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**MEP FRIENDS OF THE LIVER GROUP CALL TO ACTION**  
***'THE EU MUST LEAD ON VIRAL HEPATITIS ELIMINATION BY 2030'***



Tuesday, 25 April 2023, 9.30 – 10.30 CEST, Brussels time

Dear colleague,

We invite you to join this webinar.

On 25 October 2022, the MEP Friends of the Liver Group hosted an event titled *'The final push to eliminate viral hepatitis – how can the EU lead the successful achievement of this global public health priority?'* in the European Parliament. The event was supported by the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL) and the ACHIEVE Coalition.

Whilst a lot has been achieved with the recognition of viral hepatitis B and C in Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and EU4Health funding, it is equally clear that a lot must and can be done to ensure that the EU collectively meets the WHO's 2030 elimination deadline and also makes a significant contribution to ensure that viral hepatitis is eliminated in the EU neighbourhood and globally, supporting low-income countries.

A Call to Action for the EU, European Commission, and EU Member States to lead on viral hepatitis elimination by 2030 was put together with the insight generated during the event, which has been endorsed by several MEP Friends of the Liver Group Members.

This webinar aims to present the MEP Friends of the Liver Call to Action's key objectives and receive feedback from participants on how to turn them into actionable initiatives. Join us and be a part of the MEP Friends of the Liver's journey toward eliminating viral hepatitis by 2030.

This webinar will be held in English.

If you have any further questions, please contact [sante-hpp@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sante-hpp@ec.europa.eu)

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We are looking forward to welcoming you online.

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The EU Health Policy Platform will host a live webinar, following this **agenda**:

9.30 – 9.35	<b>Welcome remarks</b> Mr. John F. Ryan, Acting Deputy Director-General and Public Health Director, DG SANTE, European Commission
9.35 – 9.45	<b>Presenting the MEP Friends of the Liver Call to Action</b> Dr. Cristian-Silviu Buşoi MEP (European People’s Party, Romania)
9.45 – 10.00	<b>Shining a Light on the Silent Epidemic: Current Landscape of Viral Hepatitis in the EU</b> Dr. Marieke van der Werf, Head of Section for Sexually Transmitted Infections, Blood-Borne Viruses and Tuberculosis at European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) Dr. Ricardo Baptista Leite, President and Founder, UNITE – Parliamentarians Network for Global Health
10.00 – 10.25	<b>Q&amp;A – Discussion</b>
10.25 – 10.30	<b>Concluding remarks</b> Prof. Maria Buti, EASL Public Health Councillor

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