Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board (VHPB)
More than 28 years active in the control and prevention of viral hepatitis in Europe
Mission statement

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

- 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
VHPB secretariat

Personnel involved
- Brenda Janssens
- Xenia Mikulla
- Sara Valckx
- Dur-e-Nayab Waheed
- Greet Hendrickx
- Alex Vorsters

Executive secretary
- Pierre Van Damme

Located within the facilities of
- the Centre for the Evaluation of Vaccination (CEV), University of Antwerp

HPV prevention and control board is embedded in the same facilities.
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


Part 2: 25 March 2021 – 16h30 until 20h00

MEETING agenda
Meeting objectives

The impact of COVID-19 on the viral hepatitis elimination goals

- Evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on viral hepatitis, screening, control & treatment in Europe
- What is the influence of the COVID-19 pandemic on the elimination goals, regionally and on country level
- Review the possible implementation of control measures, new prevention strategies and monitoring systems during and after a pandemic, lessons learnt.
- Assess the (extra) needs to achieve the goal of eliminating viral hepatitis as a major public health threat in Europe by 2030 as defined by WHO’s Regional office for Europe. Discuss successes, issues and the new challenges.