



POLICY EVENT

Championing Children's Health: Advancing Paediatric Oncology on Children's Rights Day

Hosted by MEP Loucas Furlas (EPP, Cyprus)

Tuesday 19 November 2024

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM European Parliament (Room P4B001 - SPAAK)

The European Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOPE) and Childhood Cancer International - Europe (CCI-E) invite you to participate in this key event to raise awareness about paediatric cancer in Europe.

On the occasion of Children's Rights Day, this conference will bring together key stakeholders in the fight against paediatric cancer to discuss critical issues surrounding the right to health for children and adolescents with cancer. Despite advances in treatment and care, significant disparities persist across Europe, affecting access to essential medicines, care, and research, as well as the quality of life for young patients. This event will explore how the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child, Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, and the EU Cancer Mission can be leveraged to overcome challenges in providing high-quality cross-border care and research. It will focus on ensuring that every child in Europe receives the care they need and deserve.

Hosted by MEP Loucas Furlas at the European Parliament, the conference aims to foster dialogue and collaboration among policymakers, healthcare professionals, patient advocates, and industry representatives. Through focused discussions and expert insights, we will examine the current state of paediatric oncology in Europe and identify actionable steps to uphold the rights of young cancer patients, ensuring equitable access to care and support.

Let's work together towards a more equitable and effective approach to childhood cancer across Europe.

Discover the draft programme below.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

1	Introductory remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loucas Furlas, MEP (EPP, CY)• Carmelo Rizzari, SIOPE President (University of Milano-Bicocca, IT)• Anita Kienesberger, CCI Europe Committee Chair (AT)
2	Moderated discussion and reflections from key stakeholders: <i>"Breaking Barriers: Ensuring Access to High-Quality Cross-Border Care and Research for Children with Cancer"</i> <u>Moderator:</u> Carina Schneider , Managing Director and Patient Advocate, CCI Europe (AT) <u>Panellists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gilles Vassal, SIOPE Board Member and Policy Lead (Gustave Roussy, FR)• Representative from CCI-E



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ewa Kopacz, MEP (EPP, PO) <i>invited</i> • András Kulja, MEP (EPP, HU) <i>invited</i> • Ruth Ladenstein SIOPE Board Member and ERN PaedCan coordinator • Vlad Voiculescu, MEP (RE, RO) <i>invited</i> • European Commission - DG SANTE <i>invited</i> • EFPIA
3	Q&As and Key Takeaways - Carina Schneider, Managing Director and Patient Advocate, CCI Europe (AT)
4	Closing remarks: Loucas Fourlas, MEP (EPP, CY)
5	Networking Reception

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