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Improving patients' rights in the age of the Cross Border Healthcare Directive

An European debate and webinar among Institutions, experts, civic & patient organizations, students

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Building alliances and promoting civil partnerships to strengthen the protection of citizens' rights

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I am member of the Young Leaders of the IstitutoSturzo of Rome.

YL is a research group on sociology and political themes, chaired by Professor Ambassador Luigi Vittorio Ferraris.

During their meetings the Young Leaders mainly focus its energies on European issues and since two years have conceived and are working on a lecture series on "The Founding Mothers of Europe", women who before others had the vision of a Federal Europe and strongly contributed to the intellectual change of Europe, after WW II, with their unique - often anonymous- contribution.

In 2017 will take place the 60th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome together with the 30th anniversary of the Erasmus programme.

With this conviction YL of the IstitutoSturzo welcomed the proposed partnership from Active Citizenship Network on the EU Citizens cross-border healthcare patients' rights topic.

For this we are pleased to thank Sonia Belfiore and Mariano Votta.

As YL we can offer our cooperation to disseminate among young people and young adults the topics we have heard during this morning session.

We regularly meet, as a group, to debate at the IstitutoSturzo -our intellectual belonging and think tank home- but some of us are still in University for masters or on stage in public institutions and our mobility in the Italian and European territory is remarkable.





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This could be the hallmark of our contribution: to stimulate debate and facilitate the understanding of this little-known healthcare theme in Schools and Universities.

We consider very interesting to test ourselves on this for us new topic particularly related to the citizen-consumer, since we deal mostly on political analysis.

Moreover we believe that the issue in question is dealing with consumers' rights: the right of the consumer, to the fact, is a political right.

Next to this we are convinced that the political right is linked to knowledge and good information is needed to make use of ones rights.

And we are back on the sociological side of the matter.

In a few days, precisely the 10th will be the European Consumer Day and referring to the "European Charter of Patients' Rights" on which ACN worked hardly since 2002, at the chapter 2-Right of access and chapter 3-Right to information we will have the series of rules that justify the motto "Patients' rights have no borders".

By the fact the YL of the Istituto Luigi Sturzo, as its founder, strongly believe in the necessity of a more and more United Europe under all aspects, we are convinced that any action which would protect the life quality of a citizen should be interchangeable in the different States of the Union.

Conscious that the task is probably demanding we are ready to get involved to achieve this goal.

Thank you.