

## SIOP EUROPE UPDATE



### SIOP Europe 2021 Annual Meeting: 28-30 April 2021 (virtual)

The SIOP Europe Annual Meeting aims to debate and disseminate the outcomes of the high quality clinical and basic research carried out in Europe. This year's special virtual edition will focus mainly on the joint sessions enabling direct interactions between tumour and clinical trial groups, parent groups, and survivors.

#### The [Preliminary Programme](#) is now online!

Open sessions will take place on 28-30 April from 12:30 to 18:45 CET. All sessions will be recorded and available for viewing 'on demand' anytime until 25 June 2021.

#### Register now to join

[Registration is open to all](#) with relevant interest and expertise to promote the best possible care and outcomes for all children and adolescents with cancer in Europe. Members of SIOP Europe, CCI Europe and Young SIOPE are guaranteed reduced registration rates.

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#### Partnership with CCI Europe

The **2<sup>nd</sup> SIOP Europe Annual Meeting** will be held in partnership with CCI Europe, who will be holding their 11<sup>th</sup> CCI Europe Conference. This ensures the representation and participation of childhood cancer parents and survivors and provides exceptional possibilities for collaboration across all stakeholders within the paediatric oncology community.

More information: [www.siopeurope.eu](http://www.siopeurope.eu) | Twitter: [#SIOPEurope21](https://twitter.com/SIOPEurope21)

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## ONCOPOLICY

### Childhood cancer is under the spotlight in Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

**One day before World Cancer Day, the European Commission formally released Europe's Beating Cancer Plan on 3 February 2021.**

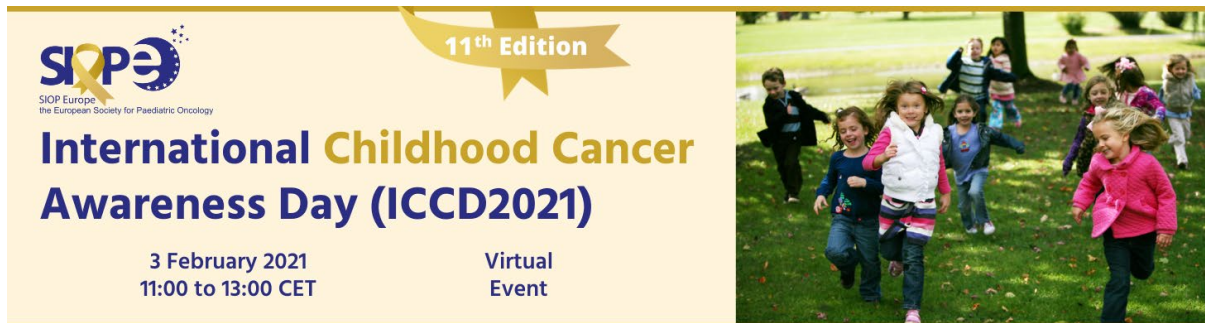
The plan puts childhood cancer under the spotlight with the launch of 'Helping Children with Cancer Initiative' to ensure that children have access to rapid and optimal cancer detection, diagnosis, treatment and care.

This initiative will facilitate access to early diagnosis and quality treatment through the network of centres of excellence, which are best encompassed in the European Reference Network for paediatric cancers (ERN PaedCan). It will also support training and enable the sharing of best practice and standards of care for children with cancer, complementing the actions implemented within the European Reference Networks.

SIOP Europe, CCI Europe and PanCare (the European organisations representing healthcare professionals, childhood cancer parent and patient groups, and the childhood cancer survivorship community, respectively) welcome Europe's Beating Cancer Plan marking the beginning of a new era in cancer prevention and care. It is hopeful that the initiatives on paediatric cancer will increase understanding of cancer initiation and progression, boost the transformation of care and improve diagnostics, treatment, and survivorship support and thus further strengthen the existing cooperation between paediatric, adolescent and adult oncology.

The European childhood cancer community is delighted that childhood cancer is now under the spotlight in the EU Cancer Plan. Our community including paediatric haemato-oncologists, parents, patients, and survivors is now looking forward to shaping the implementation of these proposals building on existing projects and structures in the community.

More information is available [here](#).



## International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day (ICCD 2021)

### Action to Improve Access to Medicines for Paediatric Cancers in Europe: Eradicating inequalities and addressing unmet needs

Kindly hosted by MEP Loucas Furlas, the ICCD2021 Webinar took place on 3 February and more than 200 participants joined.

The webinar included pre-recorded video addresses by Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission; Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety; Manfred Weber, EPP Chairman & MEP; Veronique Trillet-Lenoir, MEP (Renew, France), Rapporteur of Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA); Bartosz Arłukowicz, MEP (EPP, Poland), Chair of Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA); and many Members of the European Parliament as well as European Commission.

ICCD2021 built on the [6 Key Recommendations](#) of the paediatric cancer community following the European Commission's Evaluation of the Legislation for Medicines for Rare Diseases and Children. Parents and academia discussed the unmet needs and current projects to foster equal access to innovative, essential, and supportive care medicines. Topics included shortages, therapeutic innovation, and pricing. Insights from leading European Union representatives were sought. The synergic roles of the Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe, Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and EU research investments in addressing these issues was discussed by all stakeholders.

The full webinar recording is available for viewing [here](#).

### European Parliament's Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA) hosted a Hearing on Childhood and Rare Cancers

On 23 February, the Special Committee on Beating Cancer put the spotlight on paediatric, adolescent and rare cancers. The public hearing addressed research, treatment and rare cancer care and the rights and needs of patients, parents and survivors and caregivers. Ewa Kopacz MEP (EPP, Poland), Vice-President of the European Parliament and Coordinator on Children's Rights, opened the hearing with introductory remarks.

