

Brussels, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Invitation to the EPF Annual General Meeting & Leadership Meeting (Virtual), 17 April 2021,**

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the EPF Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will take place virtually on Zoom the 17 April 2021.

Our highest priority continues being the health and safety of our members, secretariat, and stakeholders. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year's AGM will be held virtually. Again, the event will provide you with the opportunity to share your experiences and views and reflect on EPF's development and your role therein.

**Profile of participants**

Due to the scope of this meeting, please note that participation is usually reserved to the organisations' high-level representatives. Due to the virtual nature of the meeting, more than one representative per organisation can join.

Moreover, I would like to remind you that following a decision of the Board in November 2016, full members who have not paid their membership fees by **February 28 2021** will not be allowed to vote at the AGM 2021. Associate members not having paid their membership fees by February 28, 2021 will not be able to participate to the AGM 2021. If your organisation is facing any financial difficulties in paying its membership fee, please do get in contact with EPF Membership & Capacity Building Manager Elena Balestra at [elena.balestra@eupatient.eu](mailto:elena.balestra@eupatient.eu)

**Governance**

The current two-year term of office for four of the board members, including myself, the current president, Marco Greco, current Vice President and Treasurer Radu Costin Ganescu, Dimitrios Athanasiou, and Hilka Karkkainen comes to an end. The elections for the board will take place at the AGM.

You will recall that the other five board members, Elisabeth Kasilingam, Brian West, Michal Rataj, Marzena Nelken and Jana Popova were elected last year and are halfway through their term of office. Jana Popova is the Youth Group elected board member, but unfortunately Jana will leave the group in 2021 as she is turning 30. This is why we will have to elect a new Youth Group board member.



We will therefore elect five board members in total. If your organisation is a full member of EPF and wishes to nominate a representative to the board, please complete and return the [attached nomination](#) form by **10 March**. You can read about the general responsibilities of Board members [here](#).

### **Registration and Practical Information**

The draft agenda can be found [here](#).

I would be grateful if each delegate could complete the [online registration form](#) for these meetings as soon as possible and by **15 March** at the latest.

Background documentation and preparatory materials for the AGM will be sent in due course. Should you have any queries linked to the Annual General Meeting, please contact Desislava Ekzarova at [desislava.ekzarova@eu-patient.eu](mailto:desislava.ekzarova@eu-patient.eu) .

I look forward very much to seeing you and to working with you again at our meetings on 17 April. Yours sincerely,

Marco Greco

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Marco Greco'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Marco' written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name 'Greco'.

EPF President