

CHAIRMANSHIP of the MEPs AGAINST CANCER (MAC) Interest Group at the European Parliament



Why become the Chair of the MEPs Against Cancer?



I. VISIBILITY - The MAC Chair represents the interest group in public and is often approached to speak at various meetings and conferences.

II. DRIVING THE AGENDA - The Chair, together with the ECL Secretariat and the Vice-Chairs, prepares the annual meeting plan and shapes the activities and strategic goals of the MAC group.

III. POLITICAL NETWORK - The Chair builds strong relationships with other MEPs and EU officials to ensure priorities set within the group are followed up at both the EU and national level.

What are the responsibilities of the Chair?



I. PUBLIC REPRESENTATION - The Chair acts as spokesperson of the interest group and relays information to the public, stakeholders and the media.

II. AGENDA SETTING - The Chair ensures fighting cancer is high on the political agenda and works with other MEPs and EU institutions towards effective cancer control in Europe. Together with the Secretariat, the Chair agrees on topics which are to be discussed in the interest group.

III. ENLARGEMENT - The Chair promotes the need for stronger cancer control at the European Parliament and encourages other MEPs to join the MAC Group.

• How can I apply for the Chairmanship?

1. Nominate yourself by emailing your **CV** (emphasising your health and/or cancer-related activities) and a statement covering your **vision** for the MAC Group in the 2019-24 mandate to Anna@european-cancer-leagues.org by the **4 October 2019**

• How will the Chair and Vice-Chairs be elected?

2. The Secretariat will forward all candidatures to MAC members in the week commencing 7 October 2019

3. MAC Members will vote online through a password-protected EU Survey between 14 - 25 October 2019

4. The Secretariat will communicate the results of the online voting to all MAC Members by the end of October 2019

- One Chair and three Vice-Chairs will be elected (3 different political groups and 4 Member States *must* be represented)
- The candidate with the highest amount of votes will become the Chair. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th runner-ups will become Vice-Chairs. This is subject to the political parties and nationality conditions mentioned above and the requirements set in the footer below.

5. Chair and Vice-Chairs will be formally inaugurated at the first internal meeting on 19 November 2019

In order to ensure the smooth functioning of the MAC Group, the Chair is expected to dedicate on average *one day per month* to MAC-related activities. A *strong command of the English language* is an essential requirement for the Chairmanship. The Chair's responsibilities can be delegated to the Vice-Chairs when the Chair is not available.

