

ACHIEVE COALITION

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IMMUNIZE AND ELIMINATE THE VIRUSES IN EUROPE

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Associations collaborating on Hepatitis to Immunize and Eliminate the Viruses in Europe

What?

Stakeholders in viral hepatitis, representing **patients** and **community, clinicians** and **researchers**, come together to speak with **one voice**, to **advocate** at EU and national level for **viral hepatitis elimination** in Europe.

Who?

Chair: Tatjana Reic (ELPA) / **Full members:** European Liver Patients' Association, EASL International Liver Foundation, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board, Correlation Network, Hepatitis B and C Public Policy Association, European Aids Treatment Group, World Hepatitis Alliance, ISGlobal / **Observers:** WHO Europe, Health Protection Scotland / **Sponsors:** AbbVie, Abbott, Cepheid, Gilead, MSD

Why?

The 2016 WHO Global Strategy and the WHO Europe Action Plan set the elimination goal for hepatitis by 2030, but many Member States do not appear to have the fight against viral hepatitis on their radar screen. ACHIEVE aims to create a **political urgency at EU and national level** to ensure that the **WHO goal** will be met.



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FIRST REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON VIRAL HEPATITIS IN THE WHO EUROPEAN REGION:

ACHIEVE ASKED TO SPEAK ABOUT THE ROLE OF PARTNERSHIPS

Tbilisi, Georgia, 11-13 February 2019

- **The aim of the consultation** was to **assess progress** on the road to eliminating viral hepatitis by 2030
- **Participants included**
 - 45 Member States representatives from the WHO European Region
 - Epidemiological experts
 - Civil society organisations
 - Patients' associations
- **Evidence showed** that viral hepatitis mortality has not yet decreased
- **Participants agreed** that to achieve elimination goals in time we need to:
 - Ensure **universal health coverage**
 - Target **vulnerable populations** (such as drug users, prisoners and migrants)
 - Address the **social determinants** of viral hepatitis



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MOVING FORWARD – ACHIEVE PROJECT PLAN 2019

Outreach to countries of strategic relevance

Secure **support from national influencers and key decision-makers**

Good practice compendium

Collect existing good practice at national and local level to demonstrate that elimination can be done

Annual good practice sharing event

Event to provide a forum to display to policymakers and interested stakeholders and discuss how this can be disseminated

EU outreach

Reach out to new policymakers in Commission and Parliament to ensure hepatitis elimination is included on the agenda of the new legislature

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