SIOPE Europe and CCI Europe represented the voice of the community by highlighting the unmet medical needs in Europe and addressing over 30 prominent questions from various MEPs with concrete solutions to improve the reality of childhood cancers in Europe. Veronique Trillet-Lenoir, MEP (Renew, France), Rapporteur of BECA said she will submit a report on behalf of BECA that will

also address issues of childhood cancers. Bartosz Arłukowicz, MEP (EPP, Poland), Chair of BECA concluded the meeting stating that needs of childhood cancer patients and survivors must be met.

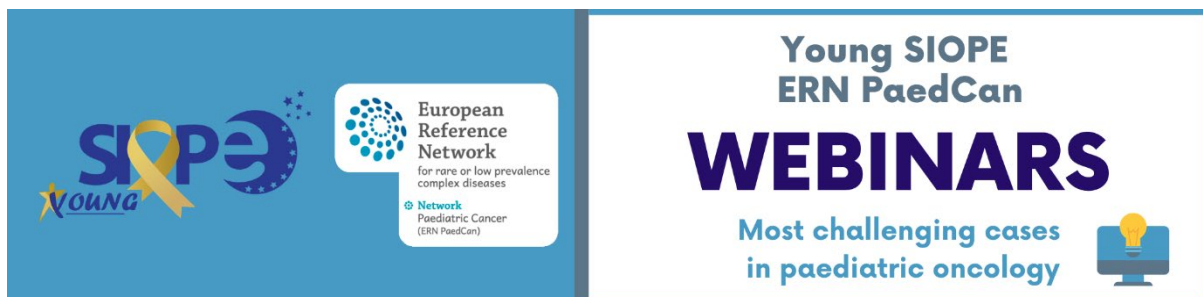
## Recommendations for paediatric cancer following launch of the Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe

On 25 November 2020, the European Commission released the [Pharmaceutical Strategy](#) for Europe and launched the [Roadmap Consultation](#) on the Orphan and Paediatric Regulations. This follows the publication of the European Commission evaluation of the legislation for medicines for rare diseases and children earlier this year.

On this occasion, the European childhood cancer community unveiled the [6 Key Recommendations](#) to advance patients' access to medicines, accelerate innovation and improve regulatory environment for children and adolescents with cancer.

More information available [here](#).

## EDUCATION



### ERN PaedCan and Young SIOPE Interactive Webinar Series: Most Challenging Cases in Paediatric Oncology

Starting February 2021, monthly webinars are being held, which include 15-minute case presentations by junior professionals in paediatric oncology, followed by discussion with the audience and an expert in the field. These webinars are free of charge and open to anyone who is interested. The ERN PaedCan management team is currently working on the CME accreditation of the series.

The webinar schedule is available [here](#).

Watch the video recording of the first webinar [here](#).

### Upcoming Webinars:

#### **17 March 2021: Spinal cord compression: how to treat**

Presenter: Paula Perez (Spain)

Expert: Asle Hesla (Sweden)

Speaker profiles available [here](#).

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3893559102720161552>

#### **21 April 2021: Management of a patient with refractory ALK+ anaplastic large cell lymphoma**

Presenter: Eda Ataseven

Expert: Laurence Brugieres (France)

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7774411836792754704>

#### **19 May 2021: Refractory high-risk neuroblastoma management**

Presenter: Alba Rubio (Spain)

Expert: Ruth Ladenstein (Austria)

Speaker profiles available [here](#).

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8371021139675182352>

### Young SIOPE Webinars

The [first Young SIOPE Webinar](#) (Liquid biopsy in paediatric solid tumours) by Dr. Elisa Izquierdo (Children's University Hospital Niño Jesús, Madrid) took place on 20 January 2021. Over 100 participants joined.

### Upcoming Young SIOPE Webinar:

#### **24 March 2021 (18:00-19:00 CET): CAR-T-19 challenges in acute lymphoblastic leukaemia: Bridging to CAR-T cell therapy and Bone marrow transplantation after CAR-T-cell therapy.**

Dr André Baruchel, Hôpital Robert Debré, Paris (France), and Dr Peter Bader, Hospital for Children and Adolescents University Hospital Frankfurt (Germany)

Link to join the Webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83797848143?pwd=Z05JakRMZDBTRHF0dFJtd2UwNzc1QT09>

More information [here](#).

## ESO-SIOPE E-Learning in Paediatric Oncology

SIOPE has teamed up with ESO to expand the available paediatric oncology content available via e-Learning modules. You can access all sessions free of charge live or watch recordings on demand.

The following modules are currently scheduled:

1. Paediatric oncology
2. Paediatric haemato-oncology emergencies

More information available [here](#).

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## EVENTS



The **9<sup>th</sup> edition of the ACCELERATE Paediatric Oncology Conference** was held virtually on 4-5 February 2021 with over 300 registered participants! Once again, the ACCELERATE Conference was an exceptional opportunity to discuss and engage with all stakeholders committed to improving the development of new life-saving medicines for children and adolescents with cancer.

Furthermore, the **6<sup>th</sup> Paediatric Strategy Forum** for Medicinal Product Development of CAR T-cells in Children and Adolescents has been rescheduled and will now take place virtually on 25-26-27 May 2021.

This edition of the forum, organised by ACCELERATE in collaboration with the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and with the participation of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), will focus on CAR T-cells in children and adolescents.

More information available [here](#).

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