



Hepatos

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Hotel
Dubrovnik

Ban Mazuranić
Hall

Zagreb, Croatia

**HCC – an Avoidable Fate: To Liver Cancer
Prevention by Viral Hepatitis Elimination (and
beyond) through Universal Health Coverage
with additional reference to COVID-19**

Scientific meeting with political goal

AGENDA

Meeting moderator: Danijela Trbović

11:00-11:15	Welcome	<i>Tatjana Reić, Hepatos, organizer</i>
	Distinguished guests addresses	<i>Antoniette Kaić-Rak, WHO Croatia</i> <i>Masoud Dara, WHO EURO</i> <i>Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission</i> <i>Željko Plazonić, envoy of the President of Government of the Republic of Croatia and deputy Health Minister of the Republic of Croatia</i>

Introductions and presentations

11:15-11:45	State of the art lecture HCC: key problem	<i>Stjepko Pleština, Croatia Croatian Society for Internal Medical Oncology</i>
	Europe's Beating Cancer Plan – liver in focus	<i>Stephan Gijssels, Belgium Digestive Cancers Europe</i>

**From Elimination to Prevention – why is it important
especially in COVID-19 era**

PART I		
11:45-12:00	Conclusions of „HCV Disease Burden Modelling in Croatia“ meetings/ paper and National program for the elimination of viral hepatitis	<i>Adriana Vince, Croatia National Referral Center for Viral Hepatitis of the Ministry of Health</i>

Moderated panel discussion

National Hepatitis Strategy/Plan: Where we got “stuck” in this part of Europe?

Participants: Representatives from South and South-East European countries and Visegrad group

Albania: Arjan Harxhi, Jovan Basho, Silvia Bino

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Azra Husić Selimović, Antonija Verhaz, Zdenko Simonović

Bulgaria: Marieta Simonova, Yuliya Georgieva

Czech Republic: Vratislav Řehák

Cyprus: Elisabeth Konstantinou, Elena Xenofontos, Yiannoula Koulla

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- Department of
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Croatian
Oncological Society

Croatian Society for
Gastroenterology

Croatian National
Reference Centre for
Diagnostics and
Treatment of Viral
Hepatitis of the
Ministry of Health

Croatia: *Adriana Vince, Tihana Đuran, Diana Nonković, Tatjana Reić*
Kosovo*: *Lindita Ajazaj, Xhevat R. Jakupi, Elvira Surdulli*
Georgia: *Maia Tsereteli, Irina Tskhomelidze, Temur Radiani*
Monte Negro: *Aleksandra Marjanović, Brankica Dupanović, Marija Nikolić*
North Macedonia: *Victoria Chaloska, Milan Mishkovikj*
Romania: *Corina Pop, Marinela Debu*
Serbia: *Ksenija Bojović, Zorana Maravić*
Slovakia: *Helena Glasova, Jozef Glasa, Ivana Šabova*
Slovenia: *Mojca Matičič, PAG representative*

12:00-12:40 9' Introduction: Burden of viral hepatitis *Homie Razavi, USA, Canter for Disease Analysis Foundation (CDA)*

Routes to elimination:
Presentation of current
state

12:09-12:16

Croatian pathway

Presenters/Panellists:

Adriana Vince, Croatia

12:17-12:24

Micro Elimination

Mojca Matičič, Slovenia

12:25-12:32

Current condition

Marieta Simonova, Bulgaria

12:33-12:40

Year of progress

Ksenija Bojović, Serbia

12:40-12:50 Coffee / bio break

12:50-13:50

30' Moderated Discussion:
Achievements and
challenges - How far
behind are we really?

Moderator: Homie Razavi, USA

13:20-13:30

COVID-19 and viral
hepatitis elimination: Are
we stepping backward?

Antons Mozalevskis, WHO EURO

13:30-13:50

followed by discussion:
Viral hepatitis and COVID
19 future

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence

13:50-14:00 Coffee / bio break

PART I cont.

**From Elimination to Prevention – why is it important
especially in COVID-19 era (cont.)**

14:00-15:00

The risk of HCC after SVR

Irena Hrstić, Croatia

Director of General Hospital Pula

HCV treatment as HCC
prevention

Massimo Colombo, Italy

*Humanitas Research Hospital
Rozzano and Chairman of EASL
International Liver Foundation*

Hepatitis B: innovation in
prevention measures as part of
integrated care

Greet Hendrickx, Belgium

*Member of scientific secretariat
of the Viral Hepatitis Prevention
Board (VHPB)*

Political influence in EU – why
is important: EU policy
considerations "Building an EU

Luis Mendao, Portugal

*Co-chair of Associations
Collaborating on Hepatitis to*

**Expert Organizing
Committee**

Stjepko Pleština

Adriana Vince

Ivica Grgurević

Lucija Virović Jukić

Tatjana Reić

	Action Plan to Drive Forward the Elimination of Viral Hepatitis by 2030“	<i>Immunize and Eliminate Viruses in Europe (ACHIEVE)</i>
	Importance of Monitoring system to measure progress on elimination along the cascade of care	<i>Jeffrey Lazarus, Spain Head of the Health systems team at Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal)</i>
	Best practice: Next phase of Georgian elimination plan HCV – attributable HCC	<i>Amiran Gemkrelidze, Georgia Director General of National Centre for disease control and Public Health</i>
15:00-15:25	Discussion with Q&A session Council Conclusions - proposal	<i>Moderator: Adriana Vince, Croatia</i>
15:25-16:15	Lunch Break	
PART II NAFLD management as precondition to prevent HCC		
16:15-17:15	NASH: natural course	<i>Ivica Grgurević, Croatia Head of Dept. of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Clinical Nutrition University Hospital “Dubrava”</i>
	Impact of liver diseases on public health burden	<i>Lucija Virović Jukić, Croatia Dept. of Gastroenterology and Hepatology University Hospital Centre “Sisters of Mercy”</i>
	Current and future fatty liver diagnosis and treatment possibilities	<i>Helena Cortez Pinto, Portugal Vice-President of United European Gastroenterology (UEG)</i>
	HCC in NASH	<i>Elisabetta Bugianesi, Italy Scientific Director of Dept. of Medical Sciences at University of Torino</i>
	NASH related outcomes in transplanted patients	<i>Tajana Filipec Kanižaj, Croatia Head of Dept. of Gastroenterology University Hospital “Merkur”</i>
	Best pathways for therapy referral - clinical practice	<i>Ivana Mikolašević, Croatia Dept. of Gastroenterology University Hospital “Merkur”</i>
17:15-17:25	Coffee break	
17:25-17:50	Panel discussion Q&A session	<i>Ivica Grgurević, Croatia</i>
17:50-18:00	Conclusions and closing remarks	