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A WORD FROM EPF PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR

A warm welcome to the September issue of the EPF Newsletter. In this issue we are excited to inform you about a number of key events coming up this autumn.

We are also delighted to give you a flavour of our forthcoming campaign around the European Parliament Elections - "*Patients and Participation = Our Vote for a Healthier Europe*". The campaign will be launched in Brussels on 1 October at a reception hosted by EPF, to which Commissioner Borg will participate. We hope we can count on you for your support!



Our Regional Advocacy Seminar will take place in Zagreb, Croatia, on 28-29 October bringing together leaders from Croatia and EU Candidate Countries. This will mark the beginning of a deep cooperation in this area, to ensure patient groups there have the opportunity to engage with EPF and be a real part of the health scene in Europe.

Our Regional Conference on Cross Border Healthcare will take place in Brussels on 9 - 11 December - the first of a series of such meetings in 2014. The aim is to ensure that patients know about the Directive on Patients' Rights in Cross Border Healthcare, and are able to take part in its implementation and evaluation.

Our Patients Evidence Workshop will take place on 21 November in EPF premises in Brussels and will focus on Patient Safety. The event is open to EPF members only and will focus on shaping our contribution to EU-level actions in this area.

As we go to press, we prepare for the European Health Forum Gastein 2-4 October, where once again we will run a workshop, focussed this year on health, social investment and patient involvement, and will contribute a patient's perspective to many other sessions.

Warmest greetings for a pleasant and inspiring autumn - we look forward to working with you!

Anders Olauson, EPF President and Nicola Bedlington, EPF Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

01/10/2013 | [Launch of EPF campaign for the EU elections](#)

Brussels, Belgium

This event marks the launch of the EPF Campaign for the 2014 EU elections entitled "*Patients + Participation = Our Vote for a Healthier Europe*".

EPF CAMPAIGN FOR THE 2014 EU ELECTIONS

WATCH OUR CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME ON VIDEO!



On 1 October 2013, we will launch our campaign entitled "Patients + Participation = Our Vote For a Healthier Europe" ahead of the 2014 European elections to encourage policymakers to commit to putting patients at the centre of healthcare throughout Europe.

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STOP THE PRESS: ENVI COMMITTEE ADOPTS DRAFT REPORT ON MEDICAL DEVICES



On 25 September, the Environment, health and food safety committee (ENVI) of the European Parliament adopted the draft report of Dagmar Roth-Berhendt (52 for, 12 against, 3 abstentions).

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OUR ROADMAP FOR SHARING CLINICAL TRIAL DATA



Our Vice-President Susanna Palkonen attended the workshop "A Roadmap for Sharing Clinical Trial Data" on 27



Last month, we released the outcomes emerging after our Capacity Building Programme's first year of operation. Today we are excited to share with you a new video about the project - look at what it is all about in only 3 minutes!

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OUR POSITION ON IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC DEVICES' REVIEW IS OUT



EPF released a position paper on In Vitro Diagnostic (IVD) medical devices, a specific type of device. They comprise all tests performed on patients to provide a diagnosis, either through a test tube or through devices for self-testing.

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HOW TO STRENGTHEN THE PATIENTS' PERSPECTIVE AT EU AND NATIONAL LEVEL?



The 6th EPF Regional Advocacy Seminar will take place in Zagreb, Croatia, on 28-29 October 2013. We

[02-04/10/2013 | 16th European Health Forum Gastein](#)

Bad Hofgastein, Austria

Our Director Nicola Bedlington will participate in the parallel session on "Investing in health. From health to wealth". The session will take place in the afternoon of 2 October and the morning of 3 October 2013 and be introduced by Mrs Paola Testori Coggi, Director General for Health and Consumers.

[08/10/2013 | ReNEWING HeALTH Final Event "Citizens' well-being through mobile care"](#)

Brussels, Belgium

The event will present the outcomes of the Renewing Health pilots and showcase lessons learned from telemedicine services provided to 7000 patients across the 9 regions participating in the Renewing Health project. This is intended to start a fruitful debate with all European stakeholders.

