



INVITATION

(for Kangaroo Group Members and Guests)

VIRTUAL – DEBATE

Wednesday, 16 December 2020 from 12.45 to 14:15 hrs

“Beating Covid - Beating Cancer”

On its appointment, the von der Leyen Commission announced beating cancer as a flagship initiative for its five-year term. Then COVID-19 hit changing dramatically our European way of life and placing an unprecedented burden on the EU's healthcare resources. Commission Vice President Schinas has a central leadership role in driving the EU's response to both these health crises. Recent legislative proposals for a European Health Union include enhanced roles for the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA). Europe's Beating Cancer Plan is eagerly awaited. Vice President Schinas' introductory speech will set the scene for a debate on key questions governing success in tackling these health challenges. What lessons have we learnt from COVID and how will a European Health Union improve our preparedness for and resilience to serious cross-border health threats? Which gaps will be filled by the proposed EU Health Emergency Response Authority (HERA) and what form will it take? If 40% of cancer cases are preventable, what can the EU do to encourage lifestyles and actions which reduce the risk of harm and disease? Where should Europe's Beating Cancer Plan focus its actions?

Welcome and Chair:

Michael GAHLER MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group

Keynote Speaker:

Margaritis SCHINAS, Vice-President of the European Commission
-Beating Covid and Beating Cancer-

Statements:

Peter LIESE MEP, EPP/Germany, Member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and Member of the Special Committee on Beating Cancer
-What's at stake for the EU and its citizens-

Andrea AMMON, Director, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
-A new role for the ECDC in fighting cross-border health threats? -

Marion KOOPMANS, Head of Viroscience at the Erasmus University Medical Center, Member of the Commission's Advisory Panel on COVID-19
-The critical factors in beating COVID-19 -

Jindrich VOBORIL, Head of the Institute for Rational Drug Policies and former Czech National Anti-Drug Coordinator,
-Lifestyles, addiction and beating cancer -

This debate will be conducted via Zoom and hosted by the Kangaroo Group

Please reply to the Kangaroo Group's Brussels office, whether you will attend or not
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Yes, I will attend

No, I will not attend