

Day 1, Workshop 2: “Patients’ Organisations as Partners in Policy-making”

Main issues:

- **Lack of understanding or recognition by government of the value and importance of patient involvement**
- **Lack of resources – human, financial**
- **Independent and professional representation**

Recommendations:

- **Creation of a national body representing all patients**
- **Mechanism for funding / code of ethics followed by all parties**
- **Evidence of the benefits of patient involvement (e.g. study) and sharing good practices**
- **European Commission recommendation on involvement of patients in health policy-making**