

EU Campaign 2014



When patients voted for more health

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SUMMARY: EFA, EPF and numerous patient organisations campaigned for health and patients ahead of the 2014 EU elections. Our aim is to show their role in electing the future of health.

Goals and objectives

INVOLVE

patients in all decisions influencing their health

PRESENT

patients' concern and needs to new policy makers

INCREASE

visibility for patient organisations in the European arena

CONTRIBUTE

to setting the EU agenda for the next term

How did we campaign?



- ✓ Manifesto that sums up key priorities and recommendations for the future of EU health policy
- Dedicated websites and campaigning on social media to gain public support
- Dedicated events and exhibition at the European Parliament
- ✓ Translations into EU national languages for local patient organisations

Results

SUPPORTERS:

EFA manifesto:
1,045 patients,
24 MEPs
EPF manifesto:
744 individuals,
33 MEPS

Informing and engaging decision makers on priorities for patients with respiratory and chronic diseases

Network of health friendly MEPs to work on patient empowerment, involvement, access

Impact not only at EU, but also at national level thanks to our members

The future: expected outcomes

- ✓ PATIENTS ACKNOWLEDGED AS **PART OF THE SOLUTION** IN DECISION-MAKING
 - ✓ ENSURING EU HEALTH POLICIES CORRESPOND TO PATIENTS' NEEDS
 - ✓ ENCOURAGING REFORMS TOWARDS **PATIENT-CENTRED HEALTHCARE**