

BENOIT BEUSELINCK *Oncologist at the University Hospitals Leuven*



Stakeholder at the table ronde (14h00 to 15h00)
Euthanasia: threat or reality in Europe?

CAREER PATH

After graduating in June 1995 as a Doctor in Medicine at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium, he spent several years working in Development Cooperation in Africa and Latin America

In 2003, he returned to medical practice and started the internship in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, first in the University Hospitals of Leuven (KULeuven), then at the Georges Pompidou European Hospital in Paris (Université Paris-Descartes)

In Paris, he developed a research-line on kidney tumors and their treatments with anti-angiogenics. In 2010, he was appointed as a staff member at the Department of Medical Oncology of the University Hospitals Leuven

He continued his research in Leuven and Paris and has defended his doctoral thesis in May 2014

In October 2015, he was appointed Professor of Medicine at the KULeuven

A LEADER IN DEFENCE OF LIFE

Since the approval of euthanasia in Belgium in 2002, Benoit Beuselinck has taken several initiatives to show the shortcomings of this law. He is one of the initiators of the website euthanasiestop.be which since 2013 canalizes the opposition to the law in Belgium.

He actively contributed in 2014 to the mobilization of pediatricians against the extension of the law to children and in 2015 to the mobilization of psychiatrists against the application of euthanasia to patients with psychic suffering.

He is regularly invited as a speaker in bioethics conferences and to participate in debates on television as well as in radio programs.

PUBLICATIONS

He has published several studies on the meaning of life in the suffering person, based mainly on the theories of Viktor Frankl.

His most recent publication is a book chapter entitled "En Belgique: des médecins confrontés au sens de la vie et de la mort" in the collective work *Prendre soin de ceux qui ne guériront pas. La médecine questionnée par l'incubilité et la fin de la vie*, published under the direction of Elisabeth Zucman by editions Eres in Toulouse.