

Value+

Promoting Patient Involvement in EU-Supported Health-Related Projects



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European Men's Health Forum

European Network of (Ex-) Users and Survivors of Psychiatry

Health Policy Center of Lithuania

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Why Promoting Patient Involvement in EU Health Projects Is Important?

The European Patients' Forum (EPF) believes that strengthening **patients' meaningful** involvement enhances project results which in turn can contribute more effectively towards **patient-centred, equitable healthcare** across the EU.

What Was the Project About?

The Value+ project was launched in 2008 with the aim of exchanging information, experiences and good practices among key stakeholders in relation to meaningful patient involvement in EU-funded health-related projects at both EU and national level. In this respect, Value+ represents the first effort ever made to achieve an overarching EU-wide overview and analysis of current practices and trends regarding meaningful patient involvement and raise awareness about this issue.

What Was Achieved?

Value+ produced a number of key resources:

A **Toolkit** for patients and patient organisations providing information on how to become involved as equal partners in EU funded health-related projects

A **Handbook** for project leaders and coordinators providing specific information on how to involve patient organisations in EU supported projects

A set of **Policy Recommendations** for policy makers on effective strategies for involving patient organisations in EU-supported programmes and projects

In addition to these three key tools, Value+ produced a **Database** containing the results of the research on EU-supported health projects and the organisations that implemented them, developed a model for **meaningful patient involvement** in healthcare and a directory of patients' organisations in EU Member States.

These tools and resources can support cooperation with patient organisations in developing a project proposal, implementing a project and evaluating it.

You can access the resources at:

www.eu-patient.eu/Initiatives-Policies/Projects/ValuePlus/Resources/Value-Resources/



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EPF (European Patients' Forum) is a non-profit, independent organisation and umbrella representative body for patient organisations throughout Europe. Representing the EU patient community, we advocate for patient-centred equitable healthcare, and the accessibility and quality of that healthcare in Europe.