

National Coalitions' Meeting

16-17 October, Brussels, Belgium *Agenda*

Day 1 – Monday, 16 October 2017

12:30-13:30	Welcoming lunch
13:30-14:00	Registration
14:00-14:30	Welcome Radu Costin Ganescu, President, National Coalition of organisations for patients with chronic conditions of Romania (COPAC) and EPF Treasurer
14:30-15:00	Exploring the opportunities for National Coalitions in advocacy at European level Camille Bullot, Director of Operations and Engagement, EPF The role and influence of National Coalitions in the EU decision-making process (including the importance of agenda-setting vs. reactive approach to policy-making; getting involved in a consultation process at EU level)
15:00-15:30	Q&A and discussion
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:00	 National Coalitions: a common goal but different models - challenges and opportunities Marc Paris, Communications and Membership Engagement, France Assos Santé; Sofia Karlsson, Responsible for Equal Health, Swedish Disability Rights Federation; Dr. Stanimir Hasurdjiev, Chairman, Bulgarian National Patients' Organization (NPO) Moderator: Elena Balestra, Membership and Capacity Building Officer, EPF Interactive presentation of three different models of National Coalitions highlighting the challenges and opportunities peculiar to each model.
17:00-18:00	Networking and discussion per model Elena Balestra, Membership and Capacity Building Officer, EPF Moderated group discussion on the different models of National Coalitions
18:00-19:00	Free time
19:00-21:00	Networking dinner

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Day 2 – Tuesday, 17 October 2017

09:15 -09:30	Welcome to day 2 Elena Balestra, Membership and Capacity Building Officer, EPF
09:30-10:30	Parallel workshops W1 – Advocacy tools Kaisa Immonen, Director of Policy, EPF & Roberta Savli, Director of Strategy and Policy, EFA • What is advocacy? Different approaches to influence change • How to develop an influencing strategy • The Do's and Don'ts of advocacy • Advocacy strategy and the Advocacy & Campaigning cycle W2 – Developing a common and coordinated advocacy framework for EPF and National Coalitions— The example of the EPF Access Campaign Katie Gallagher, Policy Advisor, EPF & Ophélie Martin, Communications Manager, Mental Health Europe • How to create an impactful communication flow • Key elements of a common advocacy strategy • Best practices • Translate European level campaign into a national contest: the example of the Universal Access to care campaign
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:00	Continuation of workshops
12:00-13:00	Lunch



13:00-14:00	Rerun of Parallel workshops (Participants have the opportunity to attend a second workshop) W1 – Strengthening National Coalitions Elena Balestra, Membership and Capacity Building Officer, EPF • How to develop an effective leadership and governance • How to involve and broaden your membership • Achieve legitimacy through transparency W2 – Developing a common and coordinated advocacy framework for EPF and National Coalitions – The example of the EPF Access Campaign Katie Gallagher, Policy Advisor, EPF & Ophélie Martin, Communications Manager, Mental Health Europe • How to create an impactful communication flow • Key elements of a common advocacy strategy • Best practices • Translate European level campaigns into a national context: the example of the Universal Access to care campaign
14:00 - 14:30	Coffee Break
14:30 - 15:30	Continuation of workshops
15:30 - 16:00	Closing and next steps towards a common advocacy strategy Participants will share the main highlights of the workshops and define together the common steps towards a common advocacy strategy
16:00	End of the event



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