

THE EUROPEAN PATIENTS' FORUM

“ A STRONG PATIENT’S VOICE IN
BRUSSELS AND THROUGHOUT EUROPE ”

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“ A STRONG PATIENTS’ VOICE TO
DRIVE BETTER HEALTH IN EUROPE ”



EPF- About us



- Set up in 2003, based in Brussels
- Advocacy NGO – works with EU institutions to represent the collective patients’ voice at EU level
- Currently 61 member organisations – national platforms, EU-level umbrellas in disease areas
- Collectively represent 150+ million patients in EU
- Cross-cutting issues of relevance to all patients with chronic diseases – non disease specific

EPF- Our Vision and Mission

- **Vision:** High quality, patient-centred, equitable healthcare throughout the EU
- **Mission:** To provide a strong and united patients' voice to put patients at the centre of EU healthcare policy and programmes



EPF- What we want to achieve

Our six strategic goals

- **Equal Access for Patients**
To best quality information and healthcare
- **Patients' Involvement**
In EU health-related policies & projects
- **Patients' Perspective**
Incl. human rights, quality of life
- **Sustainable Patients' Organisations**
Inclusive, effective, sustainable
- **Patients' Unity**
Promoting solidarity across the patient movement
- **Non discrimination**

Raison d'être: EU policy influence



EPF- Our policy priorities



- Health Literacy / Information for Patients
- Health Inequalities / anti-discrimination
- EU legislation on pharmaceuticals
- EU legislation on medical devices
- Patients' rights in cross-border healthcare
- Patient safety, quality of care
- Patient-centred innovation in healthcare: eHealth, HTA, European Innovation Partnership AHAIP
- EU Health programme 2014-2020
- EU chronic disease strategy, sustainable health systems

EPF- Our projects



COMPLETED

- Involvement of Patients: VALUE +, RESPECT (clinical trials)
- EUNETPAS project – Patient Safety network
- E-Health: Chain of Trust

RUNNING PROJECTS

- E-Health: Renewing Health, eHealth Joint Action, SUSTAINS (electronic health records)...
- Healthcare financing: InterQuality, WE- CARE
- Joint Action – Patient Safety & Quality of Care
- European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation – IMI

EPF Policy platforms



- EU Health Policy Forum
- European Commission working group: patient safety & quality of care
- European Commission initiative on corporate responsibility in the field of pharmaceuticals
 - Access to medicines in Europe
 - Ethics & transparency
- e-Health Users Stakeholders Group
- High-level group for health research (DG Research)
- EFPIA patient think tank
- EuropaBio patient exchange group

EPF-Alliances & Partnerships



- EPF cooperates closely with patient group allies and future members
- Memorandum of Understanding with International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO)
- The European Union Health Policy Forum (EUHPF), EMEA Working Party, EFPIA Patient Think Tank
- Valuable collaboration and exchange with health professionals' organisations
 - CPME, UEMS – doctors
 - PGEU – pharmacists
 - EFN – nurses
 - HOPE, EHMA – health and hospital managers

EPF from 2003 to 2013



A little bit more about EPF:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMMo-Zagvg>

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