

EFA “Meet and Greet New European Parliament and Commission” Training 2014

Date: 13-14th October 2014

Rationale: Thanks to this event, EFA members will have the opportunity to come to Brussels and learn about composition, powers and functioning of the newly elected European Parliament and the European Commission. Furthermore, the participants will get an overview of EFA’s collaboration with other stakeholders, its communication strategy and advocacy activities.

The “Meet & Greet 2014” combines basic and advanced training to participants.

Beginners will learn about:

- (1) composition, powers and functioning of the newly elected European Parliament and the European Commission;
- (2) the main developments in the health policy at the European level;
- (3) EFA’s collaboration with other Brussels’ stakeholders.

Together with advanced participants, the beginners:

- (4) will be introduced to EFA’s Communication Strategy;
- (5) will meet and greet key actors from the various organisation, as well as Members of the European Parliament from their home countries.

Through the interactive practical activities and a workshop the participants will gain deeper understanding of current key topics of public health such as mobile health and medical devices, as well as European decision-making processes.

Learning objectives: After completion, all participants will have improved knowledge of the composition and functioning of the European Parliament and the European Commission during 2014-2019. Furthermore, the participants will be introduced to the first ever EFA Communication Strategy. The role-play and the workshop will also deepen participants’ knowledge of mobile health opportunities and dangers, as well as on how decision-making processes on medical devices are held. Last but not least, the participants will be empowered for the future on how patients’ organisation together with EFA can advocate their interests and take part in the EU legislative process.



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Agenda

Day 0 – Sunday, 12th October

Venue: Motel One ([Rue Royale 120, 1000, Brussels](#))

20:00	Dinner <u>Venue:</u> Titanic (31, rue du Congrès – B-1000, Brussels)
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Day 1 – Monday, 13th October

Setting the scene

Venue: EFA office ([35, rue du Congrès – B-1000, Brussels](#))

09:30	Welcome by Isabel Saraiva, EFA Board Member
10:00	1. <u>European Parliament 2014-2019</u>, Roberta Savli, EFA EU Policy Advisor - Elections and their outcome - A greater and more consistent range of powers than ever before - Q&A session
10:30	2. <u>European Commission 2014-2019</u>, Jelena Malinina, EFA Jnr EU Policy Officer - New Commission: composition and functioning - New Health Commissioner and Directorate General's Health and Consumers (DG SANCO) priorities for the coming years - Q&A session
11:00	Coffee break
11:20	3. <u>EFA and other organisations</u>, Isabel Proaño, EFA Communications Officer - Common efforts with other similar organisations - Focus: EFA communication strategy - Q&A session
12:00	Lunch

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13:00	<p>4. <u>Advocacy priorities for people with allergy and airways diseases</u>, Roberta Savli, EFA EU Policy Adviser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setting the scene: what are EFA's priorities and what is currently under discussion within the institutions?
From 14:00	<p>5. <u>Meeting MEPs from the participants' countries/Visiting Parliamentarium</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions around EFA's and its members' priorities under review within the institutions
19:30	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Venue: Rock Salt Chilli Peppers, (34-36, Rue Des Cultes, 1000 Brussels)</p>
<p>Day 2 – Tuesday, 14th October</p>	
<p>Working with specific topics: mobile health and medical devices</p> <p>Venue: EFA office (35, Rue du Congres – B-1000, Brussels)</p>	
09:30	<p>Second day welcome – introduction of the programme and objectives</p>
09:40	<p><u>Workshop – Mobile health, Claudia Prettner, European Commission, DG CONNECT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next steps of the EU on mHealth - mHealth potential for respiratory diseases patients - Safety aspects of mHealth application - Q&A session
10:40	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:00	<p>1. <u>Role-play – Medical devices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Division of participants into different interest groups and EU institutions (EP and Council), replaying the legislative process - Moderator: Roberta Savli
13:00	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>Evaluation: were the learning objectives met and proposals for future improvement</p> <p>Venue: EFA office (35, Rue du Congres – B-1000, Brussels)</p>	
14:00	<p>2. <u>Evaluation</u>, Roberta Savli</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Filling in the evaluation forms - Suggestions for future steps, organisations, comments



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