# The European Patients' Forum

Who are we and how can we work together for the benefit of Lupus Patients?

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#### EPF - Who are we?



 The European Patients' Forum (EPF) is an independent non-profit, non-governmental umbrella organisation of patient organisations across Europe and across disease-areas. Our 75 members include disease-specific patient groups active at EU level and national coalitions of patients.

Our Vision

Our Mission

### **EPF – Our Five Strategic Goals**



Shaping A New European Agenda For Patients

 Meaningful Patient Involvement In Co-creating Better Health Policy, Practice, Research And Education

Digital Transformation That Delivers For Patients

Accessing The Healthcare We Need With No Discrimination

Strengthening Patient Communities Across Europe

### EPF – Our 2021-2026 Strategic Plan



• The overall objective of this Strategic Plan is to define strategic priorities for enabling EPF to grow and work effectively during the five years of the plan.

EPF's change between 2013 and 2020

The impact of COVID-19

### Membership and Governance Officer – What do I do?



 As the Membership and Governance Officer, I am the main contact for all EPF Members and prospective members.

Annual General Meeting – Highest governance body of EPF.

 Provider of active support to the Board of Directors and the Ethics Committee.

## EPF and Lupus Europe – How we work together



Lupus Europe has been a full member of EPF since 2009

The opportunities for capacity building and training

Inter-member networking and best practices sharing

 Staying present within an active international patients' community



Open Discussion

#### Recap



- EPF is an independent non-profit, non-governmental umbrella organisation of patient organisations across Europe and across disease-areas.
- Our Strategic Plan 2021-2026 defines the strategic priorities allowing us and our members to grow and work effectively during the five years of the plan.
- The Membership and Governance Officer is always available to answer your questions and to provide members support.
- EPF is dedicated wo working alongside Lupus Europe, to help in ensuring a fulfilling life for all people with lupus in Europe until we have reached a world without lupus.

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