MEP Heart Group Meeting

Addressing the Shortage of Medical Devices for Cardiovascular Disease Patients in the EU

When: 28th June 2023 / 10:00h – 11:30h

Where: Online (Zoom)

Draft Agenda

10.00h – 10.10h	**Welcome Address** *MEP Maxová Radka (S&D, CZ)*
10.10h – 10.15h	**The Vital Importance of Medical Devices for Cardiovascular Disease Patients** Role of MD for CVD patients and why it is important. *Dr Charmaine Griffiths, European Heart Network President, British Heart Foundation CEO (video message)*
10.15h – 10.20h	**Patients' perspective** Shortage of Medical Devices in Paediatric Cardiology, the Experience of a Father *Stefan Hofer, Head of the Department of Anesthesiology, Intensive Care Medicine, Emergency Medicine (Westpfalz Klinikum, Kaiserslautern), and affected father*
10.20h – 10.40h	**Ensuring the Safety and Efficacy of Medical Devices in the EU** • Challenges associated with ensuring the safety and efficacy of MD in the EU - *MEP Brando Benifei (S&D, IT), MEP Heart Group Co-chair (video message)* • Most recent EU-level actions to address the risk of shortages of medical devices - *Peter Bischoff-Everding* (DG Sante D3)

10.40h – 11.00h	**A National Heart Foundation perspective on the implementation of the MDR** Experiences and perspectives on access to medical devices, including challenges related to affordability, availability, and quality. *Kai Rüenbrink, German Heart Foundation*
11.00h – 11.15h	**Panel Discussion** Dialogue to explore potential policy solutions and strategies to address the medical device shortage for CVD patients. *MEPs, Oliver Bisazza (MedTech Europe CEO) and German Heart Foundation*
11.15h – 11.25h	**Q&A Session** Opportunity for the audience to ask questions and engage with the panellists.
11.25h – 11.30h	**Closing Remarks** • Summary of key takeaways from the event • Call to action for policymakers, industry stakeholders, and patient advocates to work together to address the shortage of medical devices for CVD patients in the EU. *MEP Maria da Graça Carvalho (EPP, PT), MEP Heart Group Co-chair*