEVE Coalition - Lessons learnt from COVID-19 for the elimination of viral hepatitis</i> <i>Breakout Session B. National Elimination Plans</i> <i>Breakout Session C. Best practice case studies from Ireland, Greece, Portugal and Montenegro</i> <i>Breakout Session D. Best practice case studies from Spain, Italy, Romania and Egypt</i></p>	<p>Breakout sessions</p>
<p>17:30 – 18:20</p>	<p><u>Session 5. What political response/leadership?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>EU4Health-funded network of Excellence</i> • <i>The role of European cities to eliminate HCV</i> • <i>EU for Health 2021: HCV elimination will reduce cancer</i> • <i>Presentation of Call to Action</i> • <i>Panel discussion and Q&A moderated by session chairs</i> 	<p><u>Chairs:</u> Dr Ricardo Baptista-Leite MP UNITE, Global Network Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases Dr Manuel Carballo, International Centre for Migration, Health and Development, Switzerland</p> <p>Dr Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, MEP, Romania</p> <p>Mr Kostas Bakoyannis, Mayor of Athens, Greece</p> <p>Mr Aldo Patriciello, MEP, Italy (video presentation) and Mr Tomislav Sokol, MEP Croatia</p> <p>Prof Jeffrey Lazarus, ISGlobal, Barcelona, Spain*</p>
<p>18:20 – 18:30</p>	<p><u>Concluding remarks</u></p>	<p>Prof Heiner Wedemeyer, Co-Chair HepBCPPA and Hannover Medical School, Germany Prof George Papatheodoridis, Co-chair HepBCPPA and University of Athens Medical School, Greece</p>

* on behalf of **Maria Buti, Angelos Hatzakis, Marko Korenjak, Eberhard Schatz and Heiner Wedemeyer**

Details of breakout sessions – 16:50-17:30

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	<p><u>Breakout session A. ACHIEVE Coalition</u> <i>Lessons learnt from COVID-19 for the elimination of viral hepatitis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people with hepatitis</i> • <i>Implications for future strategies for testing and treating of hepatitis</i> • <i>The added value of modern technology for better service delivery and data collection</i> • <i>Discussion and Q&A</i> 	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Prof David Goldberg, Public Health Scotland, UK</p> <p>Prof Rui Tato Marinho, Santa Maria Hospital, Medical School of Lisbon, Portugal</p> <p>Dr Philip Bruggmann, Arud Centre for Addiction Medicine, Zurich, Switzerland</p> <p>Prof Mario Poljak, Slovenian HIV/AIDS Reference Centre, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia</p>
	<p><u>Breakout session B. National Elimination Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update on progress in the UK</i> • <i>Update on progress in Italy</i> • <i>Update on progress in Israel</i> • <i>Update on progress in Spain</i> 	<p><u>Chair:</u> Dr Zobair Younossi, Inova Health Fairfax Medical Campus, USA</p> <p>Mr Mark Gillyon-Powell, Head of HCV Elimination Programme, NHS England</p> <p>Dr Loreta Kondili Head of HCV Elimination Programme, National Health Institute, Italy</p> <p>Dr Yuval Dadon, HCV National Plan Director, Ministry of Health, Israel</p> <p>Dr Pilar Aparicio Azcárraga, Director of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Spain</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discussion and Q&A</i> 	
	<p><u>Breakout session C. Best practice case studies from Ireland, Greece, Portugal and Montenegro</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HepCare Project, Dublin</i> • <i>Aristotle HCV, Athens and Alexandros in Thessaloniki</i> • <i>Microelimination of Hep C virus in severe drug users Mobile Outreach Programme /MOP - Lisbon</i> • <i>PWIDs: harm-reduction and supervised consumption rooms</i> • <i>Discussion and Q&A</i> 	<p><u>Chair:</u> Prof Antonio Craxi, University of Palermo, Italy</p> <p>Prof Jack Lambert, Mater Misericordiae Hospital, UCD Medical School, Dublin, Ireland</p> <p>Prof Vana Sypsa, University of Athens Medical School, Greece</p> <p>Dr Rodrigo Coutinho, Ares do Pinhal, Lisbon, Portugal</p> <p>Mr Ivan Vukovic, Mayor of Podgorica, Montenegro</p>
	<p><u>Breakout session D. Best practice case studies from Spain, Italy, Romania and Egypt</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Microhepcero Catalonia: SLTC in migrant-vulnerable population</i> • <i>Dual testing of HCV and Covid-19 (ACE)</i> • <i>Building on success: viral hepatitis elimination strategies in Romania</i> • <i>Egypt: national best practice for HCV elimination</i> • <i>Discussion and Q&A</i> 	<p><u>Chair:</u> Prof Laurent Castera, Hôpital Beaujon, University of Paris-VII, France</p> <p>Dr Joan Colom Farran, Catalanian Public Health Agency, Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>Mr Marco Bartoli, EpaC Onlus, Italy</p> <p>Prof Cora Pop, Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania</p> <p>Prof Gamal Esmat, University of Cairo, Egypt</p>

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