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**SCREENING AND
PREVENTION**
FOR VIRAL HEPATITIS
AND HIV IN CEE
*Common challenges
joint solutions*

2018
June 28-29
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AGENDA

28 JUNE

09:00 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:30 Opening session and greetings

- Dr. Daniela Daritkova-Prodanova, Chairperson of the Healthcare Committee of the National Assembly of Republic of Bulgaria
- Mr. Jean-Luc Sion, Policy Officer, DG SANTE – Unit C3 Health Threats, European Commission
- Dr. Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, Member of The European Parliament, Chair of The Friends of the Liver group
- Representative of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Bulgaria (invited)
- Mrs. Tatjana Reic, President of European Liver Patients' Association

10:30 – 13:00 I. Plenary session – Setting the scene

Overview of existing international and European initiatives and strategies on screening and prevention.

- **Mr. Jean-Luc Sion**, Policy Officer, DG SANTE – Unit C3 Health Threats, European Commission – „Combating HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and tuberculosis in the European Union and neighbouring countries; policy instruments and good practices”
- **Dr. Antons Mozalevskis**, Medical Officer, World Health Organization - Regional Office for Europe – „HIV and viral hepatitis in the WHO European Region: challenges and the way forward”
- **Dr. Jordi Casabona**, Director of CEEISCAT/Member of the Steering Committee of the INTEGRATE Joint Action – „Joint Action on integrating prevention, testing and link to care strategies across HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs in Europe - INTEGRATE”
- **Mrs. Marinela Debu**, Vice President/Treasurer of ELPA – „HEP CORE: Patients monitoring the implementation of hepatitis B and C policy recommendations in Europe”
- **Prof. Henrique Lopes**, Coordinator of the Let's End HepC International Project – „Science and Political perspectives: the necessary bridge on Hep C”
- **Mr. Bertrand Audoin**, Vice President of International Association of Providers of AIDS Care – „Fast-Track Cities in Europe: Cities working together with countries can end the AIDS epidemic in Europe!”
- Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 II. Plenary session – Examples of good practices from the region and beyond

Information on good practices and the current situation in each country from the region and beyond.

- **Dr. Ulrich Marcus**, Department of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted or blood-borne infections, Robert Koch Institute, Germany – „Integrated strategy on HIV and Viral Hepatitis - The German experience”
- **Mrs. Corina Silvia Pop**, State Secretary, Ministry of Health of Romania – „Combating hepatitis B and C to reach elimination. A multisectoral approach for promoting public health”
- **Mrs. Jana Feldmane**, Head of Health Environment department in the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia – „Latvia's experience in development and implementation of national policy for elimination of hepatitis”
- **Dr. Angel Kunchev**, Chief State Health Inspector, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Bulgaria – „Immunization for viral hepatitis in Bulgaria – a successful practice”
- Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 III. Session – Country-specific working groups

Involved participants will be grouped by nationality for the purpose of drafting and agreeing on concrete actions that can be taken to relevant countries for improving screening and prevention policies.

18:00 – 18:30 Conclusion of day 1

20:00 – Dinner

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9:00 – 11:00 **IV. Plenary session – Results of the working groups and follow up discussion**

Presentation of the results of the working groups and discussion of potential follow up activities

- Each country-specific working group will deliver a short presentation based on the discussions during the working session on the previous day.
- Discussion on follow up activities such as national round tables, event in Brussels etc.

11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 – 12:00 **Discussion panel and summary of the results of the Conference**

12:00 – 12:30 **Conclusion and adoption of a resolution**

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**