



**CONFERENCE ON THE EVALUATION OF THE EU LEGISLATION ON  
BLOOD, TISSUES AND CELLS  
28 October 2019**

**Venue:** Centre de Conférence A. Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, Bruxelles, Belgium, **Room 0A**

**PROGRAMME**

**Moderator: Vivienne Parry** (writer and broadcaster)

This event is web-streamed

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<b>9.00 – 10.00</b>	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>
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<b>10.00 – 10.10</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Anne Bucher, Director General, DG SANTE</b>
<b>10.10 – 10.30</b>	<b>An Overview of the BTC Evaluation Process and key findings</b> <b>Anna Eva Ampelas, Head of Unit B4, DG SANTE</b>
<b>10.30 – 11.30</b>	<b>Panel 1: The challenge of keeping legislation up-to-date in a dynamic sector with changing risks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Presentation of evaluation findings – DG SANTE</b></li><li>- <b>Panellist reactions:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o European Blood Alliance - Philippe Vandekerckhove</li><li>o European Association for Tissue and Cell Banking - Jacinto Sanchez</li><li>o European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplant - Jurgen Kuball</li><li>o European Eye Bank Association - Diego Ponzin</li><li>o European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control - Dragoslav Domanovic</li></ul></li><li>- <b>Moderated discussion with participants</b></li></ul>



**11.30 – 12.30**

**Panel 2: The challenge of ensuring that all EU citizens affected by the BTC chain are protected**

- **Presentation of evaluation findings** - DG SANTE
  - **Panellist reactions:**
    - International Federation of Blood Donors - Alice Simonetti
    - European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology - Kersti Lundin
    - European Plasma Alliance - Matthias Gessner
    - World Marrow Donors Association - Lydia Foeken
  - **Moderated discussion with participants**
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**12.30 – 13.30**

**LUNCH** – buffet outside the room

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**13.30 – 14.15**

**Panel 3: The challenge of providing appropriate and robust oversight**

- **Presentation of evaluation findings** – DG SANTE
- **Panellist reactions:**
  - BTC Inspectors Expert Sub-group - Lea Joos
  - SoHO Vigilance Expert Sub-group - Jo Wiersum
  - EDQM TC Data Reporting Group - Marta Lopez Fraga
  - Consortium of Representative SoHO Societies - Eoin McGrath
  - DG SANTE, Directorate on Health and Food Audits and Analysis - Daniel Menendez
- **Moderated discussion with participants**

**14.15 – 15.15**

**Panel 4: The challenge of facilitating innovation in BTC for patient benefit**

- **Presentation of evaluation findings** – DG SANTE
- **Panellist reactions:**
  - The GAPP Joint Action (BTC Authorities) – Giancarlo Liumbruno
  - International Society for Cell Therapy - Owen Bain
  - Alliance for Regenerative Medicine - Annie Hubert
  - Consortium of Representative SoHO Societies - Esteve Trias
- **Moderated discussion with participants**



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15.15 – 15.30

COFFEE – outside the room

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15:30 – 16:30

**Panel 5: The challenge of achieving sufficiency and a sustainable supply to meet patient need**

- **Presentation of evaluation findings – DG SANTE**
- **Panellist reactions:**
  - Patients relying on plasma derived medicinal products (IPOP/PLUS) - John Prevot
  - Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association - Jan Bult
  - International Plasma Fractionators Association - Paul Strengers
  - Medtech Europe - Nigel Talboys
  - EDQM - Marie Laure Hecquet
- **Open discussion with participants**

16.30 – 17.30

**Summary and the Way Forward**

- **Summary of the evaluation findings and the key points raised at the Conference** - Anna Eva Ampelas, Head of Unit B4, DG SANTE
- **Collaboration moving forward – a moderated discussion with a panel of key European and International BTC partners**
  - WHO - François-Xavier Lery, Coordinator for Technologies Standards and Norms
  - ECDC - Andrea Ammon, Director
  - Council of Europe (EDQM) - Susanne Keitel, Director
  - Mirela Bušić - Ministry of Health, Croatia
  - ENVI Committee MEP - tbc
- **Open discussion with participants**

**Closing remarks**

**Martin Seychell, Deputy Director General, DG SANTE**

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17.30 – 18.30

**NETWORKING RECEPTION**

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