



SPECIAL SIOPE-MAC WEBINAR FOR GOLD SEPTEMBER: CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Towards a Transformational Change for Children and Adolescents with Cancer in Europe: Synergies between Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and EU Cancer Research Programmes



Thursday, 30 September 2021 (12:00 – 13:30 CEST)

Format: Online, link TBC

Hosted by:

MAC Co-Chair and BECA Rapporteur: **Véronique Trillet-Lenoir MEP (Renew Europe, FR)**

About the Gold September Campaign

Gold September is a universally recognised occasion to raise awareness of childhood cancer and 'shine the light' on these young patients and their specific needs.

Initiated by parents, patients, and survivors of childhood cancer at the grassroots level, the campaign has today become a broadly endorsed initiative with a prominent global presence.

In Europe, the organisations representing childhood cancer parents, patients, survivors, healthcare professionals, and academia mark the campaign through dedicated policy events in cooperation with key stakeholders.

The purpose is to recognise the efforts and support of EU policymakers championing childhood cancer issues and to raise awareness of the achievements and future opportunities:

**Cure More, Cure Better, and Reduce Inequalities
for Children and Adolescents with Cancer across Europe**

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(Programme Version 23 July 2021)

12:00 – 12:05	WELCOME REMARKS
	- Véronique Trillet-Lenoir MEP (RE, FR), MAC Co-Chair and Rapporteur of Beating Cancer Committee (BECA) - Pamela Kearns , SIOPE President (University of Birmingham, UK)
12:05 – 12:20	SPECIAL ADDRESSES
12:05 – 12:10	- Loucas Fourlas MEP (EPP, CY), MAC Co-Chair and Member of Beating Cancer Committee (BECA)
12:10 – 12:15	- Stella Kyriakides , Commissioner for Health and Food Safety (<i>video address</i>)
12:15 – 12:20	- Mariya Gabriel , Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth (<i>video address</i>)
12:20 – 12:40	<u>PART I: Alignment and mobilisation to deliver on the potential of the EU childhood cancer agenda</u>
	CHAIR: Pamela Kearns , SIOPE President (University of Birmingham, UK)
12:20 – 12:30	<u>Parents, patients, and survivors: shaping implementation to address the key needs</u> - CCI Europe Representative – Parent, <i>Speaker TBC</i> - CCI Europe or PanCare Representative – Survivor, <i>Speaker TBC</i>
12:30 – 12:40	<u>Building on SIOP Europe's Strategic Plan to Cure More and Cure Better</u> - Gilles Vassal , SIOPE Board Member and Policy Lead (Gustave Roussy, FR) - Tomasz Szczepański , SIOPE Board Member, SIOPE Clinical Research Council Co-Chair (PL)
12:40 – 13:25	<u>PART II: Panel Discussion and Q&A: Childhood cancer in focus - making the most of the momentum</u>
	<u>CHAIRS:</u> - Véronique Trillet-Lenoir MEP (RE, FR), MAC Co-Chair and Rapporteur of Beating Cancer Committee (BECA) - Carmelo Rizzari , SIOPE President-Elect (University of Milano-Bicocca, IT) <u>PANELISTS:</u> <u>European Parliament:</u> - Peter Liese MEP (EPP, DE), Member of Beating Cancer Committee (BECA) - Patrizia Toia MEP (S&D, IT), Vice-Chair of Industry, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE) <u>European Commission:</u> - John F. Ryan , Director – Public Health, DG SANTE - Barbara Kerstiens , Head of Unit – Combatting Diseases, DG RTD <u>Council of the EU:</u> - Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU, <i>Speaker TBC</i> <u>Academia:</u> - Ruth Ladenstein , SIOPE Board Member and ERN PaedCan Coordinator (CCRI, AT) <u>Parents/Survivors:</u> - CCI Europe Representative, <i>Speaker TBC</i>
13:25 – 13:30	CONCLUDING REMARKS
	- Pamela Kearns , SIOPE President (University of Birmingham, UK) - Véronique Trillet-Lenoir MEP (RE, FR), MAC Co-Chair and Rapporteur of Beating Cancer Committee (BECA)

ABOUT THE ORGANISERS



The **MEPs Against Cancer (MAC) Interest Group** was founded in 2005 by a group of committed MEPs for MEPs. MAC remains the largest and oldest (and until 2020 the only) dedicated group for cancer policy at the European Parliament. MAC members work together in order to improve cancer control and prevention in Europe, in the belief that European cooperation adds value to member states' actions.



The **Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL)** is a non-profit, European umbrella organisation of 29 national and regional cancer societies across 24 countries. ECL provides an exclusive platform for members to collaborate with their international peers, primarily in the areas of cancer prevention, tobacco control, access to medicines and patient support, and creates opportunities to advocate for these issues at the EU level. www.europeancancerleagues.org

European childhood cancer organisations:



The **European Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOPE Europe or SIOPE)** is the only pan-European organisation representing all professionals working in the field of childhood cancers. With more than 2,000 members across 36 countries, SIOPE Europe is leading the way to ensure the best possible care and outcomes for all children and adolescents with cancer in Europe. www.siope.eu

Representing childhood cancer professionals, SIOPE Europe is working in Memorandum-based partnership with European organisations of parents, patients and survivorship community:



Childhood Cancer International – Europe (CCI Europe, or CCI-E) represents childhood cancer parents' and survivors' groups as well as other childhood cancer organisations in Europe: 66 organisations in 33 European countries are members of CCI. CCI Europe works together with all relevant stakeholders for the same aim, namely to help children and adolescents with cancer to be cured, with no - or as few as possible - long term health problems/late effects. www.ccieurope.eu



The **Pan-European Network for Care of Survivors after Childhood and Adolescent Cancer (PanCare)** is a multidisciplinary pan-European network of professionals, survivors and their families that aims to reduce the frequency, severity and impact of late side effects of the treatment of children and adolescents with cancer. Together with the paediatric oncology community PanCare is working to achieve equity of access to care for childhood cancer survivors across Europe, to perform collaborative research, to develop evidence-based surveillance guidelines together with the International Guideline Harmonisation Group and to act as a resource of research-based information concerning all late side-effects of cancer treatment. www.pancare.eu