

Brussels, 15 June 2017

Invitation to the 1st EPF National Coalitions' Meeting 2017 “National Patient organisations: a united voice for better EU health policy” (Brussels, Belgium, 16-17 October 2017)

Dear Patient organisations' representative,
Dear colleague,

The European Patients' Forum (EPF) is an umbrella organisation that represents the interests of patients to the European institutions in public health and health advocacy.

We have the pleasure to invite you to our first ever National Coalitions Meeting organised in Brussels on **16-17 October 2017** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel- Le Palace.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

With this event entitled “**National Patient organisations: a united voice for better EU health policy**”, EPF would like to stimulate synergies between National Coalitions of patient organisations and EPF to advocate effectively at European and national level.

More specifically, this events aims at:

- Developing the participants' knowledge of the European Union, its institutional structure and its policies in the field of health and how to get involved in policy-making decision process;
- Raising awareness on how to get involved in practice in a European advocacy campaign;
- Building mutual understanding and cooperation among National Coalitions on a regional and European level;
- Designing a roadmap for a coordinated and common advocacy framework for EPF and National Coalitions.

STRUCTURE OF THE SEMINAR

The preliminary agenda is available [here](#).

The methodology of the meeting will be based on interaction and active involvement of participants. Indeed, the seminar aims at building on your knowledge, and to be a place for experience-sharing and cross-fertilisation. The seminar will take place over one day and a half. It will include plenary sessions and workshops on advocacy tools, EU decision-making processes and effective leadership.

LOGISTICS AND REGISTRATION

You can find the registration form [here](#). The deadline to register is **30th August 2017**.

Please note that the event is on invitation only and that a good working knowledge of English is mandatory to allow for active participation and interaction.

EPF will cover all expenses related to your participation at the seminar. This includes accommodation, catering and economy travel in line with our reimbursement policy, available [here](#).

Please note that only online registration will be accepted and that they are subject to confirmation. A confirmation that your registration has been accepted will be sent to you via email. Due to the number of applications expected, we advise you to register as early as possible to secure your place.

For more information on this event please contact Ms Anna Trzcinska at anna.trzcinska@eu-patient.eu or + 32 (0)2 280 23 34.

We look forward to welcoming you at the event.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marco Greco'.

Marco Greco
EPF President



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