

DRAFT AGENDA

MEP Interest Group on Brain, Mind and Pain
Turning principles into action: best practice in reducing health inequalities
Friday, 19 November, 10.00 – 13.00hrs CET, hosted via Conference+

60' Opening Plenary

10.00h WELCOME

Ms Deirdre Ryan, President, Pain Alliance Europe

10.05h OPENING REMARKS

Ms Sandra Gallina, Director General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE)

10.15h PERSPECTIVE ON HEALTH EQUITY

Interview with Sir Michael Marmot, Director of the University College London Institute of Health Equity

10.20h PANEL DEBATE: 'ADVANCING MEANINGFUL POLICIES AND INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS DRIVERS OF HEALTH INEQUITY'

MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP, FI), Co-chair of the Interest Group

Dr Nicole Valentine, WHO Programme Lead, WHO Multicountry Special Initiative for Action on Social Determinants of Health for Advancing Equity

Ms Dorota Sienkiewicz, Senior Policy Coordinator EuroHealthNet

Ms Astri Arnesen, Executive Director, European Huntington Association

Ms Nadia Malliou, PAE Board Member and Secretary General of the Hellenic League Against Rheumatism

11.00' Break

65' Presentation of best practices in the areas of stigma, access and patient empowerment

11.10h Introduction to the initiative of the Interest Group

11.15h ERADICATING STIGMA, ISOLATION AND DISCRIMINATION

Focus on: Raising public awareness of the needs of those living with neurological disorders and/or chronic pain conditions at all ages

- Introductory Q&A of Ms Astrid Dentler, Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Dubravka Šuica
- Presentations of top 3 selected solutions in each theme

11.35h ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO TREATMENT, SERVICES AND SUPPORT

Focus on: Improving education and information on neurological and/or chronic pain conditions, and their management

- Introductory Q&A with Teva representative (TBC)
- Presentations of top 3 selected solutions in each theme

- 11.55h** **PROMOTING PATIENT EMPOWERMENT FOR INCREASED INVOLVEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT**
Focus on: Empowering women living with neurological disorders and/or chronic pain conditions to engage more effectively in shared decision-making
- Introductory speech by MEP Frances Fitzgerald (IE, EPP)
 - Presentations of top 3 selected solutions in each theme

12.15h **Break**

- 12.25h** **Interactive discussion on presented best practices & next steps**
incl. focus on: SUPPORTING INITIATIVES FROM AND FOR THE PATIENT COMMUNITY
Discussants

- 12.55h** **CONCLUDING WORDS**
MEP Tilly Metz (Greens/EFA, LU), Co-chair of the Interest Group

- 13.00h** **CLOSE**
Ms Joke Jaarsma, President, European Federation of Neurological Associations