

PROJECT PORTFOLIO 2015

EPF is involved as coordinator or associate partner in the following projects:

The "European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation" (EUPATI), funded by the Innovative Medicines Initiative to provide scientifically reliable, objective, comprehensive information to patients on medicines research and development. See www.patientsacademy.eu/index.php/en/

The JA on Patient Safety and Quality of Care (PaSQ) in which EPF is involved as an associate partner, which strengthens cooperation between EU MS, international organisations and EU stakeholders on issues related to quality of health care, including patient safety will be in its last year of implementation. This project is funded by the European Union, in the framework of the Public Health Programme. It will end in spring 2015. See www.pasq.eu/

Other projects include:

SmartCare (CIP-ICT) on ICT-based integrated care, in which EPF participates as a member of the User Advisory Board will also be running in 2015. This project is partially funded under the ICT Policy Support Programme. See <http://pilotsmartcare.eu/home/>

We Care: Aim of the action: Preparing the future for health research and innovation to contribute significantly towards a sustainable and affordable healthcare. This project is sponsored by the EC FP7 Health Programme. EPF contributes expertise and advice from the patients' perspective. See <http://www.we-do-care.eu/>

JA on Chronic diseases (CHRODIS-JA): The objective is to promote and facilitate a process of exchange and transfer of good practices between European countries and regions, addressing chronic conditions, with a specific focus on health promotion and prevention of chronic conditions, multi-morbidity and diabetes. It is co-funded by the EU Health Programme. See <http://www.chrodis.eu/>

-EUnetHTA JA on HTA (PHP, EPF does not receive EC funding). See <http://www.eunetha.eu/activities>

-AdHopHTA (FP7) which aims at performing a critical analysis of existing hospital based HTA initiatives to evolve methods, instruments and practices to evaluate technology in hospital settings (EPF does not receive EC funding). See <http://www.adhophta.eu/>

In the second part of 2014 EPF was involved in the preparation of new project proposals that were submitted under the EU Horizon 2020 and Public Health Programmes. If successful these projects will kick off in mid-2015.

-REPAIR: addressing issues relating to polypharmacy and strengthening adherence

-PRINCE: fostering patient-centred ICT-based integrated care models

-A project proposal to be submitted under the Public Health Programme on reintegration of chronic disease patients into the labour market

The EPF Capacity Building Programme

EPF launched a Capacity Building Programme in 2012 with the overall objective of strengthening the capacity of both Member State and European level patient organisations to enable them to be more effective in achieving their objectives and aspirations and feeding their experiences and expertise into the work of EPF and utilising the outcomes of our collective work in a national, and/ or disease specific context. The project is co-financed by the Medtronic Foundation (2012) and unrestricted grants from the industry partners.

During the period 2012-2014 the Capacity Building Programme underwent its piloting phase. The outcomes of the piloting phase together with the findings of the evaluation conducted in each country involved and programme stage will be used to inform the design and delivery of the programme and its mainstreaming into the EPF annual plans from 2015 on. In 2015 the Capacity Building Programme will continue to be rolled out in the countries that joined the programme in 2012-2013, i.e. Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, and Bulgaria. A new country, most likely Poland, will join the programme in 2015. In the four countries that joined the Programme in 2012-2013 focus will be on delivering thematic training programmes on areas such as fundraising, advocacy, communications etc., while the new country(s) will focus on strategic and operational planning.

The Programme for European-level organisations will continue to be delivered in 2015 with a new thematic module based on the 2014 module of fundraising. See <http://www.eu-patient.eu/whatwedo/Capacity-Building-programme/>

Conference on Patient Empowerment

EPF will also be organising a conference and supporting campaign on patient empowerment in 2015 and 2016 that will not be funded under the public health programme. This will buttress our policy work on patient empowerment.