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Economic & Scientific Policy for the Committee on the Environment,  
Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) Working Group Health**

**Workshop**

**"Autoimmune Diseases – Modern Diseases"**

**Monday 25 September 2017 from 16.00 to 18.00  
European Parliament, Room A3G-2 in Altiero Spinelli, Brussels**

**AGENDA**

**Co-Chairs: Ms Soledad CABEZON RUIZ (MEP), Mr Alojz PETERLE (MEP)**

**16:00 – 16:10** Opening and welcome by the co-chairs Ms Soledad CABEZON RUIZ (MEP) and Mr Alojz PETERLE (MEP)

***Part 1 – The current state of play of autoimmune diseases in Europe***

**16:10 - 16:25      Autoimmune diseases: a public health perspective**  
Dr Luminita Silvia HAYES, Senior Advisor, World Health Organisation (WHO), Office at the European Union

**16:25 - 16:40      An overview of possible causes triggering autoimmune diseases**  
Prof Aaron LERNER, Senior Scientist, B. Rappaport School of Medicine, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and Aesku-KIPP Institute, Wendelsheim, Germany

**16:40 - 17:00** Questions & Answers

***Part 2 – Treatment and prevention of autoimmune diseases***

**17:00 – 17:15      Tackling autoimmune diseases: a US perspective**  
Prof Jean-Francois BACH, Permanent Honorary Secretary, Académie des sciences, France

**17:15 – 17:30      Prevention and treatment of autoimmune diseases: the case of lupus**  
Ms Kirsten LERSTRØM, Chair of LUPUS EUROPE

**17:30 – 17:50** Questions & Answers

**17:50 – 18:00** Closing remarks by co-chair Mr Alojz PETERLE (MEP)