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Are patient organisations viable and sustainable?

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26 patient organisations were present
1 had a professional fundraiser
1 had fundraising committee
Absence of meaningful strategy
Funding required for their existence
A need to be credible, transparent, accountable and professional
Highly motivated provides added value

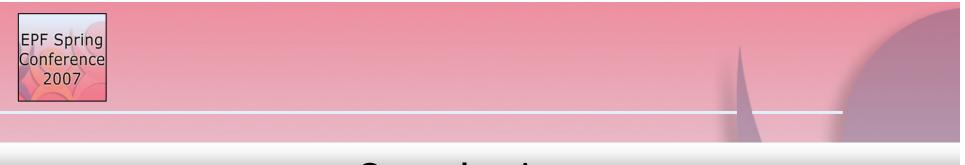


- 1. Collaboration not competition. Danger of creating bad press through wastage of funds
- 2. Avoid duplication creates confusion way fund?
- 3. Startup money obtainable, but sustainabimity more difficult
- 4. National local money available, but EU funding more difficult
- 5. EPF could provide guidelines for fundraising and principles of funding



Creativity

- 1. Tax relief across all EU member states
- 2. Use links with and to universities
- 3. Think about different actors, e.g. mental health employers
- 4. Use individuality of patient organisations as these will appeal to different people
- 5. Work with healthcare professionals
- 6. Be active in research members are your greatest asset
- 7. Quantify the value of volunteers



Conclusions

- 1. Hold workshop involving variety of stakeholders and funders from different sectors
- 2. Creation of an overarching foundation with independent board of trusties
- 3. Create EPF platform for develop extensive media campaign incorporating the views of stakeholders
- 4. Underline the added value of patient organisations within the health arena

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