

HCV EU POLICY SUMMIT

“Hepatitis C: The beginning of the end - key elements for successful European and national strategies to eliminate HCV in Europe”

FINAL PROGRAMME

Timing	Programme item
13:15-13:20 (5’)	<p>Welcome address Chairs: Prof. Michael P. Manns – Co-Chair HepBC PPA & Hannover Medical School, Prof. Angelos Hatzakis – Co-Chair HepBC PPA & University of Athens</p> <p>13:15-13:20 Welcome to event & scene-setting – Prof. Angelos Hatzakis</p>
13:20-13:35 (15’)	<p>Keynote address Chair: Prof. Michael P. Manns - Co-Chair HepBC PPA & Hannover Medical School Vytenis Andriukaitis, European Commissioner for Health</p>
13:35-13:55 (20’)	<p>Introductory remarks – Why HCV must and can be eliminated in Europe Chairs: Prof. Michael P. Manns – Co-Chair HepBC PPA & Hannover Medical School, Prof. Angelos Hatzakis – Co-Chair HepBC PPA & University of Athens</p> <p>13:35-13:40 Welcome & introductory remarks – Dr. Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, Member of the European Parliament and Co-Chair of the Friends of the Liver MEP Group</p> <p>13:40-13:45 Introductory comments – Dr. Tatjana Reic, President, European Liver Patients Association</p> <p>13:45-13:50 Introductory comments – Eberhard Schatz, Director Correlation Network</p> <p>13:50-13:55 Introductory comments – Prof. Helena Cortez Pinto, EU Policy Councillor Elect, European Association for the Study of the Liver</p>
13:55-15:05 (70’)	<p>Session 1: A successful elimination strategy for HCV in Europe: current challenges and criteria for success Chairs: Prof. Pierre van Damme - Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board, Prof. Markus Peck-Radosavljevic - University of Klagenfurt</p> <p>13:55-14:05 The Burden of HCV in European Union – Dr. Homie Razavi, Center for Disease Analysis</p> <p>14:05-14:15 Elimination of hepatitis and the first WHO Global Hepatitis Strategy – Dr. Stephan Wiktor, World Health Organisation</p> <p>14:15-14:25 The cost of HCV elimination – Prof. Jagpreet Chhatwal, Massachusetts General Hospital and Professor at Harvard Medical School</p> <p>14:25-14:35 Key elements of a successful elimination strategy from a patient</p>

	<p>perspective – Achim Kautz, European Liver Patients Association</p> <p>14:35-14:45 The public health challenges that need to be overcome to eliminate HCV – John F. Ryan, European Commission</p> <p>14:45-15:05 Panel discussion moderated by Prof. Manuel Carballo - International Centre for Migration, Health and Development</p>
15:05-15:35 (30')	Coffee Break
15:35-16:55 (80')	<p>Session 2: Practical steps to eliminate HCV at national/local level (examples of existing good practice)</p> <p>Chairs: Prof. Massimo Colombo - University of Milan, Prof. Nurdan Tözün - Acibadem University</p> <p>15:35-16:35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevention – Dr. Ingo Michels, Federal Ministry of Health, Germany - Screening – Dr. Yazdan Yazdanpanah, Hôpital Bichat-Claude Bernard Paris, France - Linkage to care – Prof. David Goldberg, Health Protection Scotland, Scotland - Harm reduction – Dr. Luís Mendão, Chairman, GAT, Portugal - Access to treatment – Dr. Ricardo Baptista Leite, Catholic University, Portugal - Political will – Dr. Freke Zuure, Department of Infectious Diseases Research & Prevention, The Netherlands <p>16:35–16:55 Panel discussion moderated by Prof. Massimo Colombo - University of Milan</p>
16:55-17:55 (60')	<p>Session 3: The role of EU and national policies in supporting the elimination of viral hepatitis in Europe</p> <p>Chairs: Prof. Heiner Wedemeyer - Hannover Medical School, Prof. George Papatheodoridis - University of Athens</p> <p>16:55-17:35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action plan for the prevention and control of viral hepatitis in the WHO European Region 2016–2021 - Dr. Antons Mozalevskis WHO Europe - ECDC's priorities for supporting EU/EEA countries in their plans to eliminate HCV - Dr. Erika Duffell, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control - HCV among people who inject drugs: harm reduction, screening and treatment for a successful strategy - Alexis Goosdeel, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction - The role of national and EU policies from the Greek perspective - Dr. Ioannis Baskozos, Ministry of Health, Greece <p>17:35-17:55 Panel debate moderated by Charles Gore, World Hepatitis Alliance & Co-Chair HepBC PPA</p>

<p>17:55-18:15 (15')</p>	<p>Official presentation of the HCV Elimination Manifesto Chair: Prof. Antonio Craxi – University of Palermo</p> <p>Presentation by: Prof. Jeffrey Lazarus - Centre for Health and Infectious Disease Research, Prof. Mark Thursz - Imperial College</p>
<p>18:15-18:25 (10')</p>	<p>Wrap up and concluding remarks</p> <p>Prof. Michael P. Manns – Co-Chair HepBC PPA & Hannover Medical School</p>

<p>19:30-22:00</p>	<p>OPTIONAL: Welcome Prof Michael P. Manns Reception and Seated dinner - Stanhope Hotel, Brussels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner speech <i>“How to get the attention of a Prime Minister in a Public Health problem, like Hepatitis C” - George A. Papandreou, President of Socialist International and former Prime Minister of Greece</i>
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