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MEPs Against Cancer 20th Anniversary Event

Date: 22 May 2025, 13:00 – 15:00 CEST

Venue: SPINELLI 3G2, European Parliament, Brussels

The **MEPs Against Cancer Interest Group** was founded in 2005 and remains the oldest group dedicated to cancer prevention and care in the European Parliament. Over the past two decades, MAC members – representing different political groups and countries – have collaborated to strengthen the fight against cancer by promoting prevention and ensuring access to better treatments and care for cancer patients across Europe.

This milestone event will be an opportunity to celebrate the MAC's achievements, discuss future priorities, and reaffirm our shared commitment to fighting cancer in the European Union and beyond. It will bring together key stakeholders from the cancer community, policymakers, national and regional cancer leagues, and civil society representatives.

This event is hosted by **MEP Romana Jerković** (Chair of MEPs Against Cancer, S&D), alongside Vice-Chair **MEP Tilly Metz** (Greens/EFA). It is supported by the **Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL)**, who provides the secretariat for the MAC group.

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Programme

13:00 – 13:05 | Welcome and opening

MEP Romana Jerković, Chair of the MEPs Against Cancer, S&D

13:05 – 13:10 | Keynote address (video message)

Olivér Várhelyi, European Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare

13:10 – 13:20 | Europe's Beating Cancer Plan – Achievements and roadblocks

Matthias Schuppe, Deputy Head of Unit B1 Cancer, Health in all Policies
at DG SANTE, European Commission

13:20 – 13:30 | EU Cancer Mission – Achievements so far

Annika Nowak, Head of the Cancer Mission Secretariat, Unit D1 Combatting Diseases at DG RTD,
European Commission

13:30 – 13:40 | WHO and EU collaboration in the fight against cancer

Oxana Damenti, WHO Representative to the European Union

13:40 – 13:50 | Role of civil society in reducing Europe's cancer burden

Ramón Reyes, President of the Association of European Cancer Leagues,
MEPs Against Cancer secretariat

13:50 – 14:05 | Cross-party collaboration to reduce inequalities in cancer prevention and care

MEP Romana Jerković (Chair of MEPs Against Cancer, S&D)
and MAC Vice-Chairs **MEP Loucas Furlas** (EPP) and **MEP Tilly Metz** (Greens/EFA)

14:05 – 15:00 | Networking

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