



Attendance Report

Cell & Gene Meeting on the Mediterranean
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The Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF), represented by Mr. Loris Angelo Brunetta, Treasurer of the Board of Directors, participated in the Cell & Gene Meeting on the Mediterranean, organised by the Alliance for Regenerative Medicines and held on 9-11 April 2024 in Rome, Italy.

The Cell & Gene Meeting on the Mediterranean is an annual regional conference bringing together the Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products community of Europe and beyond. Covering a wide range of commercialisation topics from market access and regulatory issues to manufacturing and financing the sector, the 2024 event hosted more than 600 on-site attendees and featured expert-led panels and presentations. TIF was invited to participate in two different sessions to share the thalassaemia patients' perspective.

The first session, held on 9 April, was a panel discussion focusing on whether the EU Regulation on Health Technology Assessment provides for a fit-for-purpose Joint Clinical Assessment. The second session, held on 10 April, was a fireside chat on the role of evidence generation in the patient access environment for ATMPs in Europe. Mr. Brunetta reiterated TIF's position on these topics and stressed that the thalassaemia community welcomes the HTA Regulation and its Implementing Acts, as an effort to streamline HTA processes at the EU level and accelerate patient access to advanced therapies. While patient safety should not be put at stake, in certain cases flexibility is needed, especially with regard to the collection and use of real-world evidence.

The interventions of Mr. Brunetta are available online at:

- *"Panel Discussion: The EU Joint Health Technology Assessment: A Fit For Purpose JCA?"*: <https://t.ly/BJMD7>
- *"Fireside Chat: The Patient Access Environment for ATMPs in Europe – The Role of Evidence Generation"*: <https://t.ly/82naY>



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