



Patient Access Partnership

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The Patient Access Partnership was **officially launched in 2015** to tackle the issue of health inequalities from the perspective of patients.



This **patient-led network** brings together the patients, the medical community, the industry and the European policy-makers to ensure equal access to quality healthcare is a **priority of the EU** institutions too as Member States or individual stakeholders cannot tackle this problem alone.



Why EPF has taken this route to set up PACT

- Since our Conference in Sofia in 2012 there have been calls for a collaborative approach to achieving universal access to high-quality, people-centered health services
- Based on the Vilnius declaration EPF has undertaken the leadership to put patients in the centre of the access debate
- Bringing together stakeholders to find innovative solutions that will improve access to quality health care for all European patients

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Stakeholders involved with the inception of the Patient Access Partnership

- ▶ Patient organisations (also through the EPF Access Working Group)
- ▶ Healthcare professionals - CPME, PGEU, Hospital Pharmacists, EFN
- ▶ Industry associations (EFPIA, EGA, EUCOMED)
- ▶ Policy makers (MEPs, EU Commission, Member States)

Launch of Patient Access Partnership, and Interest group on Access to Healthcare

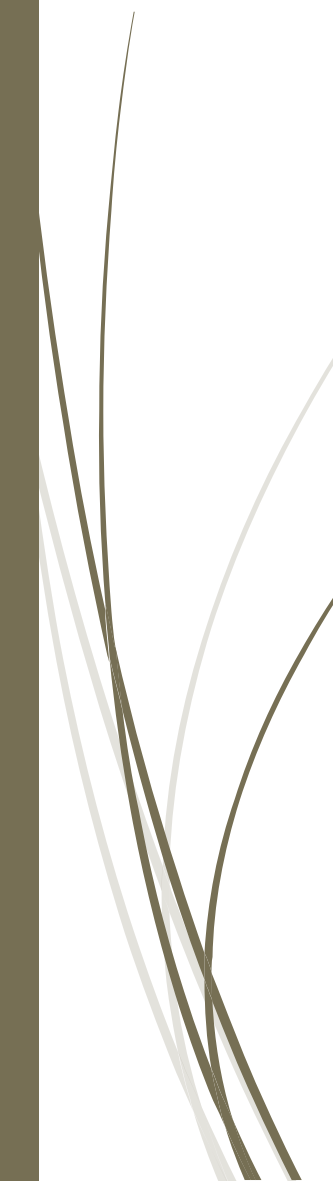
- ▶ The Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Mr. Vytenis Andriukaitis opened the event
- ▶ Currently more than 30 MEPs from over a dozen EU Member States have joined the interest group





How does PACT work

WORKSTREAMS


- Mapping access – evaluating access in EU 28
 - Measurement tool – how can we measure access in the future in order to change policy and support Member States
 - Ensuring access is high on the political agenda
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Added value for EPF members



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- Making sure patients are in the centre of the EU access debate
 - Making sure solutions are being developed in the interest for patients
 - Supporting the access initiatives of all EPF members – on national and EU level
 - Visibility and political support through the access interest group in the EU parliament
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How members can get involved

- ▶ Links between the EPF Access Working Group and the Patient Access Partnership:
 - ▶ Liaison when an issue requires the help of the PACT or is more relevant for PACT than for the working group because it requires a multistakeholder approach
- ▶ Working on common initiatives:
 - ▶ 5A's definition of access – **Available, Adequate, Accessible, Appropriate, Affordable**
 - ▶ Developing a patient-centered questionnaire on evaluating access in the EU 28 among all stakeholders
- ▶ EPF members' initiatives supported by PACT
 - ▶ Discussing common future initiatives with some EPF members (e.g. EURORDIS , Alzheimer Europe, Men's Health Forum)

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EXAMPLE FROM BULGARIA

- Following the launch of PACT in January Bulgaria initiated a similar multistakeholder collaboration on MS level
- Partnership for Health was established as a permanent consultative body to the Bulgarian Council of Ministers
- Patients are on the lead of the initiative and the National Patients' organization is the Secretariat of the Partnership





Steps forward

- ▶ A new website is being developed, address is www.eupatientaccess.eu
- ▶ Meeting of health attaches and the interest group early June
- ▶ EU Presidency Conference – Universal Health – Riga End June
- ▶ Health Forum Gastein – September 30th



Patients can lead the collaboration
and the change in EU and the
Member States



Thank you for your attention!



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