



## SIOPE POLICY EVENT

### *Why Childhood Cancer should stay high on the EU agenda for 2024-2029*

**Tuesday 24 September 2024**

**2:00 PM to 3:00 PM (Zoom Webinar)**

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. Taking place during the 2024 Gold September – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, this event will highlight the challenges faced by children and adolescents with cancer and advocate for improved care and research.

By discussing our strategies to tackle inequalities in childhood cancer care and research, the event aims to keep paediatric cancer high on the agenda for the 2024-2029 mandate of the EU Parliament and the EU Commission. We will delve into topics such as: equal access to medicines, improving access to clinical research and care across Europe and improving quality of life for patients and survivors.

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

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

1	<b>2:00 PM Introductory remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Carmelo Rizzari</b>, SIOPE President (University of Milano-Bicocca, IT)</li><li>• <b>Loucas Furlas</b>, MEP (EPP, CY) Video Address</li></ul>
2	<b>2:10 PM Special Keynote Address</b> - Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety
3	<b>2:15 PM Moderated discussion and reflections from key stakeholders:</b> <i>"Bridging the Gap: Strategies to Reduce Paediatric Cancer Inequalities in Europe"</i>  <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Carina Schneider</b> , Managing Director and Patient Advocate, CCI Europe (AT) <b>confirmed</b>  <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Gilles Vassal</b>, SIOPE Board Member and Policy Lead (Gustave Roussy, FR) <b>confirmed</b></li><li>• <b>Vlad Voiculescu</b>, MEP (RE, RO) <b>confirmed</b></li><li>• <b>Annika Nowak</b>, Head of Sector, DG RTD, European Commission <b>confirmed</b></li><li>• <b>Adrian van den Hoven</b>, Director General, Medicines for Europe <b>confirmed</b></li><li>• <b>Delphine Heenen</b>, CCI-E Committee Member and KickCancer founder (BE) <b>confirmed</b></li></ul>
4	<b>2:50 PM Q&amp;As</b>
5	<b>2:55 PM Key Takeaways and Closing remarks:</b> Anita Kienesberger, CCI Europe Committee Chair (AT)

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