

A political call to action in Europe #CallAllergyAsthma

UNITED
ACTION
FOR ALLERGY AND ASTHMA



Launch Event

Policy discussion and cocktail reception

Tuesday 25 April 2017
18h-20h

JanQ3 Brasserie – European Parliament



Hosted by



MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP, Finland)



MEP Karin Kadenbach (S&D, Austria)



MEP Nathalie Griesbeck (ALDE, France)

On behalf of the European Parliament Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma

in partnership with



Registration and welcome drink from 18.00

18.20 - 18.30

Welcome and introduction to the initiative

United action for allergy and asthma in Europe: a political call to action

- **MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP, Finland)**
co-Chair of the European Parliament Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma
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18.30 - 19.40

Turning policy asks into actions: a collective approach to driving change in allergy and asthma in Europe

Short interventions followed by Q&A with the audience moderated by
MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP, Finland)

Perspective from European doctors

- **Prof. Antonella Muraro**
President, European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI)
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Perspective from European patients

- **Mikaela Odemyr**
President, European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA)
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Learnings from good practice examples at national level

- **Prof. Pekka Jousilahti**
Research Professor, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland
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Perspective from the European Commission

- **Dr. Stefan Schreck**
Head of Health Programme and Chronic Disease Unit, DG Santé, European Commission
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Perspective from the European Parliament

- **Members of the EP Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma**
 - **MEP Karin Kadenbach (S&D, Austria)**
 - **MEP Nathalie Griesbeck (ALDE, France)**
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Q&A with the audience

19:40-19:45

Conclusions & next steps

- **MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP, Finland)**
co-Chair of the European Parliament Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma
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19:45-20:00

Networking cocktail

About the European Parliament Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma

Who we are

The European Parliament Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma (IG) was launched on March 25th, 2015 in the European Parliament as an informal group of MEPs committed to policy actions to address unmet needs of allergy and asthma at EU level. It serves as a forum to share expertise and align interests engaging with relevant EU policymakers and stakeholders on Allergy and Asthma health. The group is co-chaired by MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP, Finland) and MEP Nessa Childers (S&D, Ireland). The Secretariat of the IG is jointly coordinated by the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) and the European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA).



Sirpa Pietikäinen
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About EAACI

The European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) is a non-profit organisation active in the field of allergic and immunologic diseases. EAACI was founded in 1956 in Florence and has become the largest medical association in Europe in the field of allergy and clinical immunology. It includes over 9,500 members from 121 countries, as well as 54 National Allergy Societies.

EAACI core activities include:

- Promoting basic and clinical research
- Collecting, assessing and disseminating scientific information
- Functioning as a scientific reference body
- Encouraging and providing training and continuous education
- Promoting good patient care in this important area of medicine

At a European level, EAACI, as the leading European medical society focusing on allergy, has a key role to play in the formulation of public health and research policies. In recent years EAACI has led major public awareness campaigns on allergy, developed a series of public declarations on specific advocacy topics (e.g. Immunotherapy, Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis) and organised dedicated policy events in the European Parliament.

In 2014, EAACI opened an EU liaison office in Brussels and streamlined its advocacy work with the development of a dedicated Roadmap for European Advocacy which provides a platform to help place allergy higher on the EU public health and research agenda and translate policy opportunities into meaningful actions. EAACI has also joined forces with the European Chronic Disease Alliance (ECDA) and the Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe (Biomed Alliance), to unite its voice with those in the fields of chronic diseases and biomedical research, respectively, increasing its advocacy outreach and impact on European health and research policies. Since 2015, EAACI also runs the secretariat of the EP Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma in partnership with EFA.



About EFA

The European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA) is non-profit network of 38 allergy, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) patients' organisations, representing over 400,000 patients in 24 countries.

EFA's mission is to be the voice of allergy, asthma and COPD patients at European level and to be actively involved in the decisions impacting their health by:

- Advocating at EU and regional levels for the needs of people with allergy, asthma and COPD
- Enabling a powerful European network of patients' organisations
- Valuing all members equally
- Sharing knowledge and implementing best practices
- Creating patient driven projects
- Cooperating with health care professionals, scientists and other stakeholders/NGOs

EFA's advocacy aims at both preventing the onset of asthma, allergy and COPD, acting on health determinants (such as improving air quality, tackling tobacco and exposure to second-hand smoke, reducing the use of hazardous chemicals) and at improving the quality of life of those patients already affected by these diseases (by promoting equal access to good care for everyone and safe environments, reducing health inequalities within and between Member States and fostering patient-centred research in our disease areas).

EFA is member of various organisations, including European Patients' Forum (EPF), Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), European Network for Tobacco Control & Smoking Prevention (ENSP), Global Allergy and Asthma Patient's Platform (GAAP) or WHO Global Alliance Against Respiratory Diseases (GARD), and partners with healthcare professionals and other health non-profit organisations. Since 2015, EFA also runs the secretariat of the EP Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma in partnership with EAACI.