

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**between**

**European Patients' Forum**

*Rue du Commerce 31, 1000 Brussels, Belgium*

**and**

**MedTech Europe AISBL**

*Rue Joseph II, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium*

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding ('MoU') is to formally establish collaboration between European Patients' Forum ('EPF') and MedTech Europe – an Alliance of Eucomed and EDMA – 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 MedTech Europe agree on the following areas of collaboration:

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

MedTech Europe 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 MedTech Europe and EPF.

### 3. Principles of collaboration

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

- **Independence:** MedTech Europe 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 organisations, 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 improper advantages.
- **Transparency:** Interactions between the MedTech industry and patient organisations, 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 undersigning organisations shall develop guidelines on the conditions under which their interactions are to be transparent.

### 4. Miscellaneous

This MoU replaces the MoU between EPF and Eucomed dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

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