

SIOPE POLICY EVENT: International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) 2024

Launching the European Paediatric Cancer Community Manifesto:

Cure More, Cure Better and Tackle Inequalities

Hosted by MEP Stelios Kypouropoulos (EPP, EL)

13.02.2024 17:00-19:00 CET

European Parliament ANTALL 6Q1(BRU)

Followed by Networking Reception in MEP Salon

This edition of the annual ICCD meeting will officially launch the European Elections 2024 Manifesto of the paediatric haematology-oncology community and foster multi-stakeholder discussion on how to Cure More, Cure Better and Tackle Inequalities - towards Zero Deaths and Zero Late Effects.

Paediatric cancer remains a significant public health concern in Europe, accounting for a considerable portion of childhood mortality and contributing to long-term health challenges for survivors. Despite advancements, there is a necessity for coordinated efforts at the EU level to combat this life-threatening disease. The European Paediatric Oncology Manifesto highlights critical areas demanding attention, including the revision of Pharmaceutical legislation, resource allocation for research, sustainability of the EU Childhood Cancer Data Initiative, better quality of care, mental health and psychosocial care, as well as long-term care models for survivors, along with causes of cancer and environmental aspects.

The Panel discussion will focus on Inequalities in Childhood Cancer across Europe, breaking down the topic in two sections on equal access to high quality care and equal access to research and innovation. Furthermore, outcomes of the OCEAN project, which mapped the organisation of care and research in Europe to provide an overview of the paediatric cancer centres that deliver care and research for children and adolescents with cancer across Europe, will be highlighted.

The Event will bring together experts from academia, patient advocates, policymakers, and other stakeholders to drive conversations and actionable strategies toward curing paediatric cancer in Europe. The call to action directed towards MEPs will urge their support in policy changes, resource allocation, and collaborative efforts necessary to address the multifaceted challenges of paediatric cancer.

The launch of the manifesto will mark a pivotal moment to catalyse change, emphasizing the urgency of uniting efforts and resources to combat paediatric cancer and improve the lives of affected children and their families throughout Europe.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

1	<p>17:00 - 17:10 - Special Welcome Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carmelo Rizzari, SIOPE President (University of Milano-Bicocca, IT) ○ Stelios Kypouropoulos, MEP (EPP, EL) ○ Anita Kienesberger, (Chair of CCI-Europe Committee)
2	<p>17:10 – 17:20 - Special Address by Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides (video)</p>

3	17:20-17:25 – Special Remarks from WHO Regional Director for Europe Hans Kluge (video)
4	17:25 – 17:35 – Presentation of the Childhood Cancer Manifesto <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delphine Heenen (Lead of European Affairs CCI-E, KickCancer) ○ Gilles Vassal (Gustave Roussy, SIOPE Board Member)
5	17:35– 18:30 – Moderated Panel Discussion – Addressing inequalities in Childhood Cancer across Europe <p style="text-align: center;">Part 1: Equal access to high quality care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ruth Ladenstein (S²IRP-CCRI, ERN-PeacCan, SIOPE Board Member) ○ Carina Schneider (Managing Director CCI-E) ○ Gilles Vassal (Gustave Roussy, SIOPE Board Member) ○ Georgia Kokkinou (CCI-E, Vice-President Floga) ○ Theodora Psaltopoulou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, ELPIDA Association Board Member) ○ MEP Tilly Metz (Greens/LUX) ○ Stefan Schreck (Advisor for Stakeholder relations, European Commission DG Health and Food Safety) <p style="text-align: center;">Special Adress MEP Loucas Fourlas (EPP, CY) (video)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part 2: Equal access to research and innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ruth Ladenstein (S²IRP-CCRI, ERN-PeacCan, SIOPE Board Member) ○ Joanna Drake (European Commission Deputy Director-General DG Research and Innovation) ○ Gilles Vassal (Gustave Roussy, SIOPE Board Member) ○ MEP Tomislav Sokol (EPP/HR) ○ Patricia Blanc (CCI-E, President Imagine for Margo) ○ Roberta Savli (Executive Director for Public Affairs EFPIA European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industry Associations)
6	18:30-18:40 - Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stelios Kypouropoulos, MEP (EPP, EL) ○ Anita Kienesberger, CCI-E Chair of Europe Committee ○ Carmelo Rizzari, SIOPE President (University of Milano-Bicocca, IT)
7	18:40 – 19:00 – Childhood Cancer Manifesto Signing
8	19:00-20:30 – Networking Reception in the MEP Salon and Childhood Cancer Manifesto Signing