EPF speaker:
Walter Atzori

[08/10/2013 | ReNEWING HeALTH User Advisory Board final workshop](#)

Brussels, Belgium

A Workshop under invitation is organised by the Renewing Health User Advisory Board with representatives of user organisations of citizens/patients, health professionals and health care providers /payers. The workshop will enable pilots' representatives to discuss some of their key findings from the viewpoint of European users and a policy/decision making perspective.

EPF speaker:
Walter Atzori

[08-09/10/2013 | "The Future of Europe in the Worldwide Scene of Clinical Research"](#)

Brussels, Belgium

The conference starts from the current economical context and challenges, positioning Europe in the global context of clinical research, and then focus on future regulations which will reshape clinical trials in Europe.

EPF speaker:
Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous

[09/10/2013 | Patients-MedTech Dialogue](#)

Brussels, Belgium

This event provides a constructive platform of exchange between patients' organisations and the MedTech industry.

EPF speaker:

August 2013 in Brussels. She clarified EPF position in terms of data confidentiality for patients and particularly on commercial confidentiality as this was at stake in the debate.

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EPF REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE EU DIRECTIVE ON CROSS BORDER HEALTHCARE



EPF is organising our first Regional conference on the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive on 9-11 December 2013 in Brussels, Belgium, with the support of DG SANCO. We open registrations of patients' organisations representatives from The Netherlands, Luxemburg, Germany, France and Belgium.

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WE CARE PROJECT: HOW QUALITY HEALTHCARE SERVICES CAN BE PRESERVED?



EPF is glad to announce our participation in the consortium of We Care-Towards a Sustainable and Affordable Healthcare. This is a two-year European project co-funded by the 7th Research Framework Programme.

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EPF PATIENT EVIDENCE WORKSHOP FOCUSING ON PATIENT SAFETY

are organising this event in cooperation with the Coalition of Associations in Healthcare (KUZ) and we will develop tools together with the participants to advocate effectively at European and National level.

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CLOSING THE RENEWING HEALTH PROJECT



The four-year project Renewing Health is coming to an end in November. Various workshops will be organised to share the projects' results. EPF participated as co-manager of the User Advisory Board in this project partially funded under the ICT Policy Support Programme of the European Commission.

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EPF PREPARES FOR GASTEIN



The future development of health and health systems will be at the core of this year's 16th European Health Policy Forum Gastein, on 2-4 October 2013. EPF will be present to represent the patients' perspective.

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Nicola Bedlington

[10 - 12/10/2013 | 23rd Alzheimer Europe Conference](#)

St. Julian, Malta

This year, the conference is set under the motto "Living well in a dementia-friendly society". They will explore how our perceptions and image of dementia have an impact on the lives of people with dementia and their carers.

[17 - 18/10/2013 | Coordination meeting PaSQ joint action](#)

Paris, France

The "Patient Safety and Quality of Care" or "PaSQ" Joint Action (JA) aims to create a permanent platform for future cooperation between Member States in the area of patient safety and quality of care.

EPF speaker:

Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous, Cristina Padeanu

[28 - 29/10/2013 | EPF 6th Regional Advocacy Seminar](#)

Zagreb, Croatia

The event is open to patients organisations' leaders from Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia and Turkey (the EU acceding and candidates countries) and will look at the link between policy-making at EU and member state level and advocacy skills for patient advocates.

EPF attendance:

EPF Secretariat

[21/11/2013 | EPF Patient evidence workshop](#)

Brussels, Belgium

The event is open to EPF member organisations and focuses on shaping EPF contributions to EU-level actions in the Patient Safety area, emphasizing on patient involvement in patient safety.

EPF attendance:

EPF Secretariat

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We are organising our annual Patient Evidence Workshop focusing on Patient Safety this year. It will take place in Brussels at EPF premises, on Thursday 21 November 2013, from 9.30 to 16.00.

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