



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

**PROGRAMME**

<b>Timing</b>	<b>Programme item</b>
<b>13:15-13:20 (5')</b>	<p><b>Welcome address</b>            Chairs: Prof. Michael P. Manns – Co-Chair HepBC PPA &amp; Hannover Medical School, Prof. Angelos Hatzakis – Co-Chair HepBC PPA &amp; University of Athens</p> <p>13:15-13:20 Welcome to event &amp; scene-setting – Prof. Angelos Hatzakis</p>
<b>13:20-13:35 (15')</b>	<p><b>Keynote address</b>            Chair: Prof. Michael Manns – Co-Chair HepBC PPA &amp; Hannover Medical School            Dr. Vytenis Andriukaitis – European Commissioner for Health</p>
<b>13:35-13:55 (20')</b>	<p><b>Introductory remarks – Why HCV must and can be eliminated in Europe</b>            Chairs: Prof. Michael P. Manns – Co-Chair HepBC PPA &amp; Hannover Medical School, Prof. Angelos Hatzakis – Co-Chair HepBC PPA &amp; University of Athens</p> <p>13:35-13:40 Welcome &amp; 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>
<b>13:55-15:05 (70')</b>	<p><b>Session 1: A successful elimination strategy for HCV in Europe: current challenges and criteria for success</b>            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 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>

<p><b>15:05-15:35 (30')</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p><b>15:35-16:55 (80')</b></p>	<p><b>Session 2: Practical steps to eliminate HCV at national/local level (examples of existing good practice)</b>  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"> <li>- Prevention – Dr. Ingo Michels, Federal Ministry of Health, Germany</li> <li>- Screening – Dr. Yazdan Yazdanpanah, Hôpital Bichat-Claude Bernard Paris, France</li> <li>- Linkage to care – Prof. David Goldberg, Health Protection Scotland, Scotland</li> <li>- Harm reduction – Dr. Luís Mendão, Portuguese Activist Group for HIV/AIDS Treatment, Portugal</li> <li>- Access to treatment – Dr. Ricardo Baptista Leite, Catholic University, Portugal</li> <li>- Political will – Dr. Freke Zuure, Department of Infectious Diseases Research &amp; Prevention, The Netherlands</li> </ul> <p>16:35–16:55 Panel discussion moderated by Prof. Massimo Colombo – University of Milan</p>
<p><b>16:55-17:55 (60')</b></p>	<p><b>Session 3: The role of EU and national policies in supporting the elimination of viral hepatitis in Europe</b>  Chairs: Prof. Heiner Wedemeyer – Hannover Medical School, Prof. George Papatheodoridis – Athens University</p> <p>16:55-17:35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action plan for the prevention and control of viral hepatitis in the WHO European Region 2016–2021 – Dr. Antons Mozalevskis, WHO Europe</li> <li>- ECDC’s priorities for supporting EU/EEA countries in their plans to eliminate HCV – Dr. Erika Duffell, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- The role of national and EU policies from the Greek perspective – Dr. Ioannis Baskozos, Ministry of Health, Greece</li> </ul> <p>17:35-17:55 Panel debate moderated by Charles Gore – World Hepatitis Alliance &amp; Co-Chair HepBC PPA</p>
<p><b>17:55-18:15 (15')</b></p>	<p><b>Official presentation of the HCV Elimination Manifesto</b>  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><b>18:15-18:25 (10')</b></p>	<p><b>Wrap up and concluding remarks</b>  Prof. Michael P. Manns – Co-Chair HepBC PPA &amp; Hannover Medical School</p>