

## Venue:

Palace of the Académies, Rue Ducale 1, 1000 Brussels  
Metro: Trone

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The GSA is a non-profit charity organization with the mission to provide global leadership to reduce the worldwide burden of sepsis. The GSA is initiator of World Sepsis Day on September 13 and World Sepsis Congress, a series of free online congresses bringing knowledge about sepsis to all parts of the world.

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# Sepsis -

## The Most Preventable Cause of Death and Disability in Europe



## A Call to EU Action

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 | 14:30 – 20:00

Palace of the Académies, Brussels

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Patron:  
EU Commissioner  
for Health & Food  
Safety,

Vytenis  
Andriukaitis

„The time to act on sepsis is now. I encourage EU Member States to strengthen efforts to prevent infections that can lead to sepsis and thus save lives. The appropriate use of antimicrobials is vital to maintain our ability to effectively treat sepsis: I call on all Member States to put in place national AMR action plans and to improve the quality of life of sepsis survivors“.

## Objectives and Expected Results

### To highlight the human and economic burden of sepsis

Each year in Europe, more than 3.4 million individuals develop sepsis. 700,000 do not survive, and an additional one-third of survivors die during the following year. Many survivors face life-long consequences, such as new physical, mental, and cognitive problems.

### To point out that most sepsis deaths and impairments are preventable

Sepsis is the most preventable cause of death or disability. It may be prevented by reducing infections, including through vaccination, by early recognition, and by ensuring that sepsis is treated as an emergency.

### To foster the implementation of the requests of the WHO resolution on sepsis across the European Union

The 2017 WHO Resolution “Improving Prevention, Diagnosis and Clinical Management of Sepsis“ urges UN Member States to develop national strategies to increase public awareness and implement training for all healthcare professionals on infection prevention and the early recognition and management of sepsis.

### The development and implementation of a Pan-European sepsis strategy

Bringing together all stakeholders, including patients and their families, with the aim to increase understanding that improvement of early recognition and appropriate management of sepsis must become the keystone of the Pan-European infection management strategy.

### To achieve these objectives, we will launch the European Sepsis Alliance (ESA).

## Program

### WELCOME RECEPTION

14:30

### PART 1: RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS

15:00 – 16:45

- 15:00 Welcome Remarks  
*Moderator: Louise Harvey, FTI Consulting*
- 15:05 Infection Management in Europe  
*Keynote Address by Commissioner for Health & Food Safety V. Andriukaitis*
- 15:20 The Role of Sepsis to Achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals  
*Naoko Yamamoto, Assistant Director-General, WHO (TBC)*
- 15:35 Preventing Deaths and Improving Outcomes from Sepsis  
*Konrad Reinhart, Chair Global Sepsis Alliance*
- 15:50 A Personal Perspective on Sepsis  
*Dennis Kredler, Sepsis Survivor*
- 15:55 Sepsis: The Keystone of National Infection Management Plans  
*Ron Daniels, Founder & CEO UK Sepsis Trust*
- 16:05 The Potential of the Diagnostic Industry to Improve Patient Safety  
*Gary Cohen, President Global Health, Becton Dickinson*
- 16:15 Excerpt from “Starfish” – a Remarkable Story of Survival  
*(short version of the official movie)*
- 16:30 Discussion
- 16:45 Snack Break

### PART 2: TAKING ACTION - CREATING THE EUROPEAN SEPSIS ALLIANCE (ESA)

17:15 – 20:00

- 17:15 ESA – Why, How and Who?  
*Konrad Reinhart, Chair Global Sepsis Alliance*
- 17:30 Success Factors for National and International Sepsis Strategies  
*Ron Daniels, Founder & CEO UK Sepsis Trust*
- 17:45 Discussion
- 18:00 Breakout Sessions  
Working Groups
  - Quality Improvement of Early Diagnosis and Management  
*Facilitators: Ricardo Ferrer, Christian Scheer*
  - Awareness Raising and Lobbying  
*Facilitators: Dennis Kredler, Necmettin Unal*
  - Patient and Family Advocacy  
*Facilitators: Idelette Nutma-Bade, Christiane Hartog*
  - Research  
*Facilitators: Evangelos Giamarellos, Yasser Sakr*
- 18:45 Feedback from the Working Groups
- 19:30 Election of Steering Committee
- 19:45 Closing Remarks
- 20:00 Close