

Independent Scientific Advocacy Group

A Better Way Forward: **Toward Elimination of Covid-19**

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COVID-19 Elimination in Europe and its Implications for Ireland

This Wednesday, March 31 2021, from 12.00-1.00pm, ISAG will host its weekly webinar live on Zoom.

Click here to register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81727990583>

The webinar will also be streamed live on the ISAG YouTube channel, facebook page and twitter account.

Compared to Australasia, Europe has signally failed to manage the SARS-COV2 pandemic, with catastrophic consequences for health and the economy.

In many European countries scientific groups advocate for a COVID-19 elimination strategy called Zero COVID, No COVID or alternative names. At the core of all these strategies is the objective of controlling the import of virus (and variants) across borders, and understanding that protecting the economy and protecting lives are not opposing but entirely compatible objectives.

The more countries successfully adopt a COVID-19 elimination strategy, the easier it is for each country to progress down that path. What Europe does therefore has huge implications for Ireland.

In this webinar, we invite representatives of four European countries to give a brief overview of the prospects for COVID-19 elimination in their country, and Europe in general, reflecting among other topics on the challenges faced and what could be done at a European level to facilitate COVID-19 elimination.

Professor Cecile Philippe: France. President of Institute Economique Molinari.

Professor Antoine Flahault: Switzerland Co-Directeur de la Swiss School of Public Health, Zürich.

Dr Fidelia Cascini: Italy. Public Health Institute, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome.

Professor Henrique Barros: Portugal. President, Institute of Public Health, University of Porto.

This will be preceded by the usual weekly **situation update on COVID-19 in Ireland** (North and South), given by **Paul Dempsey**.

The webinar will be chaired by **Professor Aoife McLysaght**.