

Key messages

- PO's want to be involved in all aspects of projects: problem finding, management, getting results, spreading results etc.
- Needs (prioritized)
 - 1. Training and acquiring the right skills
 - 2. Financial and human resources and funding
 - 2. Creating a team, teamwork, networking

Recommendations

- 1) Training should be provided :
 - Taking account into the po's needs
 - Training related to a concrete project on all aspects
 - Training by the right trainer
- 2) Teamwork should be stimulated:
 - ACKNOWLEDGE the patient as an equal partner.
 - Make patient involvement obligatory in all health related issues in the EU (EPF)
- 3) Make one central point for information on funding in Europe
 - Change the rules of financing project to prefinancing instead of post financing