



Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board (VHPB)

VHPB

More than **28** years active in the control
and prevention of viral hepatitis in
Europe



VHPB mission

Mission statement

The objective of VHPB is to contribute to the control and prevention of viral hepatitis:

- by drawing the attention to this important public health problem
- by issuing prevention and control guidance and catalyse the development of recommendations.
- by encouraging actions to improve control, prevention and elimination.

All activities are in line with **viral hepatitis elimination goals** defined by WHO Global strategy

Focus audiences are, in first instance, opinion leaders, policymakers, public health and health care professionals



Activities: Two meetings a year

- 1. Technical meeting:** discuss, review and issue guidelines or recommendations for critical issues in viral hepatitis
- 2. Country meeting:**
 - Understand strategies and programs to control viral hepatitis in the country
 - Create awareness in the country for hepatitis as a public health problem
 - Create a platform where people of the country involved in viral hepatitis can discuss and can start future initiatives
 - Verify the WHO elimination targets and monitor the progress
 - Initiate or accelerate the development of National viral hepatitis plan
 - Draft guidelines to support countries based on lessons learned from other countries



VHPB TECHNICAL MEETING

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The impact of COVID-19 on the

(1) prevention of viral hepatitis

(2) 2030 WHO elimination goals

18 & 25 March 2021 – 16h30 until 20h00

Draft MEETING agenda



Meeting objectives

The impact of COVID-19 on the **prevention** of viral hepatitis

- Evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on National/regional vaccination and prevention programs for viral hepatitis
- Discuss how increasing vaccine hesitancy due to the pandemic may endanger the high coverage rates of hepatitis B vaccination
- Evaluate lessons learnt from existing catch-up programmes
- Discuss the scale up of the public health needs to improve prevention and immunization of viral hepatitis which were negatively influenced by the pandemic