

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

European Patients' Forum

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and

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding ('MoU') is to formally establish collaboration between the European Patients' Forum ('EPF') and Eucomed in order to address the topics of joint interest to both organizations. The collaboration shall be based on the ethical principles mentioned below.

2. Scope of collaboration

EPF and Eucomed agree on the following areas of collaboration:

- Develop patient-centred healthcare models, where medical technologies are used;
- Exchange views and positions on the EU legislation that could have an impact on EPF and Eucomed members, including the revision of the EU Medical Device legislation;
- Develop a common approach on the essential elements for ethical and transparent relationships between patient organizations and the medical technology industry in Europe.

The collaboration will take place through "Patients-MedTech Dialogue", a joint platform with the following objectives:

- Establish a continuous dialogue between the patient representatives and the medical device industry in Europe in order to discuss and share information on the issues of common concern;
- Increase the understanding of each other's views, needs and concerns;

- Explore potential areas for a common approach, in particular with regard to the relevant EU policies and strategies.

Eucomed and EPF emphasize that this collaboration is based on good faith with no intention whatsoever to be directed against any other party or player in the healthcare sector.

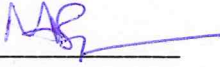
Collaboration shall be carried out in accordance with the Terms of Reference as jointly amended from time to time by Eucomed and EPF.

3. Principles of collaboration

The undersigning organizations commit to the encouragement of ethical business practices and socially responsible conduct related to their interactions and those of their respective members. They shall further pursue their longstanding collaboration based on the following ethical principles:

- **Independence:** Eucomed and EPF shall maintain their respective independence in order to be able at all times to act in accordance with their respective ethical and statutory principles or policy goals. Interactions between the MedTech industry and patient organizations, necessary for, but not limited to, patient or public health benefit, Research & Development, education, market approval of medical technologies, must not be misused to gain undue or inappropriate advantages.
- **Transparency:** Interactions between the MedTech industry and patient organizations, necessary for, but not limited to, patient or public health benefit, Research & Development, education, market approval of medical technologies, must be transparent, legitimate, appropriate and comply with national and local laws, regulations or professional codes of conduct. The undersigned organizations shall develop guidelines on the conditions under which their interactions are to be transparent.

FOR EPF:

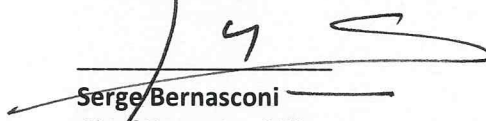


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