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## EPF CONFERENCE

### “CROSS-BORDER HEALTHCARE: IS IT WORKING FOR PATIENTS ACROSS THE EU?”

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#### Draft Agenda

2 July 2015, 10.00-16.30

Thon EU Hotel, Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Brussels

#### Objectives:

- To bring together representatives of the National Contact Points (NCPs), patient leaders, policy makers and key stakeholders to discuss the implementation of the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive
- To provide structured feedback from the perspective of the patient community on successes and challenges to date
- To galvanise links and exchange good practices with regard to cooperation between patient organisation representatives and NCPs
- To raise awareness across the EU Institutions and Member States regarding the realities faced by patients when using the Directive.

9.00-10.00	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
10.00	<p><b>Plenary session 1</b> <i>Conference moderator: Tamsin Rose</i></p> <p><b>Welcome and introduction</b> EPF Board member, Marco Greco</p>
10.10	<p><b>Opening remarks</b> European Commissioner for Health, Dr Vytenis P Andriukaitis</p>
10.20	<p><b>View from the Luxembourg EU presidency</b> Anne Calteux, Ministry of health, Luxemburg</p>
10.30	<p><b>The patients' view – key findings of EPF regional conferences/presentation of EPF membership survey</b> Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous, EPF</p>
10.50	Coffee break
11.20	<p><b>Plenary session 2: exploring the role of the NCP</b> This session kicks off with short presentations of key points followed by a facilitated debate with the audience. The session focuses on the NCP as other aspects of the Directive will be explored in the parallel sessions.</p>
11.20	<p><b>The “ideal” NCP from the patient’s perspective</b> Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous, EPF</p>
11.30	<p><b>What role can the NCP play to facilitate patients’ exercise of their rights? What are the challenges faced by them?</b> Perspective from Sweden: Maria Liström and Elisabeth de Verdier, Försäkringskassan , Sweden</p>
11.40	Perspective from Slovenia: Siniša Bošnjak, Slovenian NCP

11.50	Facilitated debate with the audience
12.30	<b>Networking lunch</b>
13.30	<p><b>Interactive group sessions</b></p> <p>The parallel sessions will explore specific priority topics within the Directive. A balanced representation of patient representatives, NCPs from different regions as well as European Commission participants will be allocated to each group. Each session will start with a short introduction (good practice, experience) followed by structured discussion.</p> <p><b>Session 1: Information needs of patients</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Tamsin Rose</li> <li>• Rapporteur: Joke De Vocht, EFA (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Session 2: Quality and safety of care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous</li> <li>• Rapporteur: Cees Smit, EGAN (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Session 3: Reimbursement and equity of access</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Nicola Bedlington</li> <li>• Rapporteur: Satu Rautakallio-Hokkanen, The Finnish Infertility Association Simpukka (tbc)</li> </ul> <p>Discussion questions may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– What kind of collaboration is needed to optimise the implementation of patients' rights; between whom;</li> <li>– what the key challenges are in different areas;</li> <li>– what is needed in terms of support for sustainable collaboration;</li> <li>– how implementation can be supported in those countries where there are problems, what is the added value of European Commission action, and how it can help.</li> </ul>
14.45	Coffee break
15.15	<p><b>Closing plenary</b></p> <p><b>Quick feedback from 3 parallel sessions</b> Rapporteurs (extensive feedback and recommendations will be included in the conference report)</p>
15.50	<p><b>Reaction and next steps – perspective of the European Commission</b> Maria Iglesias, Head of Unit, European Commission DG SANTE</p>
16.00	<p><b>Perspective of the European Parliament</b> Francoise Grossetete, MEP (video) Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, MEP (invited)</p>
16.25	<p><b>Conclusions and take-home messages</b> EPF representative (tbc)</p>
16.30	<b>Closing of the conference</b>