



## Welcome message from the PhageEU Board Members

*"2024 was a milestone year for PhageEU. We have officially incorporated PhageEU as non-governmental organisation, in order to make the voice of the phage community stronger. With its seat and secretariat in Brussels, PhageEU is now well equipped to represent interests of phage community in order to facilitate access to phage technology in the EU.*

*After European Parliament elections we have actively engaged in advocacy and awareness raising activities in order to shape the political and regulatory agenda of the EU. PhageEU has issued its European elections manifesto. Our policy event in the European Parliament on the "Potential of bacteriophages in fighting AMR" was a great opportunity to launch a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament, European Commission, European Food Safety Authority and European Medicines Agency. We have also launched a Common Declaration on the recognition of the potential of bacteriophages in fighting AMR.*

*If you want to support our advocacy efforts and make the voice of the phage community even stronger, join PhageEU as a member. You may also follow and promote our activities via X and LinkedIn."*

**Jarosław Dastych**, PhageEU President

**Michael Fink**, PhageEU Vice-President

**Frenk Smrekar**, PhageEU Vice-President

## 2024 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

### PhageEU formalises to broadly represent the phage community in Europe

In July 2024 PhageEU founding members have decided to formalise their activities while registering a non-profit organisation in the capital of Europe. With its seat and secretariat in Brussels, PhageEU is well equipped to represent interests of phage community in order to facilitate access to phage technology in the EU.

On this occasion PhageEU has also appointed its Board of Directors as well as Secretary General. To read the Press Release click [here](#)

#### Board of Directors

#### Secretary General



Prof. Jaroslaw Dastych, PhD

Founder & CEO of Proteon Pharmaceuticals

President of the PhageEU



Michael Fink

CEO of Phage Technology Center GmbH and FinkTec GmbH

Vice-President of the PhageEU



Frenk Smrekar, PhD

Founder & CEO of JAFRAL's

Vice-President of the PhageEU



Margareta Przybyla

PhageEU Secretary General

### PhageEU Manifesto for European Parliament Elections 2024

PhageEU mission is to shape the political and regulatory agenda of the EU, so that the full potential of phages can be used for the benefit of EU citizens, patients, and farmers. With this in mind we have developed 2024 European Parliament Elections manifesto to outline PhageEU priorities for a healthier Europe.

To read our Manifesto click [here](#).

### Common declaration on recognising the potential of bacteriophages in fighting AMR

Bacteriophage technology covers various issues, from plant, animal health, and human health. This is why PhageEU is inviting like-minded actors to co-sign a “*Common Declaration on the recognition of bacteriophages in fighting AMR*” in order to build a wide coalition.

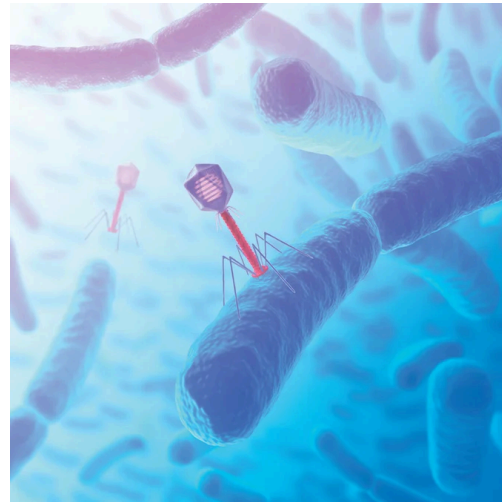
We are happy to announce, that Tiemo Wölken, Member of the European Parliament, S&D ENVI Coordinator and Member of the SANT Committee was the first key stakeholder to sign the common declaration.

If you wish to sign this declaration, please reach out to us on [contact@phageurope.eu](mailto:contact@phageurope.eu).

"We cannot leave any stone unturned in our fight against antimicrobial resistance. Everyone is aware that the antibiotic pipeline is severely broken and that there is an urgent need to look into alternative treatments. Here, especially bacteriophages could have a considerable potential to become an affordable and effective tool for bacterial control as a possible alternative to or complement for antibiotic therapy."



**Tiemo Woelken**  
Member of the European  
Parliament



## PhageEU EVENTS

### PhageEU Webinar: “Where We Are with Phage Technology – Global Context and Recent Developments”

To mark Phage World Day 2024, PhageEU has organised an online webinar titled “*Where We Are with Phage Technology – Global Context and Recent Developments*”. This webinar has showcased the latest advancements in phage technology, featuring insights from PhageEU partner organizations and highlighting diverse approaches to phage research and applications from around the world.

Missed the event? You can watch the complete video recording here:

**WHERE WE ARE WITH PHAGE TECHNOLOGY?**

  **22 October 2024**  
 **16h00 – 18h00 CET**  
 **Online**

**PHAGE**  
EU

[Watch the recording](#)



## PhageEU Event in the European Parliament: High-level Debate on the Potential of Bacteriophages in Fighting AMR

On the occasion of AMR Awareness Week 2024, PhageEU has organised in collaboration with MEP Tiemo Wölken (Member of the SANT and ENVI Committees), a high-level debate at the European Parliament focusing on bacteriophage therapy as a promising solution to combat antimicrobial resistance.

Missed the event? You can watch the complete video recording here:

[Watch the recording](#)

## NEWS

### EFSA Opens Consultation on the “Draft guidance on the characterisation and risk assessment of microorganisms used in the food chain”

EFSA has launched a public consultation on the "Draft guidance on the characterisation and risk assessment of microorganisms used in the food chain". Interested parties are invited to submit their comments by 7 February 2025.

[Find out more](#)

### EMA consultation on human medicinal products specifically designed for phage therapy

In March 2024 the European Medicines Agency has closed public consultation on the concept paper entitled “Development and manufacture of human medicinal products specifically designed for phage therapy – scientific guideline.”

[Find out more](#)



**PhageEU welcomes  
new members**

**PhageEU is open to  
welcome new members.**

If you are working on phage technology and representing industry, science or civic society please reach out to us at [contact@phageurope.eu](mailto:contact@phageurope.eu) and we will be happy to provide you with information about membership opportunities.

PhageEU is consolidating corporate members representing industry and academic institutions as well as individual scientists.

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