European Parliament Roundtable:

THE GROWING NEED FOR PLASMA-DERIVED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS IN THE EU

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This roundtable supports PPTA's ongoing efforts regarding the possible revision of the current EU Blood Directive and needs to be seen in the following context: After the launch of the EU Commission evaluation of the EU blood, tissues, and cells legislation, the revision of the EU Blood Directive 2002/98/EC has become a topical issue on the European level. The publication date of the final commission evaluation report is expected to be published before Summer 2019.

PPTA has participated in several EU stakeholder consultations and bilateral meetings to educate policymakers about the plasma sector and the growing clinical need for plasma-derived medicinal products (PDMPs). The roundtable in the European Parliament took place on Feb. 21, 2019, in collaboration with Members of the EU Parliament. Representatives from patient organizations, health care professionals, national and European policymakers, and industry representatives participated. PPTA remains a trusted advisor in any efforts to change the European Blood Directive and has offered a well-vetted and thoughtful proposal to improve the European Blood Directive in the event that it is opened for reconsideration. •