

EPF WORKING GROUP ON ACCESS

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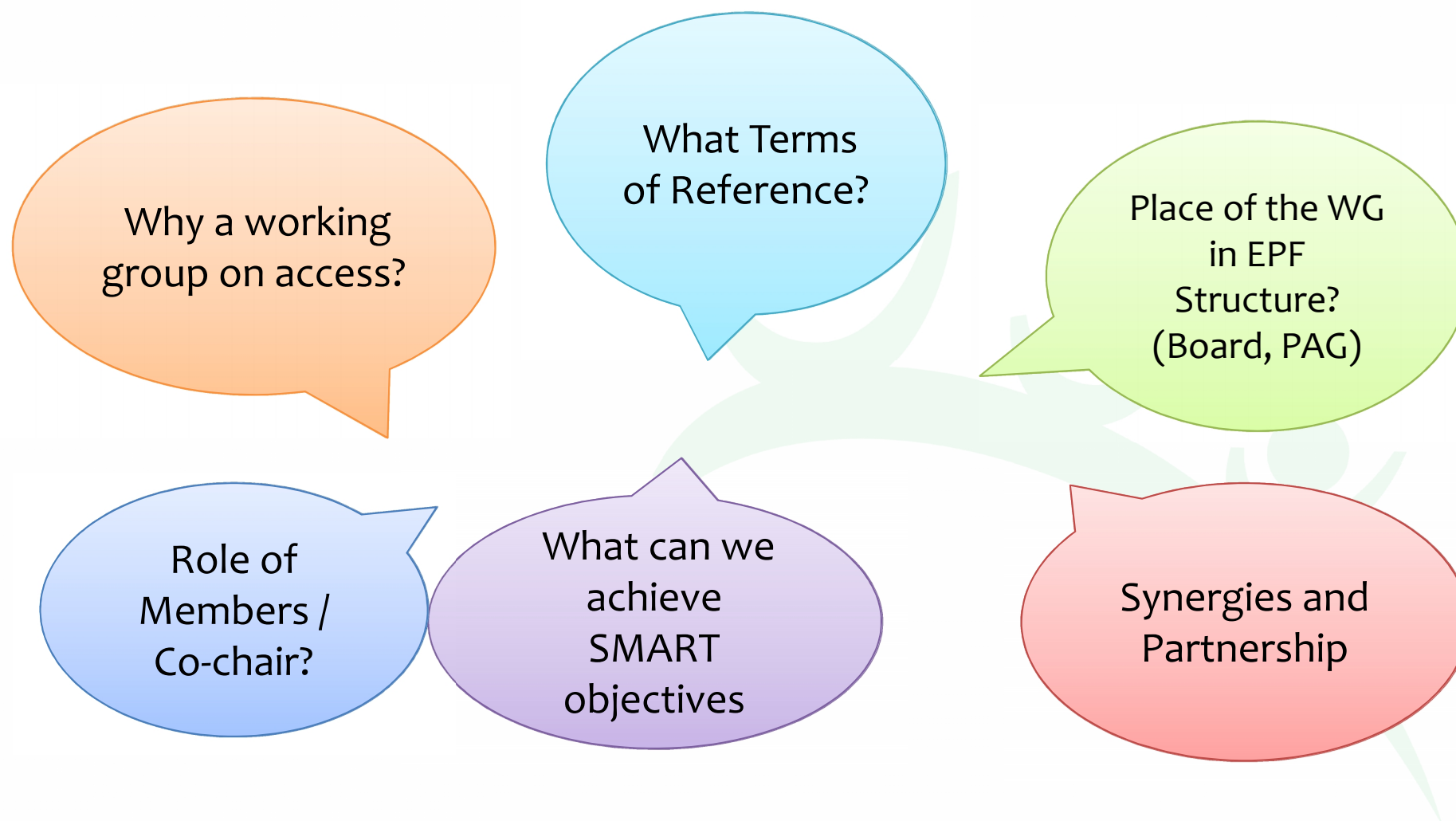
“ A STRONG PATIENTS’ VOICE TO
DRIVE BETTER HEALTH IN EUROPE ”

AGENDA



- Welcome and Tour de Table
- Background on EPF's work to date on access (Laurene)
- Objectives of meeting
- Broad Objectives of working group
- Terms of reference
- Presentation of Access Partnership and relationship with the working group (Stanimir)
- COFFEE
- **What can we achieve together - synergies**
- How shall we work ?
- Roles and responsibilities

Objectives of the meeting



Objectives of the working group



- One of two pilot working groups to contribute to EPF thematic approach (Strategic Plan)
- **Involve** members from the outset in EPF policy-formulation and activities
- Draft broad objectives in draft Terms of Reference:
 - Contribute to specific policy and projects work relating to access to health and social care
 - Defining access from patients' perspective
 - Develop indicators for monitoring
 - Activities to build evidence base on health inequalities

