



European Kidney Forum 2025

Early Detection, Better Outcomes: Advancing Kidney Disease Screening in the EU

European Parliament Brussels, Room A3F383

28 January 2025, 15:30-17:30 CET

Co-Hosted by MEP Tomislav Sokol and MEP András Kulja

Moderated by Tamsin Rose

15:30 - 15:40 | **Opening remarks**

- *MEP Tomislav Sokol (5 min)*
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15:40 - 15:50 | **Testimonial: Experience from rare kidney disease patients**

- *Ms. Marianne Silkjær Nielsen, Founder, CompCure (10 min)*

15:50 – 16:30 | **Session 1 - Improving kidney disease screening in the EU**

Panel discussion:

Intro, questions and conclusions by the Moderator (5 min in total)

- **The ABCDE model as a best practice for the EU (7 min)**
Prof. Alberto Ortiz, Chair of the Registry and Renal Science Chair-elect, European Renal Association (ERA)
- **Example of multistakeholder and cross-border collaboration with the PREVENTCKD project (6 min)**
Ms. Eveline Scheres, General Manager, EKHA
- **Testing for CVD, diabetes and kidney disease – The benefits of joint screening approaches (6 min)**
Dr. Susan Connolly, Consultant Cardiologist, Integrated Care, University Hospital Galway, Ireland
- **The impact of workforce shortages on kidney care: the nursing perspective (6 min)**
Dr. Ilaria de Barbieri, President of the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA)

Q&A Session (15 min)

16:30 – 17:10 | **Session 2 - Policy meets prevention: What's next on the agenda for kidney health?**

Panel discussion:

- **Kidney health in past and upcoming EU presidencies (10 min):**
Ms. Kitti Almer, Public Health Attaché, Hungary's Permanent Representation to the EU
Ms Simone Overby Sloth, Health attaché, Danish Permanent Representation to the EU (TBC)
- **Kidney disease on the global public health agenda (6 min)**
Ms. Oxana Domenti, WHO Representative to the EU (TBC)
- **Looking ahead: opportunities for kidney health in the new EU mandate (15 min)**
MEP Andrés Kulja
- **Policy recommendations to improve early detection – EKHA's wishlist to decision makers (5 min)**
Daniel Gallego, President, European Kidney Patients' Federation (EKPF)

Q&A Session (10 min)

17:10 – 17:30 | **Closing remarks**

- *MEP Andrés Kulja (5 min)*
- *Raymond Vanholder, EKHA President (5 min)*
- *Moderator wrap-up (5 min)*

18:00 – 19:15 | **Networking reception (12th floor Restaurant, EP Spaak Building)**

The reception will mark the launch of the MEP Group for Kidney Health in the 2024-2029 mandate. The event will display virtual reality sets on kidney disease, screening kits and informative posters.

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