

“ANNUAL REPORT 2011”

Brief highlights

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TO DRIVE BETTER HEALTH IN EUROPE ”



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- Stronger layout
- New typefaces
- More colours
- Eye-catching illustrations
- Strong content

2011 Achievements

- Preparation of a **capacity programme**
- Strengthening of our **policy impact**
- Development of **projects** and patients' evidence
- Diversification of our **funding base**
- Reinforcement of our **membership**
- Establishment of the **Youth strategy**
- **Alliance** building and **partnership**
- **Evaluation** and **communication**

Key EPF achievements in 2011 EPF IDENTIFIED FOUR OBJECTIVES IN OUR WORK PLAN 2011 THAT RELATE TO THE STRATEGIC GOALS OF OUR ORGANISATION:

1. **BUILDING CAPACITY** WITHIN THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES, THE SECRETARIAT, AND THROUGH REINFORCING AND EXTENDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND DIVERSIFYING/SOLIDIFYING FUNDING (GOALS 1-5)
2. **STRENGTHENING OUR POLICY IMPACT** (GOALS 1-3)
3. **DEVELOPING PROJECTS AND PATIENTS' EVIDENCE TO FEED INTO POLICY** (GOALS 1-3)
4. **BUILDING POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP** (GOALS 1-5)

2011 marked a turning point for EPF. For the first time we were successful in our application for operational funding from the EU Public Health Programme for 2012. This support will enable EPF to fulfil even more effectively the expectations of our growing membership.

BUILDING CAPACITY

The foundations for a major Capacity Building Programme were set in 2011 and will allow us to strengthen the organisational and advocacy skills of selected member organisations, on their request. This will build on the outcomes of the Value! project.

We proudly reached a milestone with the launch of the Youth Strategy and the establishment of the EPF Youth Group. We aspire to work with young patient leaders, creating appropriate tools and the environment to articulate their specific needs and expectations.

We are pleased that our Regional Advocacy Seminar held in September was an unreserved success. We paved the way for mutual understanding and trust-building between 65 health professional representatives and patient leaders from Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary and Romania.

EPF continued to place much emphasis on growing and reinforcing our membership; on forging alliances and good working relations with European organisations working on health; and on enhancing EPF's visibility through representation work as the voice of patients

at EU level in order to present the patients' perspective on EU health policy issues.

STRENGTHENING OUR POLICY IMPACT

2011 offered good opportunities for EPF to consolidate our policy influence in an EU health context. We added significant value to the EU legislative process regarding therapies and treatments – Clinical Trials, Medicine Devices, Transparency, Corporate Responsibility in the field of Pharmaceuticals, Personalised Medicine and Adherence therapies – but also positively influenced planning around the EU Health Programme 2014-2020, the EU Research Framework Programme, the EU reflection process on chronic disease and on the EU Directive on professional qualifications. Our objective was to ensure that health policy and programmes at EU level reflect our vision of patient-centred, equitable healthcare.

EPF put a strong focus on ageing in 2011. We committed ourselves to playing an active role in the Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing. This was also the purpose of our conference in Warsaw, which will lead to a position paper on the rights and needs of older patients.

2011 Major policy themes

- **Therapies**

Clinical trials, Medical devices, Transparency directive, Personalised medicine, Adherence and concordance



- **Innovation**

Innovation Partnership on Healthy and active Ageing,
Patients' involvement in research- HORIZON 2020

- **Health in an EU context**

EU Health programme 2014-2020, Chronic diseases,
Professional qualifications



2011 Major policy themes

- **Accessible and High quality healthcare**

Cross-border healthcare, information to patient and health literacy, Quality of care and Patient safety

- **Inclusive and equitable healthcare**

Health inequalities, anti-discrimination, underrepresented and vulnerable patient groups

- **EPF Policy Advisory Group**



2011 Project pipeline

- **Finalised**
 - **RESPECT** Empowerment of children's role
- **Mid-way**
 - **Chain Of Trust** Increase the confidence in telehealth services
 - **RENEWING HeALTH** Assessment of the impact of telemedicine
 - **eHealth Governance Initiative** Foster interoperability among eHealth services
 - **InterQuality** Smarter financing
 - **EUnetHTA** Encourage new health technologies
- **Planned for 2012**
 - **EUPATI** educating on pharmaceutical research
 - **SUSTAINS** Active health players
 - **JA on Patient Safety and Quality of Care** Platform for cooperation

2011 Meeting Europe's patients



OECD Workshop “Building a smarter health and wellness future”, 17-18 February, Washington

4th European Forum of Healthcare Deciders, London School of Economics, 17-18 February, London

FP7 National Contact Points Networking meeting, 8 March, Brussels

Medical Devices Congress, 22-23 March, Brussels

BioVision, the World Life Sciences Forum, 27-29 March, Lyon

Innovation in Healthcare, 30-31 March, Brussels

International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare, 5-8 April 2011, Amsterdam

European Patients' Rights Day, 11-12 April 2012, Brussels

EPF Annual General Meeting, 12-13 April, Brussels

Pharmacovigilance Legislation Meeting, EMA, 15 April, London

eHealth week, 9-13 May, Budapest

European Perspectives on Personalised Medicine Conference, 12-13 May, Brussels

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EFGCP workshop on the Clinical Trials Directive, 7 July, Brussels

EPF/FPP Conference on the rights and needs of older patients,
12-13 July, Warsaw

Task Force of high-level advisors on eHealth, 16 September, Tallinn

European Innovation Partnership on Active & Healthy Ageing, 17 September, Brussels

Joint seminar on Adherence and concordance, 21 September, Brussels

14th European Health Forum, 5-8 October, Gastein

EPF Autumn Regional Advocacy Seminar, 27-28 October,
Bucharest

European Commission Research Advisory Board, 9 November, Brussels

Pan-European Workshop on Medical uptake of Mobile Health solutions, 5 December,
Brussels

EUnetHTA Conference, 8-9 December, Gdansk

Meeting of the Steering Group on Access to Medicines in Europe, December 15,
Warsaw

- **Objective 1: Building capacity**
 - Positive expansion of EPF's membership
 - Successful Regional Advocacy Seminar
- **Objective 2: Policy Impact**
 - Effective inclusion of EPF's position in EU health policy
 - Successful Polish Conference on the Rights and Needs of Older Patients
- **Objective 3: Project and patients' evidence and expertise**
 - Diversification of funding
 - Starting point of facilitating patients organisations' funding
- **Objective 4: partnership**
 - Establishment of cooperation with AGE
 - Continuous communication efforts with a planned extension for 2012

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