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EUROPEAN & NATIONAL MEDICINES REGULATORY SYSTEMS:

CHALLENGES FOR AN EQUITABLE, TIMELY AND SUITABLE ACCESS TO INNOVATION



What is the situation in Malta?

Officially there is no patient representation on the Medicines Authority

The Maltese Health Act Cap 528 Laws of Malta Stipulates 2 bodies on which there should be a patient representative or a representative of the Consumer Protection Department :

- The Council of Health
- The Advisory Committee of Health Care Benefits

However we were not involved in the selection or the work which happens within these bodies so we followed another path

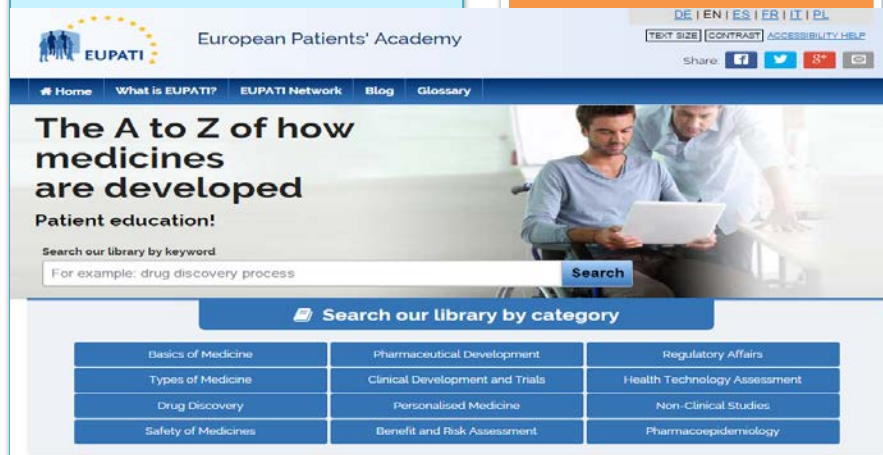
Our actions

In 2013 joined EUPATI and this we launched in Malta in 2014 this was an IMI initiative involving 33 members led by EPF whereby they developed a training program and trained 100 patient advocates (2 Maltese)
Launched an online toolbox and library

In 2013
New Ministry in Malta for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil rights which incorporated the Maltese Medicines Authority

We opened up discussions with the Maltese Medicines Authority and explained the wish to be more involved in decision making process. In December 2016 for a final event of EUPATI in Malta we presented the Medicines Authority the work which we were doing

They asked us to formalize an agreement with them since they realized that in-order to be of the best service to the consumer, patient and citizen working together was the most efficient and effective way forward



STEP 01

STEP 02

STEP 03

STEP 04

- The agreement outlines the responsibilities of both entities for closer collaboration especially with regards to the sharing of information and the facilitation of active consultation with MHN as patients' representative .
- The Authority will seek more patient representation in its work and activities and contribute towards more patient education and empowerment.
- It is envisaged that through this collaboration it will possible to develop projects in Malta aimed at the empowerment and education of patients especially with regards to the necessary competencies related to the pharmaceutical regulatory and decision making processes.

Signed Memorandum of Understanding 21 April 2017



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What is happening in Malta this week ?

[Valletta Declaration](#) was signed yesterday in Malta by 6 European Countries including Malta, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Portugal and Spain [media Ireland to join too.](#)