



AEA: European Association Of Hearing Aid Professionals
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Invitation for the:

Lunch Debate at the European Parliament in Brussels

“Hearing for life - Don’t let hearing loss limit you”

Wednesday the 4th of March 2020 – 12.30 to 14.30 h

Hosted by MEP Maria Spyraiki (Greece, EPP) and co-host MEP Alex Agius Saliba (Malta, S&D)

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Dear stakeholder in Ear and Hearing Care,

We (AEA, EFHOH and EHIMA) have the pleasure to invite you to attend the Lunch Debate at the European Parliament in Brussels, room JAN 2Q2 on Wednesday the 4th of March 2020.

The theme for this session is: “Hearing for life - Don’t let hearing loss limit you”.

Program:

- 12.30h Welcome – MEP Maria Spyraiki (Greece, EPP)
- 12.45h Hearing for life. Don’t let hearing loss limit you – Shelly Chadha (WHO, officer prevention of deafness and hearing loss)
- 13.05h The relation between hearing loss, hearing care and activity level ... experience from Norway from the user perspective – Morten Buan (EFHOH, board member & HoH organisation Norway, president)
- 13.20h The use of hearing aids and cochlear implants related to participation, depression and stigma – Patrick D’Haese (Hear-it, chairman)
- 13.35h Burn-out and the possible relation between disabilities – hearing loss and burn-out – Steffie Desart (Developer Burnout Assessment Tool; Idewe, prevention advisor psychosocial aspects)
- 13.55h Study on the relation of hearing loss, hearing care and pre-burn-out signals and overall functionality – Mark Laureyns (AEA, president)
- 14.10h Debate – All
- 14.25h Conclusion – MEP Maria Spyraiki (Greece, EPP) & MEP Alex Agius Saliba (Malta, S&D)
- 14.30h End

Can you please let us know if you accept our invitation?

Yours faithfully,

Mark Laureyns
AEA President

Marcel Bobeldijk
EFHOH President

Stefan Zimmer
EHIMA General Secretary



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Practical details for the lunch debate.

For the registration please provide us your: Family Name, Given Name (s), Birthday, Nationality, Type of ID (ID-card or Passport), Number ID Document and your e-mail address.

This information will only be used to inform the security service in the European Parliament and to create the entry badges to enter the EP, the information will not be used for any other purpose. After the lunch debate the list will be deleted.

During the lunch debate, there will be speech to text interpretation in English (projected on the main screen).

We also offer the option for hard of hearing people to have the speech to text on a tablet in their preferred language or can provide special assistance, hearing loops or other. If you want to make use of the tablet, a hearing loop or other special assistance, please mention this to us when you register.

The meeting room JAN 2Q2 is located in building József Antall (JAN) on the second floor. We will enter the European Parliament at Altiero Entrance (in front of Place Luxembourg) around 11.30h on the 4th of March 2020.

More practical information and the confirmation of your registration will be sent to you later.