

The MEPs Against Cancer Interest Group announces new Vice-Chair

The MEPs Against Cancer (MAC) interest group at the European Parliament regrets to announce the resignation of MEP Rory Palmer (UK, S&D) from his MAC Vice-Chair position due to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union. We are sad to see Mr. Palmer and 11 other MEPs from the UK leaving the interest group. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and hope they will keep up the great work in cancer policy undertaken to date.



MEP Rory Palmer stated: *'It was an honour to be the Vice-Chair of the MAC Group. I am grateful to my colleagues and especially to the MAC Secretariat for their support and unwavering commitment in highlighting the urgency to tackle cancer and to secure better outcomes for cancer patients.'*

Throughout my term as an MEP, I have been working closely with MEPs, patients and advocacy groups to take forward initiatives against cancer. I am especially proud of the Dying to Work campaign, which I have launched at the EU level in support for workers with a terminal illness and which I will continue to champion.

I am deeply saddened by the path upon which my country is embarking. I am certain that nevertheless a close working relationship between the health communities will not be lost, as only by working together we can see cancer rates falling in Europe, achieve better treatment and continue cutting edge research.

At the same time, the MAC Secretariat is thrilled to announce that long-standing MAC member MEP Miriam Dalli (S&D, Malta) will join MEPs Furlas, Trillet-Lenoir and De Sutter as a Vice-Chair of the MAC Leadership Board.



MEP Miriam Dalli said: *'We must work every day to make sure that cancer and patient care are a priority in the European health policy agenda. I am a firm believer in directing more EU funds towards investment in research and innovation for prevention, cure and aftercare.'*

Such knowledge and services should be accessible to all patients alike. I also believe that citizens should be encouraged to perform self-examination. Sometimes, overcoming the fear of 'what if?' can save lives.'

Notes for Editors

1. The MEPs Against Cancer (MAC) Interest Group was founded in 2005 by a group of MEPs at the European Parliament. 126* MAC members from different political groups and EU Member States work together to strengthen cancer control policies, promote cancer prevention and ensure access to high quality treatments and care for cancer patients across Europe. MAC members believe that European cooperation adds value to Member States' action.
2. More information about MAC. / Follow [@MAC_MEPs](#) on Twitter
3. Beating Cancer: Mission Possible – MAC Group's 2019 Manifesto.
4. Members of MEPs Against Cancer.
5. More information about the Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL), Secretariat of the MAC Group.