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20 Million Reasons to Discuss Life after Cancer: Establishing a European Cancer Survivorship Day

Zoom Webinar | Date: 29 June 2021 Time: 10:30 - 11:30 hrs CET

Join our online debate to raise awareness on the needs of cancer survivors and discuss the importance of return-to-work policies.

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CHALLENGE CANCER
EU PARLIAMENTARY INTERGROUP

Register for the webinar hosted on 29th June 2021, 10:30 - 11:30 CEST

Despite advances in cancer diagnoses and effective therapies which have helped to increase survival rates, **cancer survivors** continue to experience significant **challenges**.

According to **Europe's Beating Cancer Plan**, cancer should be tackled across the entire disease pathway, from prevention to improving the quality of life of cancer patients and survivors. In fact, ensuring that survivors “**live long, fulfilling lives, free from discrimination and unfair obstacles**” is of utmost importance. Life after cancer is multifaceted yet the focus of this online debate is on the implementation of policies addressing

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An EU Cancer Survivorship Day becoming a reality

Last year, ECPC's event on life after cancer and putting an end to discrimination helped to **raise awareness of cancer survivorship** issues in the EU and called for the formalisation of a European Cancer Survivors Day.

This year, our webinar seeks to provide an impetus for the formal establishment of an annual EU **Cancer Survivorship Day**, following the example of several national cancer survivorship days which bring together communities worldwide to recognise survivors and the challenges they face and celebrate life after cancer. The **Challenge Cancer Intergroup** is committed to making the creation of an EU cancer survivors day become a reality.

PROGRAMME

10:30 - 10:35 | Introduction and opening remarks

- Prof. Dr. Mark Lawler, Professor of Digital Health, Faculty of Medicine, Queen's University Belfast and ECPC Scientific Committee Member

10:35 - 10:45 | Understanding and prioritising the needs of cancer survivors

- MEP Cristian Silviu Buşoi (EPP, Romania), Chair of Challenge Cancer Parliamentary Intergroup
- Dr. Roberta De Angelis, Senior Research Director for Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, Istituto Superiore di Sanità

10:45 - 11:00 | Implementing return to work policies for cancer survivors

Discussion panel

- Magali Mertens de Wilmars, Founder of Work&Cancer
- Barbara Wilson, Founder and Director of Working with Cancer
- Stephen Bevan, Head, HR Research Development, Institute for Employment Studies

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- Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety
- MEP Véronique Trillet-Lenoir (Renew Europe, France), Member of the Parliament's Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA) (tbc)
- MEP Romana Jerković (S&D, Croatia), Member of the Challenge Cancer Intergroup

11:25 - 11:30 | Concluding remarks

- Ken Mastris, ECPC President

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Mark Lawler[f @ECPCfb](#)[t @cancereu](#)[www.ecpc.org](#)

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