



SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BEATING CANCER
THE CHAIR

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Subject: Invitation to the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting of the Special Committee on Beating Cancer on “Turning the tide on cancer: the view of national parliaments on Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan” on 27 September 2021

To the Chairperson(s) of the Committee(s) concerned

Dear Colleague,

Since September 2020, the Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA) of the European Parliament has been working on proposals for concrete actions for EU institutions and member states that can help prevent and fight cancer, and for the best ways to support cancer research.

On the occasion of the publication of the [BECA draft report](#) by rapporteur Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, I would like to invite Members of the national Parliaments of the EU to attend the Interparliamentary Committee meeting

***“Turning the tide on cancer:
The view of national parliaments on Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan”***

The EU has been working to tackle cancer for decades and its actions, for example on tobacco control, protection from hazardous substances, rules for clinical trials for medicinal products and promoting cancer screening, have saved and prolonged many lives. BECA examines how to realize the ambitions of [Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan](#), presented in February 2021, which sets out a new EU approach to cancer prevention, treatment and care. To this end, the draft report by BECA Rapporteur Véronique Trillet-Lenoir has been published in June 2021.

The Interparliamentary Committee meeting will provide a good platform for an exchange of views on the BECA draft report and Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan with parliamentarians from the national parliaments and the European Parliament and with Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Stella Kyriakides, Ms Véronique Trillet-Lenoir MEP, Beating Cancer Committee Rapporteur, Ms Birgitta Sacrédeus, Rapporteur of the forthcoming opinion of the Committee of the Regions and Ms Małgorzata Bogusz, Rapporteur of the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee.

The event will be an international forum for an exchange of experiences and best practices on how national and EU actions can contribute to a higher rate of cancer prevention, support excellence in cancer research, improve treatments, and ensure equal access to cancer care throughout the Union. The meeting will also offer the opportunity to address how the coronavirus pandemic affected cancer care and cancer patients, and how we could make cancer care more resilient in the future.

I am therefore very pleased to invite up to four Members of the corresponding committee(s) of each national Parliament (two from each chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this event online on **Monday, 27 September 2021, from 9.00 to 12.00.**

According to the sanitary measures in place in the European Parliament, the event will be organised with remote participation.

Practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's representatives/services responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation and we are looking forward to welcoming you to our Interparliamentary Committee Meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosed:

Provisional draft programme: Interparliamentary Committee Meeting of the Special Committee on Beating Cancer on *“Turning the tide on cancer: the view of national parliaments on Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan”* on 27 September 2021