



**CONFERENCE ON THE EVALUATION OF THE EU LEGISLATION ON
BLOOD, TISSUES AND CELLS
28 October 2019**

Venue: Centre de Conférence A. Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, Bruxelles, Belgium, **Room 0A**

PROGRAMME

Moderator: Vivienne Parry (writer and broadcaster)

This event is web-streamed

9.00 – 10.00 **Registration and Coffee**

10.00 – 10.10 **Welcome**
Anne Bucher, Director General, DG SANTE

10.10 – 10.30 **An Overview of the BTC Evaluation Process and key findings**
Anna Eva Ampelas, Head of Unit B4, DG SANTE

10.30 – 11.30 **Panel 1: The challenge of keeping legislation up-to-date in a dynamic sector
with changing risks**

- **Presentation of evaluation findings** – Stefaan van der Spiegel, DG SANTE
- **Panellist reactions:**
 - European Blood Alliance - Philippe Vandekerckhove
 - European Association for Tissue and Cell Banks - Jacinto Sanchez
 - European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplant - Jurgen Kuball
 - European Eye Bank Association - Diego Ponzin
 - European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control - Dragoslav Domanovic
- **Moderated discussion with participants**



11.30 – 12.30

Panel 2: The challenge of ensuring that all EU citizens affected by the BTC chain are protected

- **Presentation of evaluation findings** – Ingrida Pucinskaite, DG SANTE
 - **Panellist reactions:**
 - International Federation of Blood Donors - Alice Simonetti
 - European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology - Kersti Lundin
 - European Plasma Alliance - Matthias Gessner
 - World Marrow Donors Association - Lydia Foeken
 - **Moderated discussion with participants**
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12.30 – 13.30

LIGHT LUNCH – outside the room

13.30 – 14.15

Panel 3: The challenge of providing appropriate and robust oversight

- **Presentation of evaluation findings** – Richard Mc Geehan, DG SANTE
- **Panellist reactions:**
 - BTC Inspectors Expert Sub-group - Lea Joos
 - SoHO Vigilance Expert Sub-group - Jo Wiersum
 - EDQM Tissue and Cell Data Reporting Group - Marta Lopez Fraga
 - Consortium of Representative SoHO Societies - Eoin McGrath
 - DG SANTE, Directorate on Health and Food Audits and Analysis - Daniel Menendez
- **Moderated discussion with participants**

14.15 – 15.15

Panel 4: The challenge of facilitating innovation in BTC for patient benefit

- **Presentation of evaluation findings** – Deirdre Fehily, DG SANTE
- **Panellist reactions:**
 - The GAPP Joint Action (BTC Authorities) – Giancarlo Liumbruno
 - International Society for Cell Therapy - Owen Bain
 - Alliance for Regenerative Medicine - Annie Hubert
 - Consortium of Representative SoHO Societies - Esteve Trias
- **Moderated discussion with participants**



15.15 – 15.30

COFFEE – outside the room

15:30 – 16:30

Panel 5: The challenge of achieving sufficiency and a sustainable supply to meet patient need

- **Presentation of evaluation findings** – Stefaan van der Spiegel, DG SANTE
- **Panellist reactions:**
 - Patients relying on plasma derived medicinal products (IPOPI/PLUS) - John Prevot
 - Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association - Jan Bult
 - International Plasma Fractionators Association - Paul Strengers
 - Medtech Europe - Nigel Talboys
 - EDQM - Marie Laure Hecquet
- **Open discussion with participants**

16.30 – 17.30

Summary and the Way Forward

- **Summary of the evaluation findings and the key points raised at the Conference** - Anna Eva Ampelas, Head of Unit B4, DG SANTE
- **Collaboration moving forward – a moderated discussion with a panel of key European and International BTC partners**
 - WHO - François-Xavier Lery, Coordinator for Technologies Standards and Norms
 - ECDC - Andrea Ammon, Director
 - Council of Europe (EDQM) - Susanne Keitel, Director
 - Ministry of Health, Croatia - Branka Golubić Čepić
- **Open discussion with participants**

Closing remarks

Martin Seychell, Deputy Director General, DG SANTE

17.30 – 18.30

NETWORKING RECEPTION
