

EU'S BEATING CANCER PLAN: CLOSING THE GAP IN CANCER CARE IN CE AND BALTICS

SPOTLIGHT ON MULTIPLE MYELOMA

21. November 2023 | 8.30 | Hotel Josef Praha, Prague

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November 21st, 2023 | Time 8:30 - 14:30 CET
Venue: Hotel Josef Praha, Prague

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 **Official Welcome:** by **Jakub Dvořáček**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health, Czech Republic and by **Prof. Róbert Babel'a**, Vice-Rector, Slovak Medical University

9:05 – 10:00 Panel discussion: **EU's Comprehensive Approach to Tackling Cancer: EU Mission of Cancer as effective tool and part of the EU Beating Cancer Plan, the role of the European Parliament and current state of implementation from the perspective of member states**

This panel discussion will address current main challenges, funding opportunities, projects of the EU Mission on Cancer as well as main initiatives within the EU Beating Cancer Plan. It will also examine the role of the European Parliament, focusing on outcomes and recommendations from the Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA) and how it can foster collaboration among stakeholders. Additionally, EU member states will update on their progress in implementing the Cancer Plan and network for cancer care centers.

Jakub Dvořáček, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health of Czech Republic
Michal Štofko, State Secretary, Ministry of Health of Slovak Republic
Radka Maxová, Member of the European Parliament, Subcommittee on Public Health (*online*)
Marek Svoboda, Board Member of the EU Cancer Mission, Director of Masaryk Oncology Institute
Soňa Čierniková, Representative of National Oncology institute in Slovakia

Led by: **Prof. Róbert Babel'a**, Vice-Rector at the Slovak Medical University

10:00 – 10:15 Presentation: **GLOBSEC Health Readiness Index from cancer care perspective**
Presenter: Martin Smatana, Associate Fellow, Health Stream, GLOBSEC

10:15 – 10:35 Coffee Break

10:35 – 11:20 Panel discussion **Can multiple myeloma become a chronic cancer disease or even be cured when treated in optimal way?**

Prof. Roman Hájek, Head of Department of Hematooncology, the University Hospital of Ostrava
Prof. Jelena Bila, Head of the Ward for Multiple Myeloma at the Clinic of Hematology, University Clinical Center of Serbia, Chair of Serbian Myeloma Group, General Secretary of the Balkan Myeloma Study Group

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Dr Gábor Mikala MD, PhD, Head of Division, Department of Hematology and Stem Cell Transplantation, South Pest Central Hospital - National Institute for Hematology and Infectious Diseases, Budapest, Hungary
Kate Morgan, Co-Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Myeloma Patient Europe (*online*)

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11:20 – 11:30 Presentation: **Is it effective to invest into innovative cancer treatment? Research study results from the field of the hematology cancer care**
Presenter: Prof. Róbert Babel'a, Vice-Rector at the Slovak Medical University

11:30 – 11:50 Presentation: **Multiple Myeloma in Central and Eastern Europe**
Supporting early and equitable access to care to improve patient outcomes
Presenter: Gerard Dunleavy, PhD, The Economist

11:50 – 12:00 Presentation: **My vision for multiple myeloma patient care across CEE**
Presenter: Mira Armour, Caregiver and Patient Advocate, CEO MijelomCRO

12:00 – 12:15 Closing remarks: **How would you evaluate the significance of enhancing multiple myeloma care in your country? What aspects are critical to start with?**
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12:15 – 13:15 Lunch Break

13:15 – 14:30 **Breakout Rooms for Discussions for Patients' Organizations and for Key Opinion Leaders**