



**VALUE+ EPF**  
**Autumn Regional Advocacy Seminar for Patient Leaders**

The politics of health policy making at EU level  
and meaningful patient involvement through VALUE +

***Sofia, Bulgaria***  
***Hotel Hilton, Bulgaria Boulevard 1***  
***September 18-19, 2009***

**Conference moderator: Mr Erick Savoye, European Men's Health Forum**

**Day 1 – Friday 18**

**8.30-9.00 Registration**

**9.00-9.30 Welcome and Introduction**

- Ms. Veska Sabeva - Confederation "Health Protection" (KZZZ)
- Mr. Luc Giraud – The Medtronic Foundation
- Mr. Mike O'Donovan - European Patients' Forum

**9.30-9.45 Presentation of EPF – Ms Nicola Bedlington, European Patients' Forum**

**9.45-11.00 Plenary Session: Working at the European Union (EU) level, An introduction to EU policy-making and decision-making process**

- The role of the national Parliament – Mr. Lachezar Ivanov, Member of the 41th National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria
- The role of the European Parliament – Ms. Antonia Parvanova, Bulgarian Member of European Parliament
- Working with the European Council – Ms. Roxana Radulescu and Ms. N. Bedlington, EPF
- Patients' organisations working in national coalition – Mr. Cezar Irimia, Coalition of Romanian Chronic Patients Organisations
- Overview of evolving of patient involvement in EU policies and actions - the European Health Strategy and Europe for Patients – Ms. Rostislava Dimitrova, European Commission Directorate General for Health and Consumers

**11.00-11.30 Coffee break**

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**11.30-12.30 Discussion Session:** Questions and Answers for the Panel

**12.30 – 13.30 Lunch**

**13.30-14.00 Plenary Session continued**

- The health policy landscape from the perspective of patients – Ms. Roxana Radulescu, European Patients' Forum
- “Promoting patients' involvement in EU supported health-related projects VALUE+” – Ms. Liuska Sanna, European Patients' Forum

**14.00-15.30 Workshops Session 1**

1. Getting involved in a consultation process at EU level (*Ms Nicola Bedlington, Ms. Kathi Apostolidis - Society of Volunteers Against Cancer*)
2. Working with members of the European Parliament (*Ms Roxana Radulescu, Ms. Loredana Tascau - Romanian League for Mental Health*)
3. Working with different media to get your message across (*Mr. Derek Moloughney*)

**15.30-16.00 Coffee break**

**16.00-17.30 Workshops Session 2 (please see above for details)**

**17.30-17.45 Closing of day**

**Seminar Dinner at 20.00 at typical Bulgarian restaurant**

## **Day 2 – Saturday 19**

### **9.00-9.30 Plenary Session: Patients' involvement at project and political level**

- VALUE+ outcomes – Mr. Erick Savoye, Ms. Elizabeth Winder (ENUSP), Ms. Liuska Sanna, Ms. Maria Dimitrova (KZZ) - VALUE+ Consortium

### **9.30-11.10 Workshops Session 1**

1. Meaningful patient involvement: Value+ concept and tools (*Ms Elizabeth Winder, Ms Barbra Moskric – DAM Society Slovenia*)
2. Lobbying for patient involvement: development of policy recommendations (*Ms Liuska Sanna, Ms Judit Várkonyi - Hungarian Haemochromatosis Patient Association*)
3. Patient involvement in research (*Ms Jasna Russo – ENUSP, Dr. Milan Hosta - Asthma and Sport Organization Slovenia*)

### **11.10-11.40 Coffee break**

### **11.40-13.15 Workshops Session 2 (please see above for details)**

### **13.15-14.15 Lunch**

### **14.15-15.15 Plenary Session - Conclusions and recommendations**

### **15.15-15.30 Closing of event**

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