

# “TOWARDS ACTIVE PATIENTS’ INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTHCARE”

Working Group 2 - Focus on Neurology: Collating Patient Views on  
involvement in National Neurological Strategies

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- Patient organisations – role and recognition, sharing of best practice, collaboration, patient participation, empowerment and service delivery. Challenge to collaborate around issues of common concern vs. need to highlight specific needs of groups of patients or particular conditions. Awareness-raising / education from early years. State funding. Tax incentives.
- Equity of access – to optimal treatment and supportive care – but recognising advantage of European platform but difficulties of implementation. Recognition and diagnosis of conditions essential to access reimbursement. Adequate access to professionals.
- Investment in research – with emphasis on understanding causes, prevention and early detection/diagnosis as well as new treatments - (consider co-morbidities) but include high quality, evidence-based social research.

# 3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Essential progress in tackling serious and long term conditions will only be achieved by effective partnership with patient organisations that involve and empower their constituents and share best practice
- For full participation and inclusion in society, people affected by brain disorders need equitable access to high quality, appropriate, care, treatment and support.
- To maximise opportunities for rapid progress in brain disorders, there needs to be increased, long-term concentration of research into causes, prevention, early detection and diagnosis, effective treatment and supportive care.

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