

# EPF VALUE+ ADVOCACY SEMINAR

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# EPF POLICY WORK

- Monitor, analyse EU policies
- Alert patients' organisations
- Provide a strong patients' voice
- Promote patients' organisations' views
- Our VISION: High quality, patient centred, equitable healthcare in Europe



# Information to patients

## **EU Legislation package** on information to patients, pharmacovigilance and counterfeiting – COMING SOON

- More than information on prescription medicines, but a a coherent Strategy
- Quality criteria, guidelines
- Distinction –Advertising vs Information
- Involvement of patients



# Health Literacy

**Written Declaration** in the European Parliament – to be signed by February 2009

- Wider distribution of quality health information to patients
- Training for health professionals to communicate better with patients
- EU Health Literacy Network
- Further research on Health Literacy
- Patients' meaningful involvement



# Patients' Safety

- **EU Legislative package** on Patient Safety & Health Care Associated infections – COMING SOON
- EU has a role to support Member States
- Partnership of all institutions involved, based on trust and respect
- Strong political commitment to provide appropriate resources
- Meaningful involvement of patients' representatives in this process from the very onset!



# Cross-Border Healthcare

**Draft Directive** - currently discussed in the European Parliament and Council

- Directive based on values - quality, safety, and equity, patient involvement
- National contact points – inform patients about their rights
- Patients should not pay for treatment in advance
- More cooperation between member States for better quality of care



# eHealth Solutions

## **EU Communication on telemedicine – for benefits of patients, health systems, society (4 Nov 2008)**

- Involve patients through all stages of development
- training and support for patients and healthcare providers in improving their eHealth literacy skills.
- Re/ Health portals, Internet - criteria for selecting good information
- Re/ Electronic health records –should be promoted all over EU; patients' access to them.





**YOUR WORK IS IMPORTANT TO US!**

**WE RELY ON YOUR EXPERTISE!**

**Thank you.**