

European Patients' Forum Newsletter

A strong patients' voice to drive better health in Europe



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Welcome to the EPF newsletter. Much exciting news this month. Keep reading!

We have been busy finalising the [translation of the factsheet](#) on the **Roadmap to Achieving Universal Health Coverage by 2030**. To check out your own language, [click here](#).

At the end of January, the European Commission presented a **legislative proposal on health technology assessment (HTA)**. [Read more](#) about EPF's first reaction on advancing towards permanent cooperation on HTA, including mandatory uptake of joint clinical assessments.

On 2 February, we organised an [educational workshop](#) for patient representatives from our member organisations on the topic of **pharmaceutical incentives**, to understand better the complex technical dimensions of incentives, and intellectual property, and enable them to contribute to the current EU political debate on the topic from a patient perspective.

Together with a coalition of Brussels-based health stakeholders, EPF held a joint meeting to discuss how to **prioritise patient safety and public health in the Brexit negotiations**. [Read more here](#).

We also attended the [first working meeting](#) of **CHRODIS-Plus** in Treviso, Italy. The project, that follows up on the key findings of the Joint Action CHRODIS, focuses on the dissemination and implementation of policy and practices to improve the management of chronic diseases in Europe.

Our Youth Group Vice-President, Yolita, spoke at an [event of the "Brain, Mind and Pain" group](#) last 21 February at the European Parliament, where young patients and policy makers came together to share recommendations and **find solutions to #makeworkwork for young people with chronic diseases**.

This month we [announced](#) our new **Capacity Building Module on Empowering Leadership and Positive Governance** open to all EPF members, members of its members and patient organisations interested in learning to lead their organisations more effectively and ensure greater impact.

From European to National. One of the core activities for EUPATI in 2018 is the **continued support for growing network of EUPATI National Platforms (ENPs)**. [Read more](#) about the plans for capacity building of the platforms.

In our blog, **Alzheimer Europe shares their two new publications**: a comparative report on "Standards for residential care facilities in Europe" and a discussion paper called "Dementia as a disability? Implications for ethics, policy and practice". [Read more](#) about the work of AE on involving people with dementia.

Finally, there is still one more day left to apply for the **Summer Training for Young Patient Advocates**. [Don't miss out!](#)

Enjoy the reading!

Marco Greco, EPF President and Nicola Bedlington, EPF Secretary General



FACTSHEET ON ROADMAP TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL NOW AVAILABLE IN SEVERAL EU LANGUAGES

FUTURE EUROPEAN COOPERATION ON HTA: A STEP FORWARD IN IMPROVING HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

[SEE OUR VIDEOS ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

07/03/2018 | Improving patient empowerment and self-



The factsheet, summarising the main points of the Roadmap for Universal Health Coverage, is now available in 13 different EU languages to allow EPF members to advocate at national level.

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The European Patients' Forum welcomes the publication of the European Commission's legislative proposal presented on 31 January on health technology assessment (HTA) as an important step in improving the life of all patients.

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[management of care in mental health](#)

Brussels

Patient empowerment and self-management

EPF speaker

Lyudmil Ninov

[12-13/03/2018 | OECD Paris task force face-to-face meeting](#)

Paris

Patient reported outcomes and patient experience measures

EPF attendance

Kaisa Immonen

[21/03/2018 | EU Patient Working Party on Nutrition](#)

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP ON PHARMACEUTICAL INCENTIVES



On 2 February 2018, we organised an educational workshop for patient representatives from our member organisations on the topic of pharmaceutical incentives.

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BREXIT: OUR ASKS TO PRIORITISE PATIENT SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH



What does Brexit mean for patients? On 21 February 2018, a coalition of Brussels-based health stakeholders held a joint meeting to discuss how to prioritise patient safety and public health in the Article 50 negotiations on the future relationship between the UK and the EU.

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Brussels

EPF attendance

Katie Gallagher

[21-22/03/2018 | CEPAC project meeting](#)

Dublin

Project titled "Empowering People and Communities-(CEPaC)" where EPF is participating

EPF attendance

Kaisa Immonen

[28/03/2018 | 'Personalised Medicine and the Big Data Challenge'](#)

Brussels

Personalised Medicine

EPF speaker

Kaisa Immonen

[20/03/2018 | PATHWAYS Project Final Conference](#)

FACING TOGETHER THE IMPACT OF CHRONIC DISEASES: CHRODIS-PLUS STARTS WORKING ON IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS



Europe is paying a heavy price for chronic diseases: as a follow up of the findings of CHRODIS, we joined CHRODIS-PLUS, a three-year initiative that aims to support Member States through cross-national initiatives to reduce the burden of chronic diseases.

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HOW CAN THE EU #MAKEWORKWORK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS?



Employment for young people with chronic conditions was the topic of a "Brain, Mind and Pain" meeting last 21 February at the European Parliament. Our Youth Group Vice-President Yolita presented EPF's work.

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Brussels

Participation To Healthy Workplaces And inclusive Strategies in the Work Sector

EPF attendance

Lyudmil Ninov

[11-12/04/2018 | SCIE - self care initiative summit](#)

Copenhagen

Self-care, health literacy collaboration

EPF attendance

Kaisa Immonen

[14-15/04/2018 | AGM and Leadership Meeting](#)

Brussels

OUR NEW CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME ON EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP AND POSITIVE GOVERNANCE



Patient organisations and patient organisations' leaders are becoming more and more visible actors in the healthcare arena. In 2018 we are launching a new capacity building module on Empowering Leadership and Positive Governance.

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SUPPORTING THE GROWING NETWORK OF EUPATI NATIONAL PLATFORMS



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BLOG: ALZHEIMER EUROPE: TWO NEW PUBLICATIONS, INVOLVING PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA



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