Brussels, 30th November 2012



Dear Colleagues,

We have the pleasure to invite you to the seminar "**The way towards large scale deployment of e-Health: where do patients stand?**" organised on 23rd January 2013, Brussels.

EPF is a pan European patients' representative organisation manifesting the solidarity, power and unity of the EU patients' movement. EPF currently represents 55 member organisations, which are chronic disease specific patient organisations operating at EU level and national coalitions of patients' organisations. EPF reflects the voice of an estimated 150 million patients affected by various diseases in the EU and their families.

Over the last four years EPF has been participating in various eHealth projects with the twofold objective gathering evidence-based patient perspective and ensuring that patients' needs and expectations are thoroughly integrated in eHealth policies, strategies and services right from the onset.

Through projects like the Chain of TRUST, RENEWING HEALTH, SUSTAINS, CALLIOPE, the eHealth Governance Initiative, as well as through EPF involvement in the eHealth Task Force and eHealth Stakeholder Group we have managed to amass a good wealth on knowledge on patients views, requirements, and expectations in relation to eHealth.

Time has now come for a thorough assessment of these findings through an inclusive dialogue with the wider patient community with a view to promoting more patient-centred eHealth policies and services at EU, national and regional level.

This seminar will involve approximately 60 patient leaders from across the EU wishing to become more engaged in the eHealth Agenda at national and European level.

The preliminary programme is available <u>here</u>.

The seminar will include plenary sessions, panel discussions and parallel sessions. Time is allocated for questions and answers to motivate active debates. Therefore good working knowledge of English is mandatory.

EPF is pleased to cover all expenses related to your participation at the seminar; this includes accommodation for two nights (if needed), catering and economy travel in line with our <u>reimbursement policy</u>. Additional hotel nights can be reserved at your own expense at a special conference rate (to be mentioned in the registration form). Participants are asked to make their own travel arrangements.

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A dinner will take place on 23rd January to which you are warmly invited. Should you wish to attend please mention this in the registration form.

Due to limited number of places we invite you to make your registration as soon as possible we might not be able to accept all registrations.

Please note that only online registrations will be accepted and are subject to confirmation. Confirmation of your registration will be sent after the deadline.

Should you be interested in attending conference please register by clicking here by 3rd January.

For more information on this event please contact Véronique Tarasovici at <u>veronique.tarasovici@eu-patient.eu</u>; 0032 (2) 280 23 34.

We take the opportunity to announce that the closing Conference of the Chain Of Trust project will be organised back-to-back to the eHealth seminar. A few seats are available for Patient' Representatives. If you are interested in attending the Chain Of Trust closing Conference please mention it on the eHealth seminar registration form. Draft agenda is available <u>here</u>.

We look forward to seeing you at the seminar.

Yours sincerely,

Anders Olauson President of EPF