

Igniting Innovation: The Future of the EU ATMP Ecosystem

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 13:00 - 15:00

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MODERATED BY JACKI DAVIS

AGENDA

13:00 **Opening Statements from MEP hosts**

- MEP Nikos Papandreou

13:10 **Opening remarks and 2026 outlook**

- Alexander Natz, Secretary General, EUCOPE

Panel discussions - ATMPs: the EU's Engine for Biotech Innovation

13:15 **From the Life Sciences Strategy to the EU Biotech Act: The Path to EU ATMPs Leadership**

- European Commission Representative (TBC)

13:25 **Unlocking the Future: Accelerating the Journey from Lab to Patients**

- Dr. Androulla Eleftheriou, Executive Director, Thalassaemia International Federation
- Prof. Axel Schambach, Vice-President, European Society of Gene and Cell Therapy
- European Commission representative (DG SANTE) (TBC)
- Dr. Toon Overstijns, CEO, Miltenyi Biomedicine GmbH

Moderated Q&A session

14:05 **The potential of ATMPs and hurdles for patient access – Patient testimonial**

14:10 **Learning from Each Other: Supporting the Uptake of ATMPs in the EU**

- Dimitrios Athanasiou, Board Member, World Duchenne Organisation
- Céline Pouppez, Expert, Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre
- MEP Nikos Papandreou
- MEP Kristian Vigenin
- John Coughlan, Director International Government Policy and Affairs, Regeneron

Moderated Q&A session

14:50 **Concluding remarks from hosting MEPs**

- MEP Kristian Vigenin