



european**patients'** forum

EU Funding Opportunities for Patient Organisations

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A strong Patient voice to drive better Health
in Europe

The European Patients' Forum

- European non-governmental organisation, based in Brussels, set up in 2003
- **Umbrella organisation:** 56 members either **pan-European disease-specific** patient organisations or **national coalitions of patient organisations**
- Representing the interests of more than **150 million patients with chronic conditions** across EU
- **Vision:** High quality, patient centred, equitable healthcare in Europe
- **Mission:** Strong and united patients' voice in EU health policy debates

EPF EU-Projects



Promoting the meaningful involvement of patients in EU projects



RESPECT - Children's participation in clinical trials



Piloting and evaluating Telemedicine services for patients with diabetes, COPD, CVD



Understanding patients' and health professionals' perspective of Telehealth and building confidence and acceptance



International Research Project on Financing Quality in Healthcare



Patient involvement in electronic Health Records

The EC and its funding

Directly-managed EU funding Programmes

- DG SANCO Public Health Programme
- DG RESEARCH FP7 Health Research, IMI
- DG INFSO CIP ICT for Health and Social Inclusion
- DG ENTERPRISE Pharmaceutical issues
- DG ENVIRONMENT Environmental issues
- DG EDUCATION Youth-Culture-Education and Training Citizenship
- DG EMPLOYMENT PROGRESS - Social inclusion/non discrimination
- DG JUSTICE health issues migrants/asylum seekers
- DG REGIO Structural Funds (ERDF and ESF)

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Directly-managed EU funding Programmes

PHP, FP7, CIP etc..

- Multi-year EU-level funding programme (2007-2013)
- **Management level:** centralised
- **Priorities:** set at EU level
- **Focus:** all EU countries+other depending on programme
- Annual EU-level call for proposals
- Competition for funding at EU level
- Multi-country partnership (from at least 3 different EU countries)
- Project results to be applied in more than one EU country

Indirectly-managed EU funding Programmes

STRUCTURAL FUNDS

- Multi-year national or regional level funding programmes (2007-2013)
- **Management level:** decentralised
- **Priorities:** set at national/reg level
- **Focus:** MS and regions with GDP pro-capita < 75% EU average
- Calls decided by national authorities
- Competition for funding at nat. level
- Partnership, when required, includes only local organisations
- Project results apply locally

The Public Health Programme



What is PHP about?

Managed by **Executive Agency for Health and Consumers** on behalf of DG SANCO the PHP finances projects and other actions contributing to one of the following objectives:

- to improve citizens' health security
- to promote health, including the reduction of health inequalities
- to generate and disseminate health information and knowledge

Global Budget: € 286,4 million for seven years (2007-2013)

Co-financing: 50-80% of eligible costs

Type of actions:

- Projects ;Conferences, Operating Grants ,Tenders

Call for 2013 – scheduled for December – March 2013 deadline

The Public Health Programme 2013 Programme



More information on the current call for proposals:

EAHC Website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/index.html>

National Focal Points

- Greece
 - Italy
 - Spain
 - Portugal
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- http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/documents/list_NFPs.pdf

Next Public Health Programme



2014 – 2020 – Health For Growth , framed around Commission's 2020 strategy

- Slightly higher budget
- Similar activities
- More focus on sustainability
- EPF – strong position on patient involvement, and simplification
- Support in the European Parliament

Seventh Framework Programme - Health



What is FP7 Health Research about?

Managed by DG RESEARCH the FP7 Health is a major EU funding programme financing health research projects in the EU.

What can be financed?

- **Biotechnology**, generic tools and technologies for human health
- Translating research for human health –
 - Integrating biological data and processes: Large Scale Gathering and Systems Biology; Research on the brain and related diseases, human development and ageing
 - **Major Infectious diseases**
 - Research on other major diseases: **Cancer, Cardiovascular disease, Diabetes / Obesity, Rare diseases, other chronic diseases**
- **Optimising the delivery of health care to European citizens**
- Other actions across the Health theme
- **Ethics Issues in Health Research**

Overarching priority theme: **Clinical Research**

Global budget: **€ 6.1 billion** (2007-2013)

Where to get info: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/health/home_en.html

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Next Call will be published in July 2013

National infodays: June-July

National Contact Points FP7 Health

Greece , Italy , Spain , Portugal

<http://www.healthncpnet.eu/jahia/Jahia/>

Seventh Framework Programme - Health



Involvement of patients and patients organisations in health research – a key priority for EPF

Some achievements and ongoing work:

- Strong cooperation with DG RESEARCH - **Meaningful patient involvement in Clinical Trials** has been included in the 2011 FP7 Health Programme and will continue to remain so in future FP7 and HORIZON 2020
- EPF is providing training to FP7 national contact points to strengthen their commitment to patient involvement in FP7
- EPF is exploring opportunities together with DG RESEARCH provide ad-hoc training to patient organisations on how to participate in health research
- EPF is providing advice to project coordinators on how to involve patients organisations in FP7 projects

Innovative Medicine Initiative



Innovative Medicines Initiative

What is IMI about?

