

When: 29 November 2017 from 8.30-11.00 Where: European Parliament - Room 6Q1 Languages available: Italian and English

Science has consistently shown that the moderate and responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages by healthy adults can be fully compatible with a balanced lifestyle and may also incur several health benefits. While raising awareness among honourable Members of the European Parliament on the latest state of research on this important issue, this conference will also constitute a useful opportunity to launch discussions around the importance of education and prevention programmes that target alcohol misuse, including by minors and young adults.

8.00 - 8.30

Registrations and welcome coffee

8.30 - 9.00

Opening by MEP Aldo Patriciello

Panel 1 – "A longstanding part of European culture and tradition"

- Mr. Pedro Ballesteros Master of Wine
- Mr. Pete Brown Beer writer and broadcaster

9.00 - 10.00

Panel 2 – "Scientific evidence on the effects of moderate alcohol consumption on health" Moderator: Professor Giovanni de Gaetano, Pozzilli, Italy

- Professor Mladen Boban, Split, Croatia
- Doctor Simona Costanzo, IRCCS Neuromed, Pozzilli Italy
- Professor Ramon Estruch, Barcelona, Spain

10.00 - 11.00

Panel 3 – "Implication for policies and strategies to promote responsibility and moderation and target the harmful consumption of alcohol within the EU – the importance of prevention and education" *Moderator: Professor Giovanni de Gaetano, Pozzilli, Italy*

- Mr. George Sandeman, Porto, Portugal, President of the "Wine in Moderation programme"
- Mr. Pierre-Olivier Bergeron, Brussels, Belgium, "The EU Beer Pledge
- Professor Enrico Tempesta, Rome, Italy, "Osservatorio Permanente Giovani e Alcol"

Responses and closing remarks from MEP Aldo Patriciello and other MEPs