
Evidence Matters

European parliament, Wednesday 21st June 2017

17:30 – 18:30 (Domenica, 32/b rue de Trèves, 1050 Bruxelles) Arrival and registration with refreshments

18:30 Enter EU parliament, late registrants should head to events participants and guests corner

19:00 (Location: P7C050) Opening words from Sofie Vanthournout, director, Sense about Science EU

19:10 Stories on why evidence matters (1 minute each):

- **Monika Réti**, mother, Hungary, who wants less contradictory recommendations on breastfeeding and child dietary advice.
- **Niels Kanstrup**, hunter, Denmark, who wants to hunt in the most sustainable way.
- **Eline Vedder**, farmer, Netherlands, who wants an evidence based manure policy.
- **Emil Onea**, computer science teacher, Romania, who wants evidence to be used in classroom teaching.
- **Tobias Goecke**, campaigner, Germany, who is trying to reduce food waste.
- **Ingeborg Senneset**, journalist, Norway, who wants greater transparency to combat fake news.
- **Rezart Hoxhaj**, researcher, Albania, working in the Migration Policy Center in Italy, who wants evidence-based migration policies.
- **Hephzi Tagoe**, researcher, UK, founder of GH scientific, an NGO that uses evidence to encourage high school kids in Ghana to achieve better grades in STEM subjects.
- **Fiona Pettit O'Leary**, mother of an autistic child, Ireland, who wants to ensure the evidence isn't ignored in the face of those arguing against the safety of vaccines.
- **Marge Unt**, academic, Estonia, who gathers evidence of youth unemployment across Europe, so the opportunities for young people can be improved.
- **Panagiotis Koutsantonis**, mechanical engineering student, Greece, concerned about road safety.
- **Natalia Stratan**, chef, born in Moldova, worked in Italy and France, who wants to use the best evidence when it comes to making sure what she cooks for her customers is safe and healthy.
- **Kristina Mering**, activist, Estonia, who found that evidence-based activism yields better results.
- **Carla Coutinho**, biologist, Portugal, who wants whale watching regulations based on evidence.
- **Sergio Di Paolo**, patient, Italy, grateful for sharing of evidence-based medicine throughout patient groups in the EU.
- **Dimitar Atanasov**, surfer, Bulgaria, who is concerned for the health of marine environment.

19:35 Responses

- **Carlos Moedas**, European commissioner for research, science and innovation
- **Marco Affronte**, MEP, Greens/EFA
- **Julie Girling**, MEP, ECR
- **Jan Huitema**, MEP, ALDE
- **Ricardo Serrao Santos**, MEP, S&D
- **Eva Kaili**, MEP, S&D, chair of Science and Technology Options Assessment
- **Mairead McGuinness**, MEP, EPP, vice-president of the European parliament

19:55 Closing of event by Sofie Vanthournout