

World AIDS Day, 1 December 2020, 10.00-12.30 CET | High-level conference

Delivering good mental health for people living with HIV

with the participation of the **European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, WHO Europe Director and Special Adviser to Executive Director UNAIDS** and hosted by **Members of the European Parliament** from across the political spectrum

A key component of the wellbeing of people living with HIV is their mental health - especially as they face HIV associated health challenges and stigma and discrimination throughout their lives. This event aims to explore what policy actions are needed to improve the mental health of people living with HIV, thereby improving their overall health and quality of life.

Agenda

10:00	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MEP Frédérique Ries, Renew Europe, Belgium Dr Jeffrey Lazarus, Co-Chair, HIV Outcomes
10:10	<p>Setting the scene: Mental health and living with HIV: perspectives of a person living with HIV and a clinician</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marian Said, Member, European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG) Dr Joop Arends, Infectious Diseases Physician and Happi app Founder
10:25	<p>Rethinking European health systems to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety
10:35 – panel discussion 11:05 – Q&A	<p>Integrating mental health into HIV care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MEP Sara Cerdas, Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), Portugal Leoluca Orlando, City Mayor of Palermo, representing Fast-Track Cities Europe, Italy Ortwin Schulte, Head of Health Unit, Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU Hilkka Kärkkäinen, President, Global Alliance of Mental Illness Advocacy Networks (GAMIAN)
11: 15	BREAK
11:25	<p>Sharing of best practices in mental health support for people living with HIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ana-Maria Schweitzer, Executive Director, Baylor Foundation, Romania
11:35	<p>Stronger healthcare systems to leave no one behind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Hans Kluge, Director, WHO Europe
11:40 – panel discussion 12:05 – Q&A	<p>Cooperating internationally to address the mental health needs of people living with HIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MEP Tilly Metz, Greens/European Free Alliance, Luxembourg Dr Nicole Simone Seguy, Unit lead HIV and hepatitis, WHO Europe Vinay Saldanha, Special Adviser to Executive Director Winnie Byanyima, UNAIDS Igor Gordon, Programme Director, Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA)
12:15	<p>Closing remarks and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Bowis, Co-President, HIV Outcomes MEP Cristian Buşoi, European People's Party (EPP), Romania Nikos Dedes, Co-Chair, HIV Outcomes

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- European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS)
- European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- Fast-Track Cities
- UNAIDS