



POLICY SESSIONS 2017

28 – 29 January 2017

RAI Centre (room 8), Amsterdam, The Netherlands

POLICY SESSION 1

How can oncopolicy strengthen multidisciplinary practice to ensure optimal patient outcomes?

Date: Saturday 28 January
Time: 13:15 – 14:45 (1h30min)

Improving patient outcomes requires a multi-disciplinary approach to the organisation and delivery of cancer care. In this context, policies at national and European levels play a critical role in shaping the organisation and delivery of care and in advancing – or not multidisciplinary in cancer care. The following topics will be covered during the session:

- The critical role of the multi-disciplinary workforce in cancer care
- Initiatives on improving the quality of cancer care in Europe
- European networking and collaboration platforms

Programme

13:15 – 13:20	<u>Introductory remarks from Moderator</u> Elias Mossialos, Director, LSE Health
13:20 – 13:40	<u>Keynote addresses</u> Vytenis Andriukaitis, EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety (<i>confirmed</i>) Christopher Fearne, Minister for Health, Malta (<i>confirmed</i>)
13:40 – 14:45	<u>Panel discussion</u> Ian Banks, Chair, ECCO Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) (<i>confirmed</i>) Christopher Fearne, Minister for Health, Malta (<i>confirmed</i>) Daniel Kelly, President, European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) (<i>confirmed</i>) Peter Naredi, President, European CanCer Organisation (ECCO) (<i>confirmed</i>) Ciarán Nicholl, Head of the Public Health Policy Support Unit, Joint Research Centre Institute for Health and Consumer Protection (JRC-IHCP) (<i>confirmed</i>) Michel Van Hoegaerden, Programme Manager, EU Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting (<i>invited</i>)

POLICY SESSION 2

Meeting the challenges of cross-border cancer care

Date: Sunday 29 January

Time 13:15 – 14:45 (1h30min)

The last couple of years have seen the establishment of a 'European healthcare playing field' embodied in the EU Directive on Patients' rights in cross-border healthcare. European Reference Networks (ERNs) for complex diseases requiring particular concentration of expertise are expected to be established by early 2017 as a result of the Directive. ERNs could have an important impact on the organisation and delivery of cancer care in Europe. On the other hand, some stakeholders are advocating for further advancement to make EU cross-border cancer care a reality. Indeed, even with ERNs in place, different prices, access, and treatment options are available across Europe. This session will set out to answer the question – is there a real EU approach to cancer care? The following topics will be covered during the session:

- Organisation of care into networks (ERNs)
- Challenges for cancer registries and the EU Data protection Regulation for cross-border cancer care
- Access to care

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Introductory remarks from Moderator

Josep Figueras, European Observatory for Health Systems and Policies (***confirmed***)

13:20 – 13:30

Keynote addresses

Andrzej Rys, Director, Health systems, medical products and innovation, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission (***confirmed***)

Edith Schippers, Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport, The Netherlands (to be confirmed)

13:30 – 14:45

Panel discussion

Paolo Casali, Chair of the EU Policy Committee, European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) (*to be confirmed*)

Franco Cavalli, Chair, World Oncology Forum (***confirmed***)

Sakari Karjalainen, Secretary General, Cancer Society of Finland and President, Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL) (***confirmed***)

Ruth Ladenstein, Board Member of the European Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOPE) (***confirmed***)

Kathy Oliver, Co-Chair, ECCO Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) and ePAG patient representative (*to be confirmed*)

Alojz Peterle, MEP and President of the MEPs Against Cancer Group (to be confirmed)