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## Inflammatory Bowel Disease

### A Rising Threat to the Health of Young Europeans

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Hosts:

**MEP Rebecca Harms** (Greens/European Free Alliance)

**Professor Thierry Ponchon** (United European Gastroenterology) This event is hosted by the Greens/EFA and organised by United European Gastroenterology (UEG), in cooperation with the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO), the European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN) and the European Federation of Crohn's and Colitis Associations (EFCCA)

### AGENDA

09:00 – 09:10

*Welcome and Introduction*

**MEP Rebecca Harms**, Co-Chair, Greens/European Free Alliance

**Prof. Thierry Ponchon**, Chair of the UEG Public Committee 09:10 – 09:30

Tandem talk:

*Scientific background: Current and projected incidence of IBD in children and (young) adults*

- **Prof. Severine Vermeire**, President of the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO)
- **Prof. Geneviève Veereman**, UEG and European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN)

09:30 – 09:35

*Questions & Answers* 09:35 – 09:55

*The patient perspective: Growing up with IBD*

**Mr Daniel Sundstein**, Youth Group of the European Federation of Crohn's and Colitis Associations

09:55 – 10:00

*Questions & Answers* 10:00 – 10:20

*Europe's contribution to tackling IBD*

**Mrs Vidal-Ragout**, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, Directorate for Health, European Commission 10:20 – 10:30

*Discussion between Members of the European Parliament, patients and the Commission* 10:30 – 11:20

## *Open debate among Members of the European Parliament and patients' representatives*

Chair: MEP Rebecca Harms Topics will include:

- Ways to stimulate research on chronic disease in Europe
- The role of Europe-wide registries
- Addressing young patients' needs for specialised medical services
- Enabling young patients to participate in education and the workforce, and reducing work absenteeism of patients
- Reducing health inequalities between Member States in diagnosis and treatment

**11:20 – 11:30**

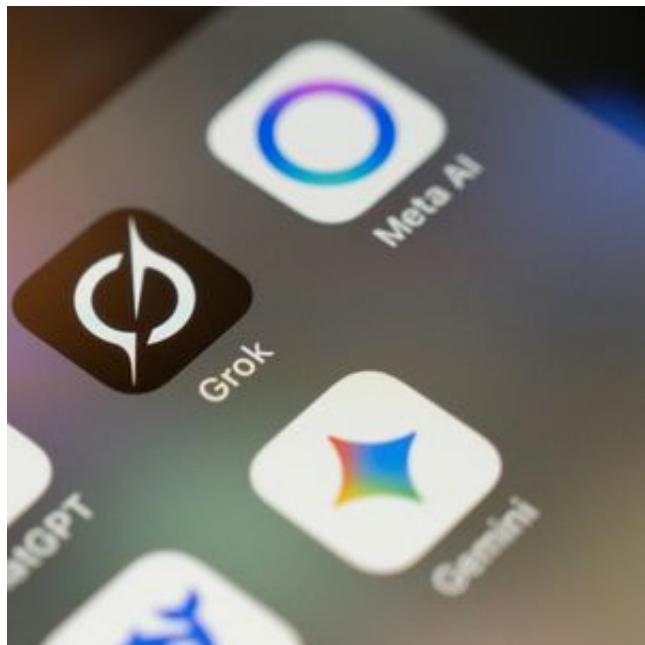
*Concluding remarks*

MEP Michèle Rivasi, Vice-President, Greens/European Free Alliance

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