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Invitation to the EPF Regional Advocacy Seminar 2015
“Strengthening the patient’s perspective in EU policy-making and research”
(Lund, 24-25 November 2015)

Dear Patient organisations’ representative,
Dear colleague,

We have the pleasure to invite you to the **Seventh European Patients’ Forum (EPF) Autumn Regional Advocacy Seminar** that will take place in **Lund, Sweden** on **24-25 November**.

The Autumn Regional Advocacy Seminar 2015 is open to applications from patient organisations’ representatives from **Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway** and **Sweden** (criteria to participate available [here](#)).

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

With this seminar, EPF will provide patients’ organisations with tools to advocate effectively and to become more empowered stakeholders at European and national level.

More specifically, this seminar aims at:

- **Raising knowledge and awareness** among national patient organisations on how to get involved in the development, transposition and implementation of key EU health and research policies;
- **Increasing the cooperation between stakeholders**, such as umbrella patient movements, national and regional decision-makers, health professionals’ associations and regulatory bodies.
- **Meet with peers**: this seminar is a chance to network and increase cooperation between patient organisations within and across the Nordic countries.

STRUCTURE OF THE SEMINAR

The draft agenda is available [here](#).

The Seminar will last for one and a half days and will be conducted in English only. It will include plenary sessions, panel discussions and parallel workshops. We invite you to mark your preference in the registration form and we will do our best to respect this as far as possible.

LOGISTICS AND REGISTRATION

You can find the application form [here](#). The deadline to register is **1 October 2015**.

Please note that good working knowledge of English is mandatory to allow for active participation and interaction.

EPF will cover all expenses related to your participation at the seminar. This includes accommodation, catering and economy travel in line with our reimbursement policy, available [here](#).

Please note that only online applications will be accepted and that they are subject to confirmation. Due to the limited number of places we might not be able to accept all registrations. We will send you a confirmation that your application has been accepted.

For more information on this event please contact Ms Véronique Tarasovici at veronique.tarasovici@eu-patient.eu or + 32 (0)2 280 23 34.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Seminar.

Yours Sincerely,



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EPF President

The European Patients' Forum (EPF) is an umbrella organisation that works with patients' groups in public health and health advocacy across Europe. EPF currently represents 65 member organisations, which are disease-specific patient organisations operating at EU level and national coalitions of patient organisations. EPF reflects the voice of an estimated 150 million patients affected by various diseases in the EU and their families. More information on: www.eu-patient.eu



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