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## AGENDA

### 28 JUNE

**09:00 – 10:00 Registration**

**10:00 – 10:30 Opening session and greetings**

- Ministry of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU
- Health Committee of the Bulgarian Parliament
- Ministry of Health of the Republic of Bulgaria
- **Dr. Cristian-Silviu Buşoi**, Member of The European Parliament, Chair of The Friends of the Liver group
- **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 – „Combatting 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”
- **Prof. Silvia Bino**, Southeast European Center for Surveillance and Control of Infectious Diseases – „Screening programs and Viral Hepatitis and HIV in South East Europe”
- 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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29 JUNE

**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**

**12:00 – 13:00 Lunch**