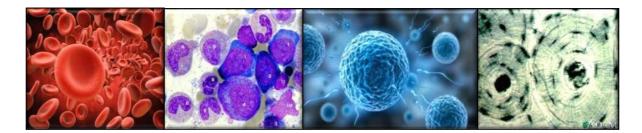


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## CONFERENCE ON THE EVALUATION OF THE EU LEGISLATION ON BLOOD, TISSUES AND CELLS 28 October 2019

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	<ul> <li>Panel 1: The challenge of keeping legislation up-to-date in a dynamic sector with changing risks</li> <li>Presentation of evaluation findings – Stefaan van der Spiegel, DG SANTE</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Panellist reactions:         <ul> <li>European Blood Alliance - Philippe Vandekerckhove</li> <li>European Association for Tissue and Cell Banks - Jacinto Sanchez</li> <li>European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplant - Jurgen Kuball</li> <li>European Eye Bank Association - Diego Ponzin</li> <li>European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control - Dragoslav Domanovic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Moderated discussion with participants



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11.30 - 12.30	Panel 2: The challenge of ensuring that all EU citizens affected by the BTC chain are protected		
	- <b>Presentation of evaluation findings</b> – Ingrida Pucinskaite, DG SANTE		
	<ul> <li>Panellist reactions:         <ul> <li>International Federation of Blood Donors - Alice Simonetti</li> <li>European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology - Kersti Lundin</li> <li>European Plasma Alliance - Matthias Gessner</li> <li>World Marrow Donors Association - Lydia Foeken</li> </ul> </li> <li>Moderated discussion with participants</li> </ul>		
12.30 - 13.30	LIGHT LUNCH – outside the room		
13.30 - 14.15	Panel 3: The challenge of providing appropriate and robust oversight		
	- <b>Presentation of evaluation findings</b> – Richard Mc Geehan, DG SANTE		
	<ul> <li>Panellist reactions:         <ul> <li>BTC Inspectors Expert Sub-group - Lea Joos</li> <li>SoHO Vigilance Expert Sub-group - Jo Wiersum</li> <li>EDQM Tissue and Cell Data Reporting Group - Marta Lopez Fraga</li> <li>Consortium of Representative SoHO Societies - Eoin McGrath</li> <li>DG SANTE, Directorate on Health and Food Audits and Analysis - Daniel Menendez</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
	- Moderated discussion with participants		
14.15 – 15.15	Panel 4: The challenge of facilitating innovation in BTC for patient benefit		
	- <b>Presentation of evaluation findings</b> – Deirdre Fehily, DG SANTE		
	<ul> <li>Panellist reactions:         <ul> <li>The GAPP Joint Action (BTC Authorities) – Giancarlo Liumbruno</li> <li>International Society for Cell Therapy - Owen Bain</li> <li>Alliance for Regenerative Medicine - Annie Hubert</li> <li>Consortium of Representative SoHO Societies - Esteve Trias</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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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
	<ul> <li>Presentation of evaluation findings – Stefaan van der Spiegel, DG SANTE</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Panellist reactions:         <ul> <li>Patients relying on plasma derived medicinal products (IPOPI/PLUS) - John Prevot</li> <li>Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association - Jan Bult</li> <li>International Plasma Fractionators Association - Paul Strengers</li> <li>Medtech Europe - Nigel Talboys</li> <li>EDQM - Marie Laure Hecquet</li> </ul> </li> <li>Open discussion with participants</li> </ul>
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
	<ul> <li>Collaboration moving forward – a moderated discussion with a panel of key European and International BTC partners</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>WHO - François-Xavier Lery, Coordinator for Technologies Standards and Norms</li> <li>ECDC - Andrea Ammon, Director</li> <li>Council of Europe (EDQM) - Susanne Keitel, Director</li> <li>Ministry of Health, Croatia - Branka Golubić Ćeplic</li> </ul>
	- Open discussion with participants
	Closing remarks Martin Seychell, Deputy Director General, DG SANTE

17.30 - 18.30

## **NETWORKING RECEPTION**