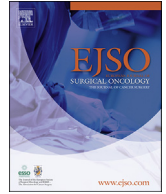




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48.10 ESSO ANNOUNCEMENTS

ESSO policy event “Time for Change: Addressing the value of surgical oncology in the treatment and care of cancer”

Postponed due to the outbreak of the war in Ukraine this March, our policy event retunes with a new date. It will take place **on 26 October 2022 between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. CEST**, in person at **the European Parliament** and virtually.

The event will be hosted by Mr. Cristian Busoi, Member of Parliament, Chair of the Challenge Cancer. Relevant stakeholders including EU policy makers and representatives from European cancer organisations, together with ESSO opinion leaders will gather together to discuss the crucial role played by surgical oncology in cancer care to reduce the increasing cancer burden and to ensure a patient-centered care system in Europe.

Preliminary Programme

Welcome Remarks and Introductions **Cristian Busoi**, MEP, Chair of the Challenge Cancer Intergroup **Domenico D'Ugo**, ESSO President

Opening Statement **Alberto Costa**, Special Adviser to the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety on cancer policy

Presentations including:

- *What is the value of surgical oncology as part of cancer care?*

Pompiliu Piso, ESSO Board member, Vice-President German Society for General and Visceral Surgery

- *Priorities for a European policy in surgical oncology* **Representative from** Directorates B and C, DG Sante, European Commission (tba)

• *The importance of surgical oncology in the patient's pathway* **Alina Comanescu**, Digestive Cancers Europe and a member of Cancer Patients Europe

- *Unlocking the potential of surgical oncology in Europe* **Isabel Rubio**, ESSO President-Elect

• *The need for cancer patients to be treated by specialized surgical oncologists* **Tanja Spanic**, Europa Donna President (tba)

Q&A & panel discussion Moderated by **Cristian Busoi** (expert panellists tba)

Conclusion remarks **Cristian Busoi**, MEP, Chair of the Challenge Cancer Intergroup **Domenico D'Ugo**, ESSO President

Further detail of the event will be released within due course. We invite you to register via the following link: <https://forms.gle/ZQNZZpgbhewMQvBX7>