

## *The final push to eliminate viral hepatitis – how can the EU lead the successful achievement of this global public health priority?*

25 October 2022, 11-12.30h CET, European Parliament

In June 2022, the World Health Assembly approved the implementation of the WHO's Global Health Sector Strategy Against Viral Hepatitis for 2022-2030, which reaffirms the 2030 elimination goal, whilst also highlighting liver cancer as a key driver of hepatitis B and C liver-related mortality. Whilst some EU Member States are well on track, others are lagging behind, resulting in health inequalities and putting overall elimination in jeopardy.

At the event, we would thus like to explore with our panelists and the audience:

- What can the EU do to lead and achieve this global public health goal?
- How can Europe's Beating Cancer Plan support this aim?
- Which are the funding needs from EU4Health for the years to come, and how can it be ensured that Member States and regions in greatest need will profit from this funding?
- How can good practices be shared and picked up?

The event is supported by the European Association for the Study of the Liver ([EASL](#)), as the Secretariat of the Friends of the Liver Group, and the [ACHIEVE Coalition](#). The 2022 version of the ACHIEVE '[Stories to Inspire](#)', a collection of good practices in viral hepatitis elimination from across Europe and the world, will be launched.

### Agenda

11:00- 11:05	<b>Welcome</b> By <b>Cyrus Engerer MEP</b> (S&D, Malta), Co-Chair MEP Friends of the Liver Group
11:05- 11:15	<b>Scene Setting</b> By <b>ACHIEVE Co-Chair</b>
10:15- 11:25	<b>Presentation</b> By <b>Professor Maria Buti</b> , EASL EU Policy Councilor
11:25- 11:50	<b>Statements by panellists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rimalda Voske</b>, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Dr Lina Nerlander</b>, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)</li> <li>• <b>Dr Sandra Dudareva</b>, Robert Koch Institute, Head of WHO Collaborating Centre for viral hepatitis and HIV</li> <li>• <b>Professor Daniel Kelly</b>, European Cancer Organisation (ECO)</li> </ul>
11:50- 12:25	<b>Open discussion</b> Moderated by <b>Cyrus Engerer MEP</b> involving panellists and audience
12:25- 12:30	<b>Conclusions</b> By <b>Dr. Cristian-Silviu Busoi MEP</b> (EPP, Romania)