

# A.E.A. News – 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2021

## Virtual Lunch Debate for World Hearing Day



### Virtual Lunch Debate - European Parliament “HEARING CARE FOR ALL”

Wednesday the 3rd of March 2021 - 12:30-14:30h (CET)

Host: MEP Alex Agius Saliba (Malta, S&D).

The image contains two main promotional graphics. On the left is a registration card for the 'Virtual Lunch Debate "HEARING CARE FOR ALL"'. It lists the date as Wednesday the 3rd of March 2021, 12:30-14:30h, and provides a 'REGISTER HERE' link. The program includes: Welcome & Introduction by MEP Alex Agius Saliba; HEARING CARE FOR ALL – World Report on Hearing by Shelly Chadha (WHO); Access to Hearing Care during COVID-19 by Morten Buan (EFHOH); User experiences with Cochlear Implants by EURO-CIU CI users; The use of hearing aids and cochlear implants by Patrick D'Haese (Hear-it); Hearing screening and hearing care for young active people with hearing loss by Mark Laureyns (AEA); Debate by all attendees; and Conclusion by MEP Alex Saliba. On the right is a 'World Hearing Day 3 March 2021' poster featuring a circular illustration of diverse people and the slogan 'HEARING CARE FOR ALL' with the subtext 'SCREEN • REHABILITATE • COMMUNICATE'.

We have the yearly tradition to organise a Lunch Debate in the European Parliament in Brussels, to celebrate the WHO “World Hearing Day”.

This year, for obvious reasons, this lunch debate will be virtual.

MEP Alex Agius Saliba (Malta, S&D) accepted to host this session of the lunch debate and the theme is “HEARING CARE FOR ALL”

All presentations will be subtitled, and the debate will be supported with speech to text, to ensure the debate is inclusive for people with hearing loss.

**Please come and register for the Lunch Debate by using this link: [Registration for the Lunch Debate](#)**

As always, participation is free of charge

Here is the detailed programme:

- 12.30 - Welcome & Introduction – MEP Alex Agius Saliba (Malta, S&D)
- HEARING CARE FOR ALL – World Report on Hearing - Shelly Chadha WHO
- Access to Hearing Care during COVID-19 - Morten Buan - EFHOH
- User experiences with Cochlear Implants – EURO-CIU CI Users
- The use of hearing aids and cochlear implants - Patrick D’Haese - Hear-it
- Hearing screening and hearing care for young active people with hearing loss – studies and new findings - Mark Laureyns - AEA
- Debate – All attendees and the full panel.
- Conclusion – MEP Agius Saliba (Malta, S&D)
- 14.30 - End of the lunch debate

For more information on World Hearing Day and the Lunch Debate:

<https://www.aea-audio.org/portal/index.php/world-hearing-day>