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## **European Parliament Conference on Chronic Diseases organized jointly by the Belgian Presidency of the EU and Health First Europe**

*Co-hosted by MEP Kathleen Van Brempt, BE, S&D and MEP Miroslav Mikolášik, SK, EPP-ED*

### **Chronic Disease Management: Aim for an Innovative EU policy “cure”**

#### **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

14:30 – 15:00 Registration and welcome

15:00 – 15:15 **Opening and Keynote speeches**

- MEP Kathleen Van Brempt, BE, S&D and MEP Miroslav Mikolášik, SK, EPP-ED (conf)
- Laurette Onkelinx, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health, Belgium (conf)

15:15 – 15:30 Setting the scene

Presentation of the main conclusions on “Barriers and Opportunities” that emerged from the conference organized from the Belgian Presidency on October 20<sup>th</sup>, BE rapporteur

#### **Session 1**

15:30 – 16:30 **Barriers and Opportunities**

- Chaired by *John Bowis, HFE’s Honorary President* (conf)
- Thinking out of the box: an EU perspective, (tbc)
- Do we have an European perspective?, *Antonyia Parvanova, MEP, BU, ALDE* (inv)
- Barriers and opportunities, *Paul de Raeye, Secretary General, European Federation of Nurses* (conf)
- Living with a cardiovascular disease, *Jo Groves, CEO, International Alliance of Patients organizations* (inv)
- Sweeping barriers: telemedicine, *Prof. Panos E. Vardas, President, European Heart Rhythm Association* (tbc)
- Q&A and wrap up of the first session

16:30 – 16:40 Coffee break

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Session 2

16:40 – 17:55 **Management and care of chronic diseases**

- Chaired by *John Bowis, HFE's Honorary President (conf)*
- Innovating to find solutions, *John Wilkinson, CEO, Eucomed (conf)*
- Cross-border management: an opportunity?, *Françoise Grossetête, MEP, FR, EPP-ED*
- More information, better treatment? *Wim Wientjes, President, International Diabetes Federation (conf)*
- How to reduce the bills?, *Jo de Cock, INAMI (Institut national d'assurance maladie-invalidité)(conf)*
- Q&A and wrap up of the second session

17:55 – 18:00 **Conclusion and closing of the conference:**

- *Laurette Onkelinx, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health, Belgium (conf)*
- *MEP Miroslav Mikolášik, SK, EPP-ED (conf)*

18:00 – 19:00 Reception