



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

Wednesday, 24 March 2021

14:00 – 18:30 CET

Timing	Programme Item	Speakers
14:00 – 14:25	<p><u>Welcome and Introductory comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and scene setting <i>"5 years on: Revisiting the Elimination Manifesto"</i> • Introductory comments on the continued need/opportunity to eliminate HCV in Europe <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"> • How the EU can help deliver on the WHO elimination goal for viral Hepatitis B and C • The EMCDDA's contribution to advance the elimination of HCV in Europe 	<p>Chair: Prof Rafael Esteban Mur Co-Chair HepBCPPA and University Hospital Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>Mr John Ryan, Director of Public Health, Country Knowledge, Crisis Management, DG SANTE, European Commission</p> <p>Mr Alexis Goosdeel, Director, EMCDDA</p>
14:55 – 15:40	<p><u>Session 1. Progress in HCV elimination in Europe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facts and figures of HCV elimination in Europe • Care continuum and barriers • Synergies of harm reduction and HCV elimination 	<p>Chairs: Prof Massimo Colombo, San Raffaele Hospital, Milan, Italy</p> <p>Prof Markus Peck-Radosavljevic, Klinikum Klagenfurt, Austria</p> <p>Dr Homie Razavi, Centre of Disease Analysis, USA</p> <p>Dr Jeffrey Lazarus, ISGlobal, Spain</p> <p>Prof Sharon Hutchinson, Glasgow Caledonian University, UK</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Panel discussion and Q&A moderated by session chairs</i> 	
15:40 – 16:25	<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><u>Chairs:</u> Prof Angelos Hatzakis, Co-chair HepBCPPA and University of Athens Medical School, Greece Prof Nurdan Tözün, Acıbadem University School of Medicine, Turkey Prof Stanislas Pol, Hôpital Cochin, Paris, France Dr Ruth Zimmermann, Robert Koch Institute Berlin, Germany Dr Lina Nerlander, ECDC</p>
16:25 – 16:45	<p><u>Session 3. COVID-19 and HCV</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Impact of COVID-19 in HCV elimination</i> • <i>Q&A</i> 	<p><u>Chair:</u> Prof Harry Janssen, Toronto General Hospital, Canada Prof Alessio Aghemo, Humanitas University Hospital Milan, Italy</p>
16:45 – 16:50	<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><u>Chair:</u> Prof Mojca Maticic, University Medical Centre Ljubljana, Slovenia</p>
16:50 – 17:30	<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 to be learned from COVID- 19</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><i>Chairs:</i> Dr Ricardo Baptista-Leite, MP, UNITE, Portugal Dr Manuel Carballo, ICMHD, Switzerland</p> <p>Dr Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, MEP, Romania</p> <p>Mr Kostas Bakoyannis, Mayor of Athens</p> <p>Mr Aldo Patriciello, MEP, Italy (video presentation) and Dr Tomislav Sokol, MEP Croatia</p> <p>Dr Jeffrey Lazarus, ISGlobal, 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>

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

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	<p><u>Breakout session A. ACHIEVE Coalition</u> <i>Lessons to be learned from COVID 19 for elimination of HCV</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Impact of the COVID 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 (TBC)</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, VA 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>OST Lisbon Programme for people who inject drugs</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 UCD University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland</p> <p>Prof Vana Sypsa, University of Athens Medical School, Greece</p> <p>Dr Rodrigo Sousa Coutinho, Ares do Pinhal, Lisbon, Portugal</p> <p>Mr Ivan Vukovic, Mayor of Podgorica, Montenegro</p>
	<p><u>Breakout session C. 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>European-funded Hepatitis screening and diagnostic programme</i> • <i>Egypt: national best practice for HCV elimination</i> • <i>Discussion and Q&A</i> 	<p><u>Chair:</u> Prof Laurent Castera, Department of Hepatology Hôpital Beaujon, University of Paris-VII, France</p> <p>Dr Joan Colom Farran, Public Health Agency Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>Mr Ivan Gardini, EpaC Onlus, Italy</p> <p>Prof Cora Pop, Ministry of Health Romania</p> <p>Prof Gamal Esmat, University of Cairo, Egypt</p>

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