

Networking Reception & Exhibition

Launch of the MEP Group for Kidney Health – 2024-2029 mandate

28 January 2025 from 18:00 to 19:15 CET

12th floor Restaurant, European Parliament, Spaak Building

Draft agenda

The networking reception and exhibition will follow the European Kidney Forum ‘**Early detection, better outcomes: advancing kidney disease screening in the EU**’ which will take place on the same day from 15:30 to 17:30 in the European Parliament (Room A3F383).

The reception will be the opportunity to relaunch the MEP Group for Kidney Health, meet new or re-elected members and get acquainted with kidney disease, through a short exhibition including dedicated posters, flyers and a VR headset looking into ‘sick kidneys’ (more information below).

10min | Welcome & Introduction

- **Prof. Raymond Vanholder, President, EKHA**
(A brief welcome to participants, emphasising the urgency of addressing kidney health challenges in the EU and the pivotal role of collaboration in achieving progress. Highlight the importance of informal networking as a catalyst for fostering partnerships and driving solutions. Include a mention of the European Kidney Forum held earlier, a short introduction to the exhibition, and an outline of what participants can expect such as interactive VR headsets, informative posters, and materials)
- **Marion Braks, PreventCKD Consortium member**
(A brief introduction to the EU4Health-funded PreventCKD project and its main outcomes: the kidney health code)

5min | (Re)Launch of the MEP Group for Kidney Health

- **MEP Hilde Vautmans, Acting Chair, MEP Group for Kidney Health**
(A speech to officially (re)launch the MEP Group for Kidney Health, highlight the group’s aims, past successes during the previous mandate)

5 min | Key Remarks from MEPs

- **Member(s) of the MEP Group for Kidney Health Speakers (TBC)**
(Short thank-you speeches from MEPs from the group. The remarks will underscore the collaborative nature of kidney health advocacy and express enthusiasm about opportunities ahead)

50 min | Networking & Exhibition

- The exhibition opens for exploration:

- **Informative posters** detailing statistics, screening efforts including a landmark campaign on the importance of early detection with Tina Turner, the history of kidney disease's most utilized treatment: dialysis, and patient stories.
- **VR headsets** offering an immersive experience of what 'sick kidneys' look like or walk through advanced screening practices.
- **Flyers and brochures** on the goals of the MEP Group, EKHA advocacy and activities
- **Food and drinks** are available as guests explore the exhibition and engage in informal conversations with other participants.