

# EUROPEAN PATIENT'S FORUM

## THE VALUE+ MODEL ON MEANINGFUL PATIENT INVOLVEMENT IN POLICY & PROGRAMMES

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TO DRIVE BETTER HEALTH IN EUROPE ”



## Rationale

Designed around the idea that when patients or patient representatives are involved in projects in a meaningful way, the results can contribute more effectively towards patient-centred, equitable healthcare throughout the European Union.

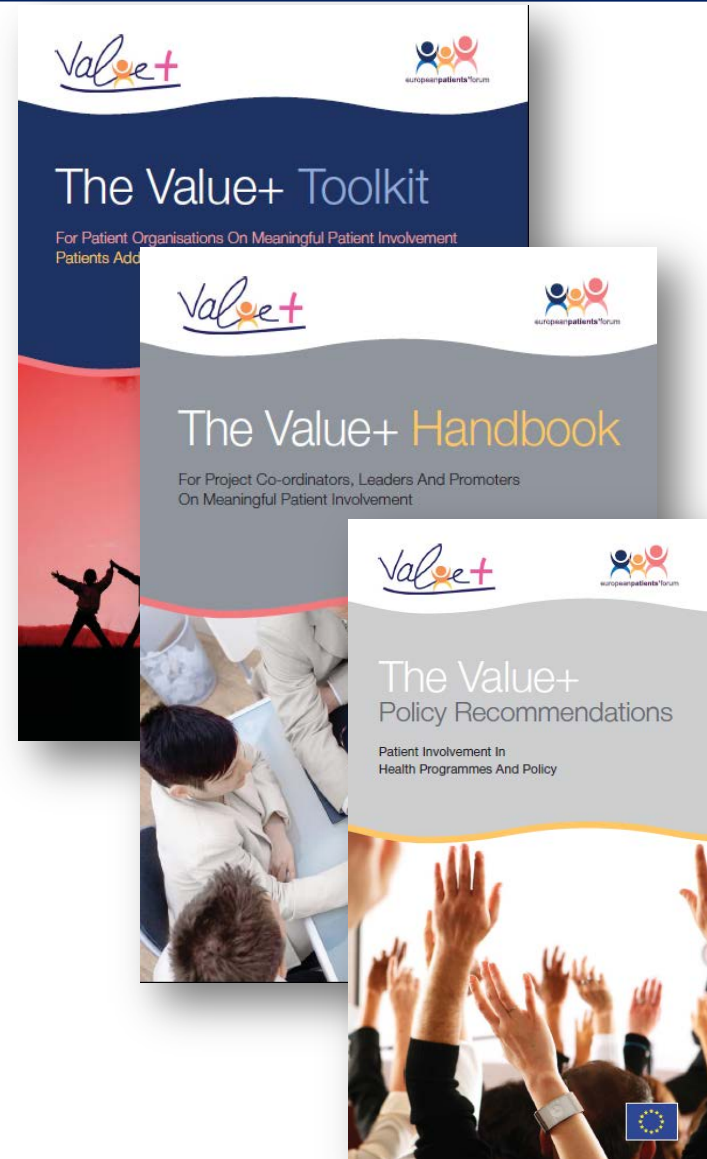
## Objective

To exchange information, experiences and good practices among key stakeholders in relation to meaningful patient involvement in EU-funded health-related projects at both EU and national level.

- No European Commission strategy to promote the involvement of patient organisations in EC-funded projects
- No consensus on what meaningful patient involvement means.

## Series of Tools:

- ❑ to enable patients to become more involved in EU funded projects (**Value+ Toolkit**)
- ❑ for project promoters and coordinator to acquire more skills to facilitate patient involvement in practice (**Value+ Handbook**)
- ❑ a series of **policy recommendations** for policy makers on effective strategies for involving patient organisations in EU-supported programmes and projects



It consist of:

- **A definition**
- **Key areas** to look at/core structure of the model
- **Values, Purpose** and **Methods** for each area
- 17 Indicators for Good Practice in patient involvement

## Assessment Grid

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Planning and Evaluation purposes

Meaningful Patient Involvement means that patients take an active role in activities or decisions that will have consequences for the patient community, because of their specific knowledge and relevant experience as patients.

The involvement must be planned, appropriately resourced, carried out, and evaluated, according to the values and purposes of:

- The participating patients or patient organisations
- Other participating organisations and funding bodies
- The quality of their experiences during the involvement activity.

**Key area:** Patients/patient representatives' involvement at the beginning and throughout the project in planning and decision making

**Values:** Respect for patients as equal partners, social inclusion of diverse groups, appropriate representation of patients

**Purposes:** Ensuring that the project working methods encourage full participation by all partners, that patient perspectives are fully understood, that project outcomes are improved by patient involvement, .....

**Methods:** POs should work with prospective project partners to:

- Identify the project topic, or those aspects of the topic of most interest to their patients
- Identify what the special contribution of patients should be and how and where the patient organisation or grassroots patients can be involved most effectively
- Identify the specific patient groups or other patient representatives who should be involved, taking into account age, gender, ethnicity and so on

# WHY IS THIS MODEL CRUCIAL

- It fills a gap
- Practical tool for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating patient involvement
- Through the notion of 'meaningful' it puts the focus on quality and good practice
- Developed by patients/patient representatives
- Comprehensive
- Can be adapted and applied to different contexts.



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