The IMI is a unique **partnership between the EC and the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA)**. The aim of IMI is to support the **faster discovery and development of better medicines for patients** and to enhance Europe's competitiveness by ensuring that its biopharmaceutical sector remains a dynamic high-technology sector.

What can be financed?

IMI supports **collaborative research projects** and builds networks of industrial and academic experts in order to boost pharmaceutical innovation in Europe.

- **Patient organisations are eligible partners**

<http://www.imi.europa.eu/>

Competitiveness and Innovation Programme



What is CIP about?

Jointly-managed by DG ENTERPRISE, DG INFSO and DG ENERGY, it encourages a better take-up and use of information and communication technologies (ICT) and helps to develop the information society.

Relevant programme:

- The Information Communication Technologies Policy Support Programme (ICT-PSP)

Competitiveness and Innovation Programme



- The Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP)
- **The Information Communication Technologies Policy Support Programme (ICT-PSP)**
- The Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE)



ICT for Health and Social Inclusion
eHealth and Telemedicine

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/index_en.htm

PROGRESS

What is PROGRESS about?

Managed by DG Employment, **PROGRESS** is the EU's employment and social solidarity programme established to support financially the implementation of the objectives of the EU in employment, social affairs and equal opportunities

What can PROGRESS finance?

PROGRESS aims at informing and influencing policy debate at EU and national levels. To this effect, PROGRESS is instrumental in:

- providing analysis and policy advice on PROGRESS policy areas;
- promoting policy transfer, learning and support among Member States on EU objectives and priorities;
- relaying the views of the stakeholders and society at large

Global budget: € 743,25 million for seven years (2007-2013)

Cofinancing: 80% with some exceptions

PROGRESS

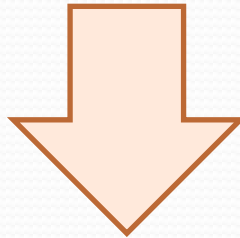
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Projects focused on people with **disabilities** and **chronic conditions**

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en>

General Principles for participating in EU projects

There are some general principles which you have to focus on if you want to apply:

- **Co-financing rule:** you need to have your own financial resources (or financial resources of third parties). The EU will normally subsidize between 50–80 percent of the eligible costs. (for further specific information please see the respective programmes and actions)
- **Non-profit rule:** the grant may not have the purpose or effect of producing a profit
- **Non-retroactivity rule:** you can get co-funding only for the costs which are eligible incurred after the starting date
- **European dimension, Innovation, Added Value**

The European Social Fund



- Global ESF envelope: **€ 76.2 billion**
- Member States set out their priorities in NSRFs and Operational Programmes
- 117 ESF Operational Programmes adopted by the Commission for 2007-13 period
- Managed and implemented by the Member States
- Finances « soft measures » as opposed to ERDF
- Health, social inclusion are priorities for ESF intervention