Terms of reference

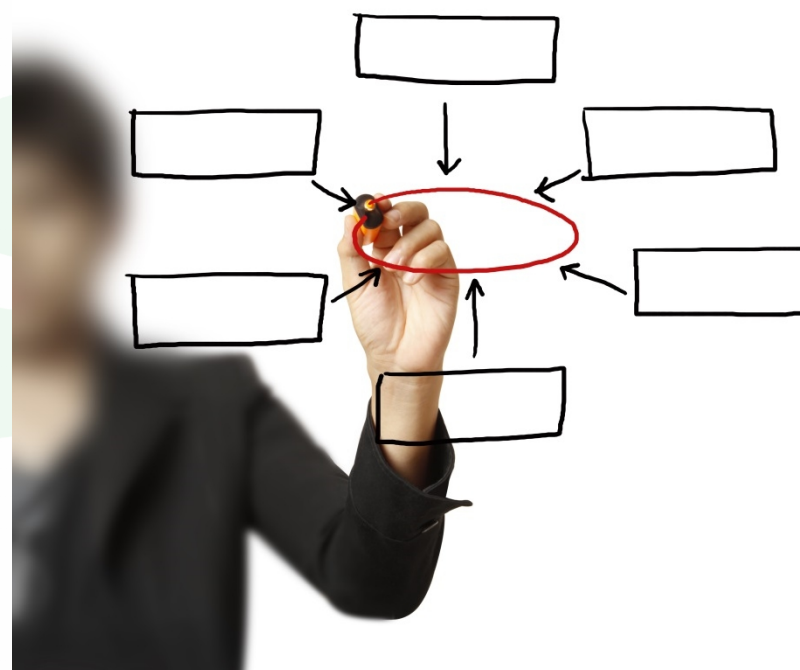
- **Overall remit:** The group will inform EPF policy development on access (strategy and content) – documents developed will go for consultation with full membership
- **Mandate:** 2 years, with evaluation
- **Membership:** Open to all EPF members. Representatives need to be nominated by their organisation. No overlapping in 2 working groups.
- **Chair:** Co-chairing – 1 member, and 1 co-chair from EPF secretariat –responsibilities to be defined later in the meeting

Terms of reference

- **Link to EPF Board and PAG:** to discuss
- **Meetings:** x1 /x2 physical meeting, regular teleconferences or web-conferences, online web forum
 - What should be frequency of teleconferences?
 - Preferred tools for online web forum?
- **Transparency:** List of members on website + outputs following consultation with members
- **Logistics:** Administrative support, travel accommodation will be organised by EPF Secretariat

What could this group achieve ?

- To define objectives of the working group
- Some key elements to take into account in this process:
 - EPF strategic Plan (2014-2020)
 - Operating Grant 2014
 - Work Plan 2014
 - EU current and future initiatives on access
 - **NEW COMMISSION , NEW PARLIAMENT, NEW OPPORTUNITIES – LET's BE PROACTIVE**



EPF Strategic Plan: Values



Non-discrimination:

We promote patients' rights for all patients regardless of health status, age, sex, ethnic origin, political belief, religious conviction, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other factor that could lead to discrimination.

Health Equity:

We believe every patient should have equitable access to patient-centred high-quality health and social care, and we strive to fight the disparities existing within the EU in relation to access to and standards of care for chronic diseases and lifelong conditions.

EPF Strategic Plan: Goals



Goal 2: Healthcare

To contribute to improvements in health systems that enable equitable access to sustainable and high quality healthcare designed and delivered to meet patients' and informal carers' needs at all levels of care embracing innovation in all its forms

Goal 6: Non-Discrimination

To promote the development of EU and national policies that tackle discrimination faced by patients in health and social care as well as in domains like education and employment.

Operating grant 2014

- Health inequalities will remain at the core of our activities
- Continued focus on older and younger patients
- Focus on vulnerable and marginalised groups
- Setting up the working group on access and conclusions as to direction of EPF's future work in this area
- Involvement in Joint Action on HTA
- Position paper on Discrimination and stigma

Work Plan 2014



- Build on the outcomes of the 2 conferences held in 2012 and 2013 and NPO survey – Vilnius Declaration, Semester process , Consultation on mid- term review of EUROPE 2020
- Follow-up to the European Commission's Platform on Access to Medicines in Europe, which concluded in early 2013.
- Follow up our position paper finalised in 2013 on the needs and rights of older patients

Present and future EU initiatives



- health inequalities addressed in JA on health inequalities (to end in 2014) and JA in Chronic Diseases
- [Report on health inequalities in September 2013](#)
- Recent focus: conference “health in Europe, making it fairer”
- Response to a written question by MEPs:

“The Commission is currently looking into the issue of access to healthcare with a view to identifying possible areas for future work. Contributions from stakeholders on tools to measure access would in that context be appreciated.”

Tour de Table



We would like to hear from you!



- ☐ What are your initiatives in the area of access to health and social care in your country/disease area?
- ☐ What could be the synergies with the work of the EPF Working Group?
- ☐ What should our priorities be for 2014 / 2015

Operational Issues

- Co- Chair for the working group- responsibilities? Volunteers?
- Responsibilities of working group members?
- Any Other Business?
- Next Steps:
 - Reporting in Business Session of AGM
 - Next meeting
 - How to become a member of the Working Group

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