EFA Work plan 2016 and Strategy

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EFA STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-2020

4 Strategic Objectives

Healthier Environment
Access to quality care
Patient Involvement
Reducing Inequalities
To ensure a **Healthier environment** for people with allergy, asthma & COPD

- Strengthening **patient-centered** preventative tobacco control policies
  - Implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
  - Smoke-free public and workplaces, EU health & safety at work directive review
- Increase **patients’ participation** in indoor & outdoor air quality
  - EFA working group on **environmental determinants**
  - EU **ambient air quality** legislation: National emission ceilings directive review
  - EU strategy on **indoor air quality**: EU health & safety directive review
- Improving quality of life of people with **food allergy**
  - Food allergy **working group**
  - Patients’ perspective in the implementation of the EU regulation on **food (allergen) information** to consumers
To improve **timely and equal access to quality care**

- **Strengthening EFA contribution to EU policies influencing care**
  - Campaign on *Written Declaration* on CRD
  - European Parliament *Interest Group* on Allergy and Asthma
  - Patients’ perspective on EU *access to care* policy
  - **Working groups** on allergy/asthma/COPD

- **Promoting patient-centered self-management solutions**
  - EFA *asthma adolescents* project: HEY YA!. Adherence & Health Literacy of Young People with Asthma – State of play & Recommendations
  - EFA *patients education* working group: database, guidelines allergy, asthma, COPD patient education

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WORK-PLAN 2016

Ensuring Patient Involvement in EU projects, initiatives and decisions

Representing patients in relevant EU Health Policies
- Membership in key EC working groups, agencies and the WHO
- Advocating for public core funding for European level patient groups

Increasing active patients’ involvement in research
- Contributing to setting EU research agenda: EARIP
- Sharing funding opportunities / Applying-participating in EU projects
- Promoting EU research in patient-friendly language: AIRPROM
- Managing and supporting patient’s involvement: MyAirCoach

Promoting patients empowerment; powerful network
- AGM and Network Meetings
- Governance, diversification of funding, sustainable partnerships
- Coordinating with other EU level respiratory patients orgs
- Patients’ participation in high profile events and organisations
- Training EFA members on EU advocacy

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Ensuring **equitable** representation

**Network towards underrepresented patients**

- Contributing to EU discussions on **health inequalities**
- **Enlarging EFA membership**: Balkan alignment meeting
- Advocating for the rights of **patients requiring oxygen** for air travel: website

**Empowering patient movement development and growth**

- **Capacity Building Project** for EFA members
2016 HIGH PRIORITIES

Events and meeting at the EP for promoting the WRITTEN DECLARATION on CRD
EP Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma: exhibition allergy skin prick test and policy events
Promotion of results of EFA study on adolescents adherence to asthma treatment

Active role in EPF, EU Health Policy Forum, EHFG, WHO GARD, mHealth guidelines WG, EMA
Representation in H2020 SPH and EARIP advocacy plan
Dissemination of results and patients’ involvement in EU projects EARIP, AirPROM, myAirCoach
Submission of new EU project proposals

AGM and networking meeting
Governance, diversification of funding, sustainable partnerships
New communication tools for members: Intranet and civiCRM

Active role in World Allergen Food conference (20-22 March) and EFA explanatory blog
Balkan Alignment meeting for new potential members
EFA Meet & Greet the EU Institutions

EFA Capacity Building Project
Implementing KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS for each EFA objective, both qualitative and quantitative provide the basis for a monitoring system. Measurable indicators will show whether or not targets have been achieved.

In 2017, we will report to you on success!

E.g., coordinating the European Parliament Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma, the KPI are:

- Article in The Parliament Magazine
- 60 stakeholders, including 10 policy-makers, participate in the EP policy event in Brussels
- 150 people tested at the skin-prick test in the EP in Brussels
- 20 new MEPs joining the group
Questions?

THANK YOU!