

World AIDS Day, 1 December 2022, 10:30-12:30 CET

High-level conference (in-person, in the European Parliament, Room SPAAK 7C050)

Enhancing long-term health and wellbeing among people living with HIV. Launch of HIV Outcomes Policy Asks

Hosted under the auspices of the Czech EU Presidency

With the participation of EU Health Commissioner **Stella Kyriakides** and hosted by a cross-party group of **Members of the European Parliament: Frédérique Ries**, Renew Europe Vice-President, Belgium; **MEP Sara Cerdas**, S&D, Portugal and **MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen**, EPP, Finland

Moderated by **Nicola Bedlington** (Special Advisor and former Secretary General of the European Patients' Forum)

HIV is a long-term condition and thanks to the widespread availability of antiretroviral therapy, life expectancy among people living with HIV is approaching that of the general population. Yet this does not always mean years spent in good health. People living with HIV are at higher risk of developing mental health conditions and continue to experience stigma and discrimination within health systems.

Event objectives:

- **Raise awareness of the long-term health and wellbeing of people living with HIV** and the importance of **measuring the health-related quality of life** for people living with HIV.
- Determine **concrete actions** that European and national level policymakers can take to improve the long-term health and wellbeing of people living with HIV.
- **Launch HIV Outcomes Policy Asks** and secure **political commitment** from key institutional stakeholders to take action to improve the health outcomes of people living with HIV.

Agenda

10 min	Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ MEP Frédérique Ries, Renew Europe Vice-President, Belgium
5 min	Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Stéphan Vernhes, HIV Outcomes Steering Group Member & Coordinator European Platform AIDES
5 min	Rethinking healthcare systems to focus on patient and not just the disease <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Stella Kyriakides, EU Health Commissioner
10 min	Health-Related Quality of Life in people living with HIV – current situation and COVID-19 impact <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr Anastasia Pharris, Principal Expert Infectious Diseases (ECDC)

45 min	<p>Launch of HIV Outcomes Policy Asks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Achieving zero stigma and discrimination in healthcare settings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mario Cascio, HIV Outcomes Steering Group Member & EATG Quality of Life Programme Chair ○ Anton Basenko, EATG Programme Manager ▪ Beyond viral suppression: the impact of mental health and other comorbidities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof Jane Anderson, HIV Outcomes Co-Chair & Consultant Physician at Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, UK ▪ Ageing with HIV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof Giovanni Guaraldi, HIV Outcomes General Member & Infectious diseases Associate Professor at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy ▪ 'What gets measured gets done' – monitoring PROMs and HRQoL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof Jeffrey Lazarus, HIV Outcomes Co-Chair & Head of Health Systems Research Group ISGlobal at Hospital Clinic, University of Barcelona, Spain ▪ Q&A
10 min	<p>What role for European action on addressing HIV outcomes beyond viral suppression?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Vytenis Andriukaitis, HIV Outcomes Ambassador and WHO Special Envoy for Europe
20 min	<p>National perspectives: UK and Romania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Baroness Barker, House of Lords Member and All Party Parliamentary Group HIV and AIDS Co-Chair, UK ▪ Dr Anca Streinu Cercel, PhD Senior Lecturer at Carol Davila Medicine and Pharmacy University, Clinician at National Institute for Communicable Diseases "Prof Dr Matei Bals", Romania
15 min	<p>Closing remarks and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MEP Sara Cerdas, S&D, Portugal ▪ MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen, EPP, Finland

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