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THE ROLE OF THE EU IN HELPING ROMANIA IN ELIMINATING HCV

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ASSOCIATIONS COLLABORATING ON HEPATITIS TO
IMMUNIZE AND ELIMINATE THE VIRUSES IN EUROPE



ACHIEVE COALITION

Our members

- European Liver Patients' Association
- Correlation Network
- World Hepatitis Alliance
- European AIDS Treatment Group
- Hepatitis B and C Public Policy Association
- IS Global
- Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board
- EASL International Liver Foundation



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Our mission

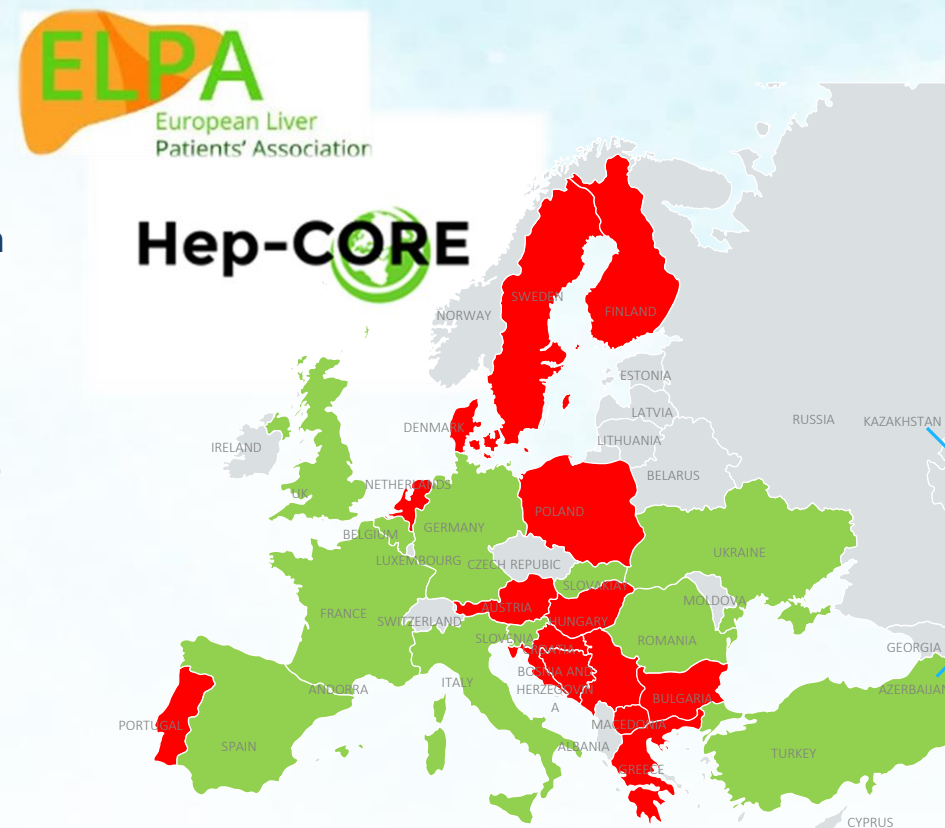
To advance the fight against viral hepatitis B and C in line with the WHO Global Health Sector Strategy, the WHO Europe Action Plan and the UN Sustainable Development Goals and achieve elimination by 2030.

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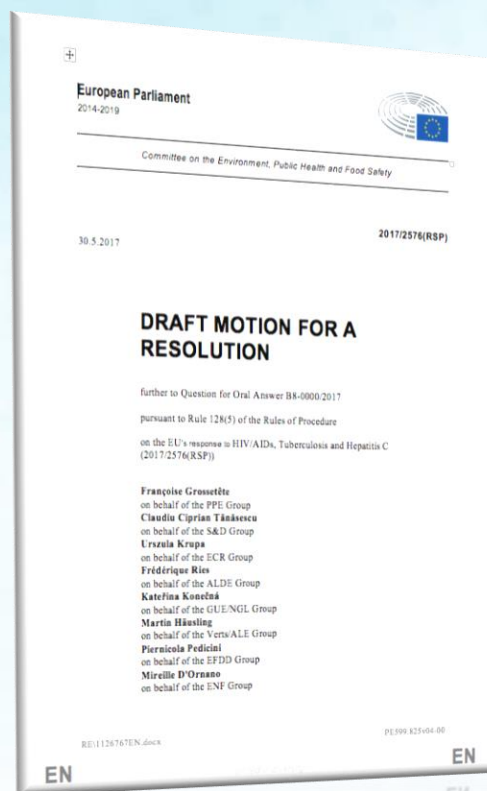
Where are we in the fight against viral hepatitis in Europe?

- In less than 50 percent of the countries covered, a national strategy or a government working group on hepatitis is in place;
- Testing facilities outside a hospital setting are insufficient in the majority of countries for both high risk groups and the general public;
- Less than 50% of the countries have a registry for hepatitis B and C and liver cancer;
- In more than two-thirds of the countries, there are no activities to raise awareness of viral hepatitis, its infection risk and complications amongst healthcare professionals

Source, ELPA HepCORE survey, June to October 2016



HOW CAN THE EU HELP COUNTRIES TO ELIMINATE HEPATITIS C ?



1. Monitoring

European Parliament Resolution on the EU’s response to HIV/ AIDS, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis C, July 2017: *“EU-wide harmonised infection surveillance programme that can detect outbreaks of viral hepatitis, TB and HIV in a timely manner, assess trends I incidence, provide disease burden estimates and effectively track in real time the diagnosis, treatment and care cascade, including for specific vulnerable groups”*

2. Screening

European Parliament Resolution on the EU’s response to HIV/ AIDS, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis C: *“to best equip primary healthcare professionals (), with a view to increasing the diagnosis rate and ensuring guideline-conform care.”*

3. Funding

European Parliament Resolution on the EU’s response to HIV/ AIDS, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis C: *“to make use of EU Structural Funds and other available EU funding for national viral hepatitis elimination plans.”*

HOW CAN ROMANIA SUPPORT EUROPE IN ELIMINATING VIRAL HEPATITIS?

- The 2004 Dublin Declaration on the Fight against HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia was a success story.
- This needs to be replicated for viral hepatitis!
- Proofpoint: European Parliament Resolution from July 2017:
 - *"Updating the Dublin Declaration and include HIV, viral hepatitis and tuberculosis on an equal footing"*
 - *"a comprehensive and coherent EU Policy Framework addressing HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and viral hepatitis"*
- ACHIEVE request to the Romanian government: **Make the fight against viral hepatitis a political priority during your Presidency and have Member States throughout Europe politically commit to eliminating viral hepatitis!**

