



VALUE+ EPF Autumn Regional Advocacy Seminar for Patient Leaders

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

***Vilnius, Lithuania
November 27-28 2008***

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

Day 1 – Thursday

8.30-9.00 Registration

9.00-9.30 Welcome breakfast and Introduction

- Ms Vida Agustiniene, Council of Representatives of Patients' Organizations of Lithuania
- Mr. Gintaras Vilda, Health Policy Center of Lithuania
- Mr. Rainald Von Gizycki, Board Member, 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 EU level, An introduction to EU policy-making and decision-making process

- The role of the European Commission – Mr Kestutis Sadauskas, Representative from the EC office in Lithuania
- The role of the European Parliament - Ms Jolanta Dickute, Lithuanian MEP
- The role of the Council and the health priorities under the Czech Presidency - Ms Lenka Tichá, Health Attaché from the Czech Republic
- The role of patients' organizations - Mr Tomasz Szlagowski, Federation of Polish Patients

- Overview of evolving of patient involvement in EU policies and actions - the European Health Strategy and Europe for Patients - Ms. Antonie Egeland, European Commission Directorate General for Health and Consumers

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

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. How to get involved in a consultation process at EU level (*Ms Roxana Radulescu, Mr Gintaras Vilda*)
2. Patients' organizations as partners in policy-making (*Ms Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous -Thalassemia International, Ms Anne Veskimeister - Estonian Patient Advocacy Association*)
3. Information to patients – how to apply at national level the deliverables of the European Pharmaceutical Forum – (*Ms Nicola Bedlington, Ms Liene Sulce - Patients' Ombud Office of Latvia*).

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

Day 2 – Friday 28

9.00-10.00 Plenary Session: Patients' involvement at project and political level

- The role of the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers - Representative from EAHC
- VALUE+ preliminary findings - Ms Elizabeth Winder, European Network of (EX-) Users and Survivors of Psychiatry

10.00-11.30 Workshops Session 1

1. Assessing the needs for patient involvement and best practices (*Mr. Rainald Von Gizycki, Ms Kim Wever – Dutch Genetic Alliance*)
2. Patient involvement in projects: how project outcomes feed into policy development and advocacy – the EUNetPaS project (*Mr Juozas Galdikas – State Health Care Accreditation Agency of Lithuania, Ms Roxana Radulescu*)
3. The role of patients' organizations in European campaigns – EPF Patient Manifesto (*Ms Nicola Bedlington, Ms Zuzana Candigliota – League of Human Rights CR*)

11.30-11.45 Coffee break

11.45-13.15 Workshops Session 2 (please see above for details)

13.15-14.15 Lunch

14.15-15.15 Plenary Session - Conclusions and recommendations

15.00-15.30 Closing of event