

**Abstract - Presentation for the Workshop " Early Discovery of New Antibiotics"
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Abstract: The rapid rise of antibiotic resistance has surged an increasing interest to develop phage therapy, a century-old approach based on the use of bacteriophages that are natural viral predators that specifically parasite bacteria to replicate. Currently phage therapy is only accepted and practiced in parts of Eastern Europe such as Russia, Georgia and Poland. Progress has yet to be made in the rest of the world on a functional and practical legal frame-work that is flexible enough to exploit and further explore the specificity of bacteriophages. PhageForward will contribute to opinion formation on relevant stakeholders on three main topics, regulation, production and intellectual property, to build an infrastructure that paves the way for the re-implementation of phage therapy.