



Attendance Report

Policy Workshop: “Improving blood sustainability and anaemic patients’ outcomes through innovation”



Co-funded by
the European Union

**WP3 / T3.2 : Participation in EU
Policy Events**

The Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF), represented by Dr Androulla Eleftheriou, Executive Director and Mrs Lily Cannon, Deputy Director, participated in a Policy Workshop held on 23 May 2023 at the European Parliament.

The Policy Workshop, hosted by MEPs Tomislav Sokol (Croatia) and Cristian-Silviu Busoi (Romania) was entitled “Improving blood sustainability and anaemic patients’ outcomes through innovation” and was organised in partnership with “Blood and Beyond”, a multi-stakeholder initiative bringing together experts in haematology, patient advocacy, nursing, health economics and hospital management. TIF has participated in “Blood and Beyond” since its establishment in 2019, bringing the voice of multi-transfused patients to the table, advocating for their unmet needs and daily challenges in the field of blood adequacy across Europe.

This Workshop focused on advocating for improvements of the new European SoHO (Substances of Human Origin, previously Blood, Tissues and Cells) legislation, passionately supporting the implementation of methods that will reduce wastage (e.g. patient blood management) and will contribute to the sustainability of blood adequacy for multi-transfused patients, including those with thalassaemia.

Dr Eleftheriou, actively participated in the discussion with a presentation highlighting the importance of embracing innovations for reducing the demand on SoHO’s particularly focusing on red blood cell transfusions required by thalassaemia patients on a regular basis (every 2 - 3 weeks).



Improving Blood Sustainability And Anemic Patients’ Outcomes Through Innovation

Tuesday 23 May 2023, 13h30-15h00 (CEST)
European Parliament, Spinelli 5F385, Brussels



In Partnership With **Blood
and
Beyond**



MEP
Tomislav Sokol



MEP
Cristian-Silviu Busoi

Blood and Beyond is a multi-stakeholder initiative developed and funded by Legatus, the
Joint of Greater Patient Society, involving experts from the fields of haematology and blood
management, patient advocacy, health economics and hospital management.

Disclaimer: This publication is funded by the European Union (Grant Agreement No 101083240). Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not reflect those of the European Union or HaDEA. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.