COOPERATION BETWEEN PATIENTS' AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS' ORGANISATIONS IN NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY-MAKING.

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Workshop structure

- National experience Romania, Hungary, Estonia, Bulgaria
- Working session:
 - Crucial areas of collaboration
 - Barriers to and challenges
 - Recommendations:
 - To professionals
 - To patients` organisations
 - To EPF and other stakeholders

Crucial areas of collaboration between healthcare professionals and patients

- Implementing E.U. framework.
- Identifying problems in the Healthcare systems and coming up with strategies.
- Monitoring government policies and collaborate on patients' rights.
- Health literacy.
- Working for the better visibility of the cooperation.

Barriers and Challanges

- Lack of dialogue between
 Stakeholders, different priorities.
- Lack of funding.
- Different knowledge and experience.
- Sometimes, external help is neededinvolvement from stronger organisations and E.U. institutions.

Recomandations to professionals

- Involvement of the patients in all levels of the professional work, understanding the added value.
- To use their medical knowledge for more effective policy actions.
- To be more open\transparent.To share information.

Recomandations for the patients.

- The patients should be more patient.
- To trust the experts and to rely on the expertise.
- To become more professional in the policy making-policy training is needed.
- To be more knowledgeable regarding their conditions.

Recomandations for the EPF and other stakeholders

- Stronger visibility and better involvement at national policy level.
- Provide more information on how the EU policy achievements can be use on a local level.
- To facilitate E.U. legislation that impacts the states in more concrete and visible way..
- To facilitate fund raising and capacity building in policy for it's members.

■ Thank You!