

Workshop 2

Government Funding and Structural Fund

Key points

Project design to request funding:

Positive

- Helps to adapt to key health priorities in your country
- Strategy of the organization with this focus to achieve funding

Negative

- Complex processes, costly and time-consuming in incubation stage
- Often reverses real patient unmet needs and forces adapting to government policy

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Patient Organizations structures:

- Too many, and don't professionalise their services. Need better coordination
- Compete for funding and recognition, sometimes unfairly
- Not a level-playing field
- Needs accreditation process to ensure quality in organization management for better project and implementation and support better resource capture

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- Small organizations should also have access to funding especially core funding (not recognised) to support fixed costs and infrastructure
- Vulnerable to survival in current situation
- Patient organizations should be results-driven to demonstrate capabilities and compete better
- Umbrella organizations can be an obstacle to access and achieve funding

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Results:

EPF Board members will take accreditation suggestion for patient organizations to next board meeting

EPF could enable resource-sharing or provide knowledge base across

Countries with information on existing projects, project initiatives

And cross-country resources for potential partnering or best practice models