

FoodDetectives breakfast at the European Parliament

Launch of a new report on the quality of life of people with food allergy - and what Europe can do about it

Co-hosted by MEPs Stelios Kypourououlos (EPP, GR) and Sylwia Spurek (S&D, PL)

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Members Salon, European Parliament (room tbc)

The European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases' Patients Associations - EFA organises an event at the European Parliament in Brussels on Thursday 12 December 2019 to launch the report that resulted from its flagship project 'FoodDetectives'. The report looks at the **quality of life and the burden of the disease of people with food allergies in Europe, with a focus on the implementation of the EU Regulation 1169/2011 on Food Information to Consumers (FIC)**, in particular its provisions related to food allergen labelling. Based on these data, it sets out recommendations for both food business operators and regulatory authorities for the better management of allergens in food.

A draft agenda can be found below:

8:30-8:40	Opening and introduction	MEP Sylwia Spurek (S&D-PL)
8.40-9.00	Quality of Life, burden of the disease, and the EU law	EFA Board member
9:00-9:20	Session 1: EU policy panel discussion <i>2014-2019: EU FIC Regulation national implementation and its limits</i>	Participants : - Sabine Pelsser, Deputy Head of Unit at DG SANTE - Jürgen Weis, German Permanent Representation to the EU (tbc) - Alexis Waravka, Hospitality Europe - Amena Warner/ Maggie Young, AllergyUK (tbc) - Young food allergy patient (tbc)
9:20-9:30	Keynote presentation: Conclusions from Rostrum paper on food allergy in Europe identifying data gaps and emerging needs for future research and initiatives	Clare Mills, Professor at the University of Manchester
9:30-9:50	Session 2: EU policy panel discussion <i>Looking to the future: Better food labelling policies and research needs</i>	Participants: - Dr. Helen Brough, European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology – EAACI - René Crevel, International Life Sciences Institute – ILSI Europe - Dr. Daniel Munblit, Imperial College London (tbc) - Annelise Fenger, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (tbc) - Ari Hörman, Finnish Permanent Representation to the EU (tbc) - Angeliki Vlachou, FoodDrinkEurope - Marcia Podestá, Food Allergy Italia
9:50-10:00	Closing remarks	MEP Sylwia Spurek (S&D-PL)

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