

European Patients' Forum eNewsletter

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A WORD FROM EPF PRESIDENT AND EPF DIRECTOR

As 2012 draws to a close, we are pleased to share a special issue of the EPF December e-Newsletter with you. In addition to the usual latest developments of the month, you will find the EPF 2012 Annual Review which gives you a glimpse of some of the highlights of 2012!

In this December issue you will be informed about the progress made with our strategic planning for the next EU programming period 2014-2020. There are also some important advances on the policy side with updates on Patient Safety, a position statement on Data Protection and our presentation at the European Parliament on Professional Qualifications. We have had the occasion to make the patients' voice heard at various events such as the Patient Advocacy Summit in Finland, the Friends of Europe Summit, the MedTech Dialogue, the ENOPE forum and the EHTEL symposium.

We also anticipate the very near future with two major eHealth events in 2013. On 23 January 2013 we will hold a major seminar on eHealth and on 24 January 2013 we will close our Chain Of Trust project with a final conference. The programme and subscription forms for both events are available on EPF website.

On behalf of the EPF board and the EPF Secretariat Team we would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all very much for the excellent cooperation we have enjoyed over the past year. There have been some really fantastic and memorable times working together with our members and our stakeholder allies to advance patient-centred, equitable healthcare across the European Union. The EPF Board and Secretariat wish you all the very best for the Festive Season. We hope you have a restful and happy break with family and friends, and we look forward to working together with you again in 2013!

With our Warmest Greetings,

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



REVIEW THIS YEAR WITH EPF AT A GLANCE!



The Although December is not yet finished we invite you to look back at our main achievements in 2012. Our activities this year have been very

THE EPF EHEALTH SEMINAR IS APPROACHING!



As the EPF eHealth Seminar - on 23 January 2013- approaches, here is more news on this milestone event. Do not miss the opportunity to learn

UPCOMING EVENTS

15/01/2013 | [_Medical Devices Expert Group](#)

Brussels, Belgium

European Commission working group meeting on Medical Devices

EPF attendance:
L. Souchet

14 & 15/01/2013 | [_JA PaSQ coordination meeting](#)

Berlin, Germany

EPF is a stakeholder partner in this three-year PaSQ Joint Action and we are actively involved in all the main work packages.

EPF attendance:

extensive: the kick-off of unprecedented ambitious projects (EUPATI, JA PASQ, SUSTAINS, EMPATHY), the very real progress achieved with current projects (Renewing Health project, InterQuality), (...)

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EPF STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP



The EPF Strategic Planning Working Group, made up of a cross section of EPF's broad membership, met on 20th November. The group discussed in detail a working document emerging from our strategic planning seminar following our Annual General Meeting in April.

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EPF PUBLISHES ITS POSITION ON DATA PROTECTION



Patients' fundamental right to protection of their personal data is an important issue in diverse contexts. EPF released on 10 December its [position statement](#) on the European Commission's proposal for a Regulation on personal data protection. This will ensure the patient's voice is heard in debates on the use of patients' health and genetic data in healthcare and research.

what EPF has done over the last for years for patients in the eHealth area. If you did not book your seat yet, please [subscribe online](#) as the preliminary programme and registration form are now [available](#).

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PATIENT SAFETY AT THE HEART OF EPF'S ACTIVITIES



Patient Safety is an on-going priority for EPF since the organisation was set up. Our Senior Policy Adviser Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous facilitated a workshop on the role of patients in system risk management at the European Workshop for patient Safety and took this opportunity to remind EPF's key messages in this area.

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EPF ADVOCATES THE PATIENT PERSPECTIVE ON PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS



As the discussion over the review of the Professional Qualifications Directive continues in the European Parliament, EPF has contacted MEPs from the ENVI and IMCO committee to bring a patients' perspective on the draft reports and amendments tabled by MEPs on the legislative proposal.

Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous, Cristina Padeanu

14 & 15/01/2013 | [RENEWING HeALTH 9th Project Assembly Meeting](#)

Barcelona, Spain

The meeting will help to assess the state of play of the project and work package plans and to make decisions regarding project implementation for the ensuing 6 months.

EPF speaker: Walter Atzori

17 & 18/01/2013 | [9th EGAN/Roche Workshop on Strategic Approaches to Health Policy](#)

Basel, Switzerland

The workshop is entitled "In time of crisis: Sustainable Healthcare Systems and the Role of Patient Groups"

EPF attendance: L. Souchet

23/01/2013 | [EPF eHealth Seminar](#)

Brussels, Belgium

Seminar for patient leaders on eHealth organised by EPF. The preliminary programme and registration form are now available online.

24/01/2013 | [Chain of Trust Closing Conference](#)

Brussels, Belgium

This final conference will be the occasion to share the main project findings and recommendations with a wide range of stakeholders. The preliminary programme and registration form are now available online.

LOOK AT EPF NEWS !



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WHAT OUR ROLE MEANS FOR THE FINNISH PATIENT?



EPF Vice President Susanna Palkonen attended the Patient Advocacy Leaders' Summit in Finland on 28 November 2012. She gave a snapshot of the rationale of having an umbrella group of patients and being part of the EPF patient community influencing EU health policy.

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4TH MEDTECH DIALOGUE



EPF attended the fourth, already well-established, get-together of representatives of patients associations and the [Medtech](#) industry on 21 November 2012. Several EPF member organisations as well as [EUCOMED](#) and some of their member companies attended the meeting.

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EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR PATIENTS EMPOWERMENT

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WHY HEALTH IS CRUCIAL TO EUROPEAN RECOVERY?



The health sector in Europe is facing a period of unprecedented change due to increased demand because of demography, the increase in chronic disease as well as the first reduction in public spending on health in almost 40 years. The [Friends of Europe Policy Summit](#) explored how innovation can help Europe to deliver more health for less money. A report will be available soon.

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY



EPF has been an active member of the [Platform on Ethics and Transparency](#) (DG Enterprise) set up as part of the Tajani Initiative on Corporate Responsibility in the field of Pharmaceuticals. They developed a list of Guiding Principles on promoting Good Governance in the Pharmaceutical Sector.

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THE FUTURE OF EHEALTH IS ALREADY HERE

WHO ARE EPF MEMBERS ?





Our World Health Summit 2012 senior Policy Adviser Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous attended the [ENOPE](#) meeting in Zürich on 14 November. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss network activities for the next years, as well as a major conference coming up in 2014 on patient empowerment, and how each participating organisation could contribute to the programme.

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In an effort to ignite the innovation and economic growth through sustainable health care delivery, Microsoft has organised a [forum on "Innovating for Better Health: Doing New with Less"](#) on 4 December 2012. Walter Atzori, EPF Senior Programme Officer, attended the event to provide the patients' and citizens' perspective on the benefits and limitations of using ICT.

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PUTTING PATIENTS IN THE DRIVING SEAT IN FUTURE DIGITAL HEALTHCARE



The European Commission has unveiled an [Action Plan](#) to address barriers to the full use of digital solutions in Europe's healthcare systems. The goal is to improve healthcare for the benefit of patients, give patients more control of their care and bring down costs.

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