



Wednesday, 23 March 2022  
14:00 – 15:00 (CET)

Webinar:

**RARE PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES:  
A FOCUS ON EUROPE**

PTC Therapeutics invites you to participate in a multi-stakeholder webinar to present the findings of the Economist Impact\* report ‘Rare paediatric neurological diseases: A focus on Europe’ and discuss how policymakers, healthcare providers and patients can collaborate to improve care and outcomes.

Rare paediatric neurological conditions are debilitating diseases which significantly impact the day-to-day lives of children and their families. Most rare diseases have neurological symptoms, and about 90% of those affecting children have major neurological effects limiting the ability to achieve key cognitive and physical development milestones.

To highlight policy priorities for improving care, patient outcomes and quality of life, Economist Impact has undertaken a project to better understand how these disorders affect the lives of patients and their families. The resulting report ‘**Rare paediatric neurological diseases:**

**A focus on Europe**’ highlights the difficulties in achieving a timely and accurate diagnosis, as well as the numerous challenges to providing adequate care and support. It concludes that policymakers should work to develop a rare diseases healthcare ecosystem that is sufficiently resourced and organised to enable even the most complex conditions to be assessed and managed expeditiously.

**MODERATED BY:**



**Elizabeth Sukkar**

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**SPEAKERS:**



**Prof. Dr. Tim Cox**

Professor of Medicine, Emeritus and Director of Research, University of Cambridge; Lead Patron, MLD (Metachromatic Leukodystrophy) Support Association UK



**Prof. Dr. Maurizio Scarpa**

Coordinator, European Reference Network for Hereditary Metabolic Diseases (MetabERN), Director of the Regional Coordinating Center for Rare Diseases Udine University Hospital, Udine, Italy



**Tobias Mentzel**

Chairman, European Leukodystrophy Germany (ELA Deutschland e.V.).



**Dorica Dan**

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President, Lil’ Brave One Association (Hrabriša), Serbia



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