

Brussels, 31 March 2016

Dear colleague,

### **Consultation on a Roadmap for Action on patient empowerment**

We are writing to you as an important health stakeholder representative to invite your feedback on a key deliverable of the European Patients' Forum's Campaign on Patient Empowerment.

In the context of our campaign, launched with a major conference in Brussels in May 2015<sup>1</sup>, EPF wishes to establish a dialogue with different actors within the health community to promote greater understanding of what patient empowerment means from the patient perspective, and to encourage action from political decision-makers but also health stakeholders "on the ground".

The campaign will deliver two documents: a Patients' Charter on Patient Empowerment and a Roadmap for Action. The Charter encapsulates the fundamental principles of patient empowerment, as perceived by patients. It is available on EPF's website for your reference: [www.eu-patient.eu/campaign/PatientsprescribE/charter-on-patient-empowerment/](http://www.eu-patient.eu/campaign/PatientsprescribE/charter-on-patient-empowerment/)

#### **The draft Roadmap**

The Roadmap turns these principles into a number of priority actions that need to be taken at different levels in order to apply the principles of patient empowerment in policy and practice. The two documents are intended as complementary tools for advocacy by patient representatives, but also by others.

The Roadmap is structured around eight *priority action areas* – based on the Charter and key recommendations from the EMPATHIE study (2014). Within each area, a number of specific actions are identified. In addition, we would like to include a "case study" or "fact box" under each action area to highlight one or two good examples of already-existing initiatives or successful practices that could be used as inspiration, shared or scaled-up.

The Roadmap will be launched at the concluding event of the EPF campaign in June 2016.

### Your role as reviewer

We would like to receive constructive feedback on the current draft of the Roadmap from the perspectives of different health stakeholders in order to further improve it. We would be grateful if you would agree to review it.

You can ask yourself for example:

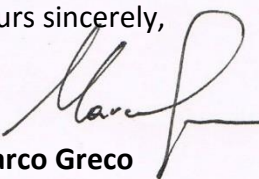
- Do you believe that the priority areas are relevant? Do they align well with the charter? (Please note: they are not meant to reflect the 10 points of the charter in any particular order.)
- Can you identify some actions there are more feasible in the short term and could be prioritised as “quick wins”?
- Could you help make some of the actions more concrete and “actionable”?
- Are there any actions that you feel should not be included? Please explain why not.
- The action tables are not fully filled in. Please feel free to continue populating the tables, for example by suggesting by whom or at what level specific actions should be taken.
- What role can your own organisation or the stakeholder group that you represent play? Please feel free to identify action(s) that your organisation/stakeholder group could take.
- Please feel free to suggest additional actions – bearing in mind that we will try to avoid having a very long list in the final draft.
- Please feel free to comment on the text, structure and general presentation of the document, and give any other feedback you may have.

### Next steps

Please send your comments to EPF **by 20 April**. EPF will then revise the document based on your feedback. A final draft of the Roadmap will be discussed by the campaign Steering Group and EPF’s Board. We may need to contact you individually for more detailed comments or clarifications on your feedback.

Your feedback is most appreciated, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Yours sincerely,



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**Nicola Bedlington**  
EPF Secretary-General

<sup>i</sup> The report from the conference is available at <http://www.eu-patient.eu/globalassets/campaign-patient-empowerment/pe-conference-report.pdf>