

# Invitation

EPP GROUP HEALTH CONFERENCE:

# TOWARDS A EUROPEAN HEALTH UNION

## What?

EPP Group LIVE Event : **#EPP4Health**

## When?

The event will take place on Wednesday the 13 January 2021 from 14.45 to 17.00 (CET)

## How?

Join our live event:

 <https://www.facebook.com/EPPGroup/live>

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Today, European cooperation on health and innovation must be the means used to fight deadly diseases and possible future pandemics. In 2021, in the soon to be, post-pandemic world, the European Union has a unique opportunity to do more on health and must be given the competences to do so. The EPP Group calls for the creation of a true Health Union!

The pandemic has made it blatantly clear that health is not only a national issue, but a European one, an idea that would have been unthinkable just 12 months ago. With its concerted approach on stimulating research and innovation, Europe has made a tangible difference to people's lives. We believe what we did with COVID-19, we can also do with other diseases like Alzheimer's disease and Cancer.

On Wednesday 13 January, in conjunction with three European Commissioners, namely Vice President Margaritis Schinas, Commissioner for Innovation and research, Mariya Gabriel and Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Stella Kyriakides, along with leading vaccine developers and renowned health experts such as Prof Ugur Sahin, CEO of BioNTech, Dr Albert Bourla, CEO of Pfizer, Dr. Tal Zaks MD, Chief Medical Officer, Moderna and Prof Walter Ricciardi, President of the Mission Board for Cancer of the Commission, we will discuss concrete proposals on how to make this happen.

We invite you to submit questions you may have to our panellists and we will make a selection for the event. Please send your suggested questions to [costanza.pierdonati@ep.europa.eu](mailto:costanza.pierdonati@ep.europa.eu) before Monday 11 January, at noon.



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# Programme



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## INTRODUCTORY TALK: TOWARDS A EUROPEAN HEALTH UNION



**Manfred WEBER** MEP, Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament  
**Margaritis SCHINAS**, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Promoting our European Way of Life

15.00 - 15.45 hrs

## Panel I : INNOVATIVE EUROPE: OUT OF THE PANDEMIC AND BEYOND



**Mariya GABRIEL**, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth  
**Dr Franz-Werner HAAS**, CEO of CureVac  
**Dr Albert BOURLA**, CEO of Pfizer

*Debate with MEPs and audience*

15.45 - 16.30 hrs

## PANEL II: HEALTH AS A JOINT EUROPEAN TASK



Keynote: **Stella KYRIAKIDES**, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety and discussion with:  
**Prof. Ugur SAHIN MD**, co-founder and CEO BioNTech  
**Prof. Walter RICCIARDI MD**, President of Mission Board for Cancer of the European Commission and Scientific Advisor to the Italian Minister of Health for the Coronavirus pandemic

*Debate with MEPs and audience*

16.30 - 17.00 hrs

## CONCLUDING DISCUSSION: FOR BETTER AND SAFER HEALTH IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD



**Dr Peter LIESE** MEP, EPP Group Coordinator for Environment, Public Health and Food Safety  
**Dr Tal ZAKS**, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Moderna

*Debate with MEPs and audience*

Moderators:



**Esther DE LANGE** MEP, Vice-Chairwoman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament  
**Kevin PURCELL**, TV and radio journalist



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