

## **Invitation: Launch of the European Fair Pricing Network (EFPN)**

**23 March 2020, 15:00-16:00, Norway House, Brussels**

With aging population and rising number of cancer cases in Europe, the expenditure on cancer medicines is growing. Lack of adequate access to both new and off-patent essential cancer medicines remains an issue, with high prices often cited as a main contributory factor. Furthermore, overall prices of cancer medicines continue to rise, to the extent of impairing the capacity of health systems to provide affordable, population-wide access to cancer medicines.

In response, European cancer societies and research institutes decided to come together and found the European Fair Pricing Network (EFPN) which, through research and advocacy, aims to secure fairer prices of cancer medicines while upkeeping the innovation pipeline and timely access for patients to promising new medicines. Through research, the Network seeks to collect and analyse reliable European data needed to measure challenges in the current pharmaceutical markets, and to develop new ways of organising innovation and sustainable supply of effective cancer medicines. The Network will then translate research findings into tangible political asks directed at both national and European decision-makers.

**The EFPN will be officially launched on 23 March 2020 as of 15:00 at the Norway House (Rue Archimède 17) in Brussels. Please see attached agenda for more information.**

We would be delighted if you could join us in this occasion.

Please [register here](#) at your earliest convenience to secure your seat.

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14:30-15:00	<b>Registration &amp; Refreshments</b>
15:00-15:05	<b>Welcome by the Host</b> by Norwegian Ministry of Health
15:05-15:15	<b>Keynote Speech by European Commission</b> by Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety (tbc)
15:15-15:25	<b>Introduction of the European Fair Pricing Network (EFPN) project</b> by Annelise Ryel, EFPN Chair, CEO of Norwegian Cancer Society and Cancer Mission Board Member; and Dr. Wim van Harten, CEO Rijnstate Hospital, Netherlands Cancer Institute (NKI)
15:25-15:30	<b>The importance of research in medicines prices</b> by Dr. Thierry Philip, CEO of Institute Curie Paris, President of the Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OEI)
15:30-15:50	<b>Q&amp;A with the founding partners of the EFPN</b> Anne Lise Ryel, Norwegian Cancer Society; Jesper Fisker, Danish Cancer Society; Johan van de Gronden, Dutch Cancer Society; Nicolas Philippou, PASYKAF Cyprus; Averil Power, Irish Cancer Society; Marc Michils, Stand up to Cancer Flanders; Rolf Marti, Swiss Cancer League
15:50-16:00	<b>Meeting conclusion &amp; signing of the partner agreement</b>
	Media interviews with EFPN partners

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