

# Know the Basics: How can I level up my patient advocacy?

ONGOING AND UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PATIENT ADVOCATES

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2. Use the chat for your burning questions.
3. We'd love to hear from you! Burning questions right after each presentation, and later in Q & A session 😊

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# THE CCI COURSERA PROGRAMME



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# ABOUT coursera

- an online global learning platform
- over ??? universities and companies worldwide
- interactive learning
- mostly in English
- certifications



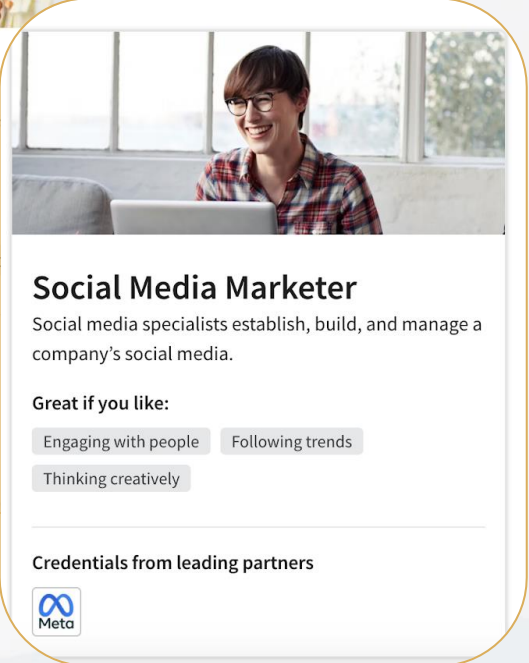
