



VIRTUAL-DEBATE

Tuesday, 15 March 2022 at 12:30 to 14:00 hrs

“Preventing the next pandemic: What Europe can do to fight against Antimicrobial Resistance”

As opposed to the COVID-19 pandemic, an Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) induced crisis will not be a surprise. 25 000 patients die annually in the EU alone as a result of infections caused by resistant bacteria. 10 million deaths per year are anticipated if the antimicrobial pipeline is not revitalized. Without effective antimicrobials, medical procedures such as surgery, organ transplantation, and cancer chemotherapy will be severely impacted. In the Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe, the European Commission acknowledged that “new business approaches are required” and it announced its intention to explore new types of incentives to develop innovative antimicrobials in 2022. The meeting will seek to discuss how Europe can drive investment in antimicrobial R&D and create the right conditions for a sustainable pipeline that will protect society and patients against the threat of AMR.

Chair and Welcome:

Michael GAHLER MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group

Speakers:

Cristian-Silviu BUSOI MEP, EPP/Romania, Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Marc GITZINGER, Vice-President of the BEAM Alliance

Dr Henry SKINNER, CEO, AMR Action Fund, tbc (by Video)

Sophie NOYA, Director Public Policy Europe, MSD