



Draft agenda: Europe's Beating Cancer Plan – Joining forces

31 JANUARY 2024 – Alcide de Gasperi room (GASP)
Charlemagne, European Commission

Master of Ceremonies: **Jan Geissler**, Patient advocate, former chair of the Workgroup of European Cancer Patient Advocacy Networks (WECAN) and social entrepreneur

14.00 – 14.45 Opening

- **Ursula von der Leyen**, President of the European Commission - video message
- *Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, our journey so far...*
Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety
- *Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, the voice of citizens*
Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament - video message

Musical interlude from Sea of Change choir

14.45 – 15.45 Europe's Beating Cancer Plan: Joining forces to make a difference

- *Cancer does not define me. Life does*
Oriana Sousa, Patient advocate, European Network of Youth Cancer Survivors
- *Turning a personal experience into action*
Loucas Furlas, Member of the European Parliament
- *Improving outcomes for children with cancer*
Prof. dr. Rob Pieters, Chief medical officer and co-CEO at the Princess Máxima Center for Pediatric Oncology, Utrecht, the Netherlands, and EU Horizon Cancer Mission Board Member
- *A science-based approach to quality cancer screening*
Dr Ondrej Majek, Scientific lead of the National Screening Centre at the Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic

Interaction with the audience

- *Why psychosocial oncology care matters*
Dr Luzia Travado, Senior Psycho-oncologist at the Champalimaud Foundation, Portugal
- *How Comprehensive Cancer Centres bridge the gaps*
Dr Tit Albreht, Scientific Co-Ordinator at National Institute of Public Health of Slovenia with expertise in European and Global Health

Interaction with audience

15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee break and exhibition of EU4Health financed projects*

16.15 – 16.35 **Europe's Beating Cancer Plan: Eradicating inequalities**

- **Fireside chat with Dr Alberto Costa**, Scientific Advisor on strategies against cancer to Commissioner Kyriakides and **Carina Schneider**, European Network of Youth Cancer Survivors and Managing Director of Childhood Cancer International Europe

16.35 – 16.45 **Keynote speech**

- *Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, a milestone of the European Health Union*
Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for Promoting our European Way of Life

16.45 – 17.10 **Joining forces on cancer cooperation across the globe**

- **Dr Monica M. Bertagnolli**, Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), United States - video message
- **Dr Javier Padilla**, Secretary of State for Health, Spain
- **Dr Hans Kluge**, Regional Director for Europe, World Health Organization
- **Dr Cary Adams**, Chief Executive Officer of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)

17.10 – 17.30 **Concluding remarks**

- *Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, making a difference beyond cancer*
Frank Vandenbroucke, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health, Belgium
- **Stella Kyriakides**, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Musical interlude from Sea of Change choir, followed by a networking cocktail

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