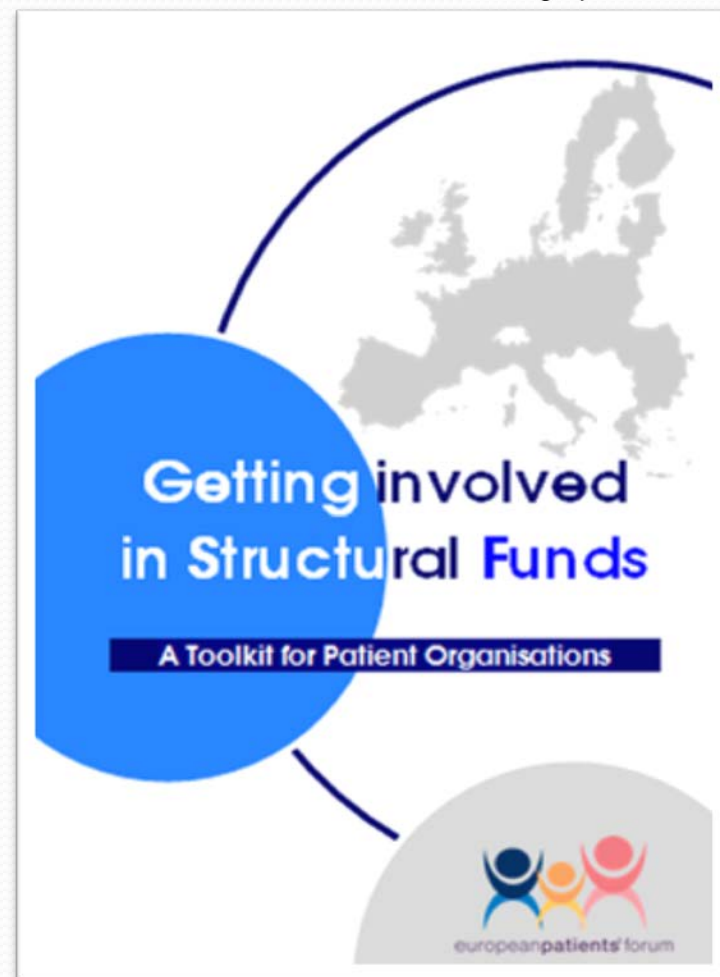
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Investing in jobs and skills

EPF Toolkit for patient organisations on how to get involved in Structural Funds

Updated version for the next Programming period



EPF priorities for Structural Funds 2014-2020

- Ensuring that Health remains a priority
- Strengthening the involvement of patient organisations in the preparation of Structural Funds Programmes
- Capacity building accessible to patient organisations
- Funds available to small civil society groups (generally only big NGOs have access to funds)
- Participation of patient representatives in monitoring committees
- Involvement of patients as experts in big health projects as well as in appraisal committees

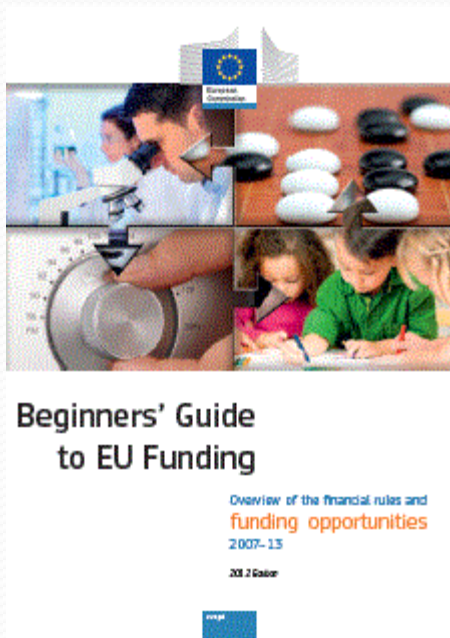
Need help?

A beginner guide to EU funding

Get it online at:

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/biblio/publications/publications_en.cfm#new_funds

In all EU languages



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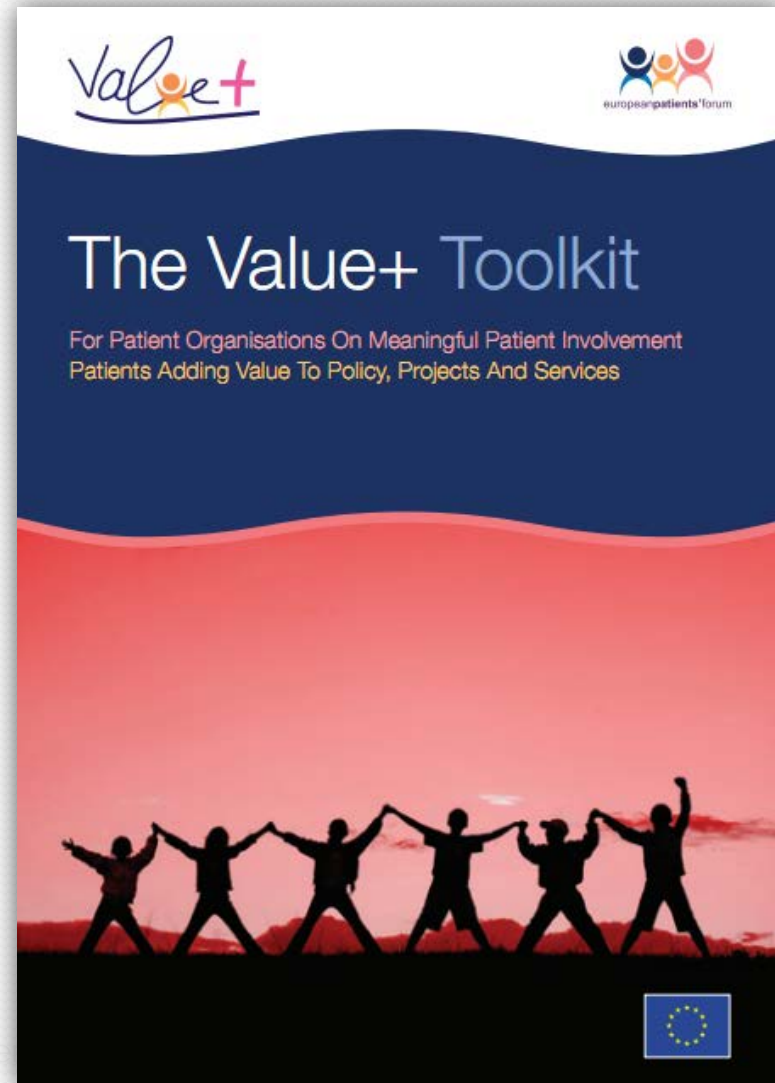
EPF Toolkit for patient organisations on how to participate in EU funded projects

- Meaningful Patient involvement
- Preparing a European Projects
- Working in partnership
- Good practice on patient involvement in EU projects

Get it online

<http://www.eu-patient.eu/Documents/Projects/Value+%20Toolkit.pdf>

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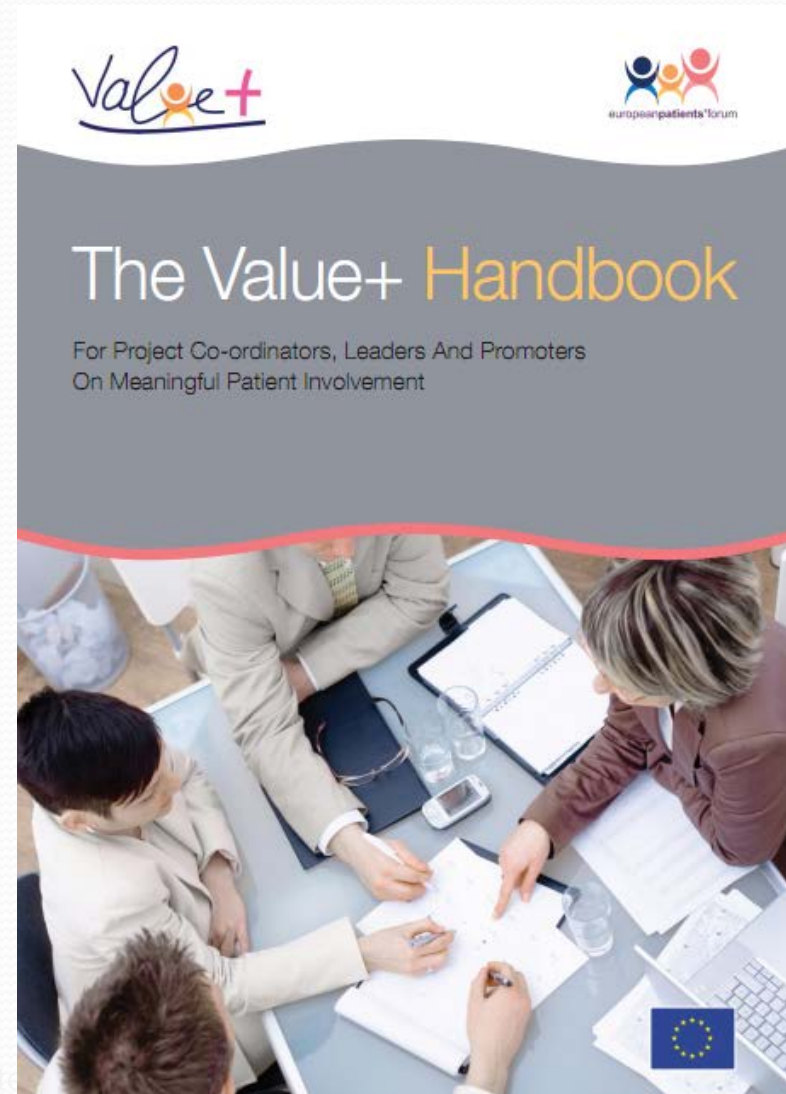


Support patient involvement yourself

EPF Handbook for project coordinators on how to involve patient organisations in EU projects.


Get it online:

<http://www.eu-patient.eu/Documents/Projects/Value+%20Handbook.pdf>



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