

# EUROPEAN PATIENT'S FORUM CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

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“ A STRONG PATIENTS' VOICE  
TO DRIVE BETTER HEALTH IN EUROPE ”



## **Rationale: why a Capacity Building Programme?**

- EPF has a long tradition of delivering capacity-building activities
- But there was a need for a more holistic, tailored, and sustainable approach to better support EPF members and their own members
- The Programme responds to needs which have been identified by EPF membership

## **Overall objective:**

**Strengthening the capacity of both national- and European-level Patient Organisations to enable them to be more effective in achieving their mission and goals**

**Focus: Improvement of organisational capacities and advocacy skills of patient organisations.**

## The Programme consists of two pillars:

1. Capacity Building Programme for **National Patient Organisations** in the following countries: **Hungary, Romania** (started in 2012) **Bulgaria, Poland** and **Slovakia** (starting in 2013).

2. Capacity Building Programme for **pan-European disease – specific patient organisations**

European Cleft Organisation

European Liver Patient Association

International Diabetes Federation-  
European Region

European Heart and Lung Transplant  
Federation

Fertility Europe

## With National Patient Organisations:

### Phase 1:

- Strategic Planning Process (development of a Strategic Plan)
- Organisational Capacity Needs' Assessment

### Phase 2:

- Implementation of training modules and coaching based on needs assessment and strategic goals identified in the Strategic Plan

## With European Patient Organisations:

### Phase 1:

- Organisational Capacity Needs' Assessment

### Phase 2:

- Either **Strategic Planning** (in case the organisation does not have a Strategic Plan or the one it has requires revision) or participation in **training modules** in areas identified in Phase 1 through Capacity Assessment

# WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

## PHASE 1. WITH NATIONAL PATIENT ORGANISATIONS

### Romania and Hungary:

- Implementation by local experts on organisational development
- An ad-hoc organisational capacity self-assessment tool was completed by representatives of the organisations
- Strategic planning process/ strategic plan for 20 orgs
- Analysis of org's current capacity based on the self-assessment and recommendations for capacity building activities for Phase 2
- Phase 1 should be completed end of June 2013

# WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

## PHASE 1. WITH EUROPEAN PATIENT ORGANISATIONS

- An ad-hoc organisational capacity self-assessment tool was completed by several representatives of the organisations
- EPF made an analysis of org's current capacity based on this self-assessment
- Face to face meeting between EPF and these org's representatives to review the analysis and discuss the strategy for Phase 2.
- Four orgs will undergo a strategic planning process; discussions still on going with fifth
- Likely area for future capacity building activity: fundraising.

## WITH NATIONAL PATIENT ORGANISATIONS

- Phase 2 launched in Romania and Hungary: delivery of training on (likely) operational planning, fundraising, governance
- Mid-term evaluation
- Phase 1 launched in Bulgaria, Poland and Slovakia.

## WITH EUROPEAN PATIENT ORGANISATIONS

- Strategic planning process between 2013-14
- Delivery of capacity building activities based on needs identified – likely fundraising.

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