



Hello there,

The highlights of the past month for EPF include our [reactions to the publication of the European Commission's proposal for the next MFF](#), and in particular on the [new Health Programme within the ESF+](#).

We also released [a preliminary statement on the health country-specific recommendations](#) and our [position statement on the HTA proposal](#).

In other news, we give you an [update on our flagship project PARADIGM](#), on the [Patient-MedTech Dialogue workshops](#) and on the [summer training for young patient advocates](#).

Thanks for staying with us after the GDPR D-day. We promise: it's worth it!
Keep reading for the latest EPF news.

Policy Updates

[The ESF+ Health Programme: “Investing in people” should not just be a budget heading but truly support better healthcare →](#)

In our statement on the ESF+ proposal, we highlight that health deserves a bigger investment.

[Patients need to be at the centre of digital transformation of health and care→](#)

The three pillars of the European Commission Communication are all relevant to our vision of digital health, including patient-driven digital healthcare solutions and services; patients’ access to their own health data; and effective and ethical sharing of and (re)use of health data.

[HTA: our position statement →](#)

Together with our membership, we have analysed the text in detail and have identified both positive points as well as opportunities for improvement from a patient perspective.

[‘At the crossroads of healthcare’ – our contribution to the DIA Europe 2018 Annual Meeting →](#)

DIA Europe celebrated its 30th anniversary this year. Their annual meeting convened over 2000 representatives from the payer, regulator, HTA, industry and patient communities. EPF was also there, represented by Mathieu Boudes, Matthew May and Nicola Bedlington.

[Patient-MedTech Dialogue Workshops →](#)

On 24 and 25 May, in the context of the Patient-MedTech Dialogue, EPF and MedTech Europe organised two half a day workshops on HTA and medical technologies and Community care and access to medical technologies.

[Working together for a PARADIGM shift for patient engagement in medicines development →](#)

We are co-leaders, together with EFPIA of the 34-partner consortium of PARADIGM, standing for “Patients Active in Dialogue and Research for Improved Medicines”.

[Young Patients Advocates Get Ready for Summer Training →](#)

Young patients from across Europe are getting ready for EPF’s 2018 summer training for young patient advocates.

[European Health Parliament: closing plenary session & next edition →](#)

Read more about the closing plenary session of the third edition of the European Health Parliament, an initiative bringing together young experts in healthcare, and in which EPF has been involved as a partner.

Staff changes

[So long Camille, and thanks for all the fish →](#)

This month Camille Bullot, EPF Director of Operations & Engagement, left EPF after several years of dedication and commitment.

Events



[HTAi Annual Meeting →](#)

1-5 June 2018 / Vancouver, Canada

EPF attendance: Mathieu Boudes, Valentina Strammiello

[ONCA Workshop - ‘A European health innovation initiative’](#)

8 June 2018 / Leiden, The Netherlands

EPF attendance: Katie Gallagher

European Multiple Sclerosis Platform's 2018 Annual Spring Conference

8-9 June 2018 / Bratislava, Slovakia

EPF attendance: Nicola Bedlington

WHO Health Systems for Prosperity and Solidarity

13-14 June 2018 / Tallin, Estonia

EPF attendance: Nicola Bedlington

Digital Assembly

25-26 June 2018 / Sofia, Bulgaria

EPF speaker: Nicola Bedlington

IMI 10th Anniversary

27 June 2018 / Brussels, Belgium

EPF attendance: Nicola Bedlington, EPF speaker: Matthew May

Publications



[EPF Impact Report 2018](#) →

This Impact Report is a first edition of a compact and elegant summary of EPF's main achievements in the last years.



[The Added Value of Patient Organisations](#) →

This report emphasises the unique value of patient organisations in representation, mobilisation and empowerment of patients and provides specific recommendations to maximise the potential of patient organisations.

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