

European Patients' Forum eNewsletter

A strong patient's voice to drive better health in Europe



// AUGUST ISSUE

A WORD FROM EPF PRESIDENT AND EPF DIRECTOR

Welcome to the August issue of the EPF newsletter. In this issue we are pleased to inform you of some of our plans for autumn, the launch of our youth project EMPATHY, our input in the European Health Forum Gastein, and some important policy briefs.

Follow the link to the EPF video of our new board and their ideas and aspirations for EPF, and read about our development work linked to our new Strategic Plan 2014-2020. We look forward to seeing many of you in the early autumn at various events both in Brussels and elsewhere. In the meantime, warmest greetings for the remaining summer days.

Anders Olauson, EPF President and Nicola Bedlington, EPF Executive Director



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ANNUAL YOUTH MEETING: KICK-OFF THE PROJECT EMPATHY



The [Youth Group](#) will meet for the second time on 31 August – 2 September in Valletta, Malta. This year's Youth Meeting will serve as the "kick-off" meeting of the first youth project: "[EMPATHY: Europe Meets Young Patients](#)". As announced in the June issue of our newsletter, the project application under the Youth in Action programme has been successful and now it is time for the project to get off the ground.

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EPF STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP

EPF'S PLANS FOR THE EUROPEAN HEALTH POLICY FORUM GASTEIN



The [15Th European Health Policy Forum Gastein](#), 3-6 October 2012, will focus on "Crisis and Opportunity – Health in a time of Austerity". In these times of austerity, healthcare faces an increasing demand due to demographic change, innovation and steadily improved technology. Gastein 2012 will address the core question of how health policy and healthcare systems are going to be shaped in the upcoming decades.

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EPF WELCOMES THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW EU FRAMEWORK ON CLINICAL TRIALS

UPCOMING EVENTS

31/08/2012 | [Chain of Trust Advisory Board Meeting](#)

Brussels, Belgium

The meeting aims to present the intermediate results of the Chain of TRUST project to the Advisory Board and collect feedback

EPF attendance:
Liuska Sanna

31/8 - 02/09/2012 | [2nd Meeting of the EPF Youth Group](#)

Valletta, Malta

This year's Youth Meeting will serve as the "kick-off" meeting of the first youth project "[EMPATHY: Europe Meets Young Patients](#)" and serve as the springboard for the annual meeting of the EPF Youth Group.

EPF attendance:
Walter Atzori, Özgün Ünver

03 & 04/09/2012 | [The future of Primary Care in Europe IV](#)

Gothenborg, Sweden

EPF will introduce the perspective of patients in Primary Care as it plays a crucial point for patients with chronic diseases as it represents the entrance point in healthcare.

EPF attendance:
Anders Olauson (speaker)

04 & 05/09/2012 | [EUPATI Regional](#)



EPF has initiated a process to develop a new Strategic Plan for our organisation from 2014 to 2020, which is the next EU programming period. This will be a critically important period for patients as EPF will make its best to engage effectively and influence developments impacting on the lives of EU patients.

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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS DIRECTIVE: MEPs' REPORTS SUPPORT EPF KEY POINTS



In July the European Parliament published the draft report of the IMCO committee, responsible for the review of Directive 2005/36 on the recognition of professional qualifications, and the draft opinion of the ENVI committee on the same text. Both reports support important points the European Patients' Forum raised in its [position statement](#).

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"RESEARCH AND INNOVATION NEED PATIENTS"



EPF welcomes the proposal for a new Regulation on Clinical Trials on medicinal products for human use adopted in July by the European Commission. The proposed Regulation will replace the controversial EU Clinical Trials Directive 2001/20/EC, which, although it introduced important provisions to protect patients participating in clinical trials, has been widely perceived as having had an overall detrimental effect on the conduct of clinical trials in Europe.

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A TOOLKIT TO HELP YOU MAKE YOUR WAY THROUGH THE CROSS-BORDER HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVE



EPF sees in the Cross-border Healthcare Directive the potential to reduce health inequalities for patients in access to healthcare. We have developed the EPF "toolkit" including a set of recommendations and guidance on the Directive to help you make your way through it.

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CORE EPF COMMUNICATION TOOLS TO BECOME MULTILINGUAL

[Conference](#)

Frankfurt, Germany

EPF is the project coordinator of EUPATI project

EPF attendance:
Nicola Bedlington, Liuska Sanna

[04 & 05/09/2012 | RENEWING HeALTH 7th Meeting of the General Assembly](#)

Odense, Denmark

7th Meeting of the Project General Assembly

EPF attendance:
Walter Atzori (speaker)

[05/09/2012 | Clinical Trials Directive stakeholder meeting](#)

Brussels, Belgium

Revision of the Clinical Trials Directive

EPF attendance:
Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous

[11/09/2012 | EUPATI Project Advisory Board](#)

EPF attendance:
Anders Olason

[12/09/2012 | EPF Policy Advisory Group Meeting](#)

Brussels, Belgium

Second meeting of 2012

EPF attendance:
PAG

[13/09/2012 | EPF Board meeting & Sponsors Meeting](#)

EPF offices, Brussels, Belgium

Review of the 2011 EPF activities and overview of the future work that EPF will undertake

EPF attendance:
EPF secretariat, EPF Board

[13/09/2012 | EuropaBio patients-bioindustry exchange forum](#)

Brussels, Belgium

Informal exchange forum between patient groups and bioindustry

EPF attendance:
Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous

[17 & 18/09/2012 | 2nd Steering Committee Meeting SUSTAINS](#)

San Sebastian, Spain

Meeting of the SUSTAINS Consortium

EPF attendance:
Walter Atzori (speaker)



Ms Bedlington, EPF Director, participated on 23 May 2012 at a landmark meeting co-organised by the European Commission's Directorate General for Research and Innovation and the Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe (BioMed Alliance) in Brussels. A report has just emerged from this event and is available [here](#).

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SEE THE EPF BOARD ON VIDEO!



We are proud to present you our new board on [video](#)! Discover what they would like to bring to EPF from their own experience and what is their main concern within EPF to help driving better health for patients in Europe.

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Readers will notice a brand-new "look and feel" of the EPF monthly newsletters and 2011 annual report. These are a first step in a series of initiatives to communicate more effectively with you.

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EPF IS LOOKING FOR A MEMBERSHIP OFFICER



EPF is looking for a [Membership Officer](#) to develop a membership strategy to ensure that EPF serves the needs of its members to the optimum. This person will provide targeted on-going support and information to members on their requests regarding EU funding opportunities and opportunities to participate in projects.

18/09/2012 | European Alliance for Personalised Medicine

Brussels, Belgium

Second meeting where EPF is an observer

EPF attendance:
Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous

25 & 26/10/2012 | [EPF Regional Advocacy Seminar](#)

Lisbon, Portugal

A few seats are still available - Register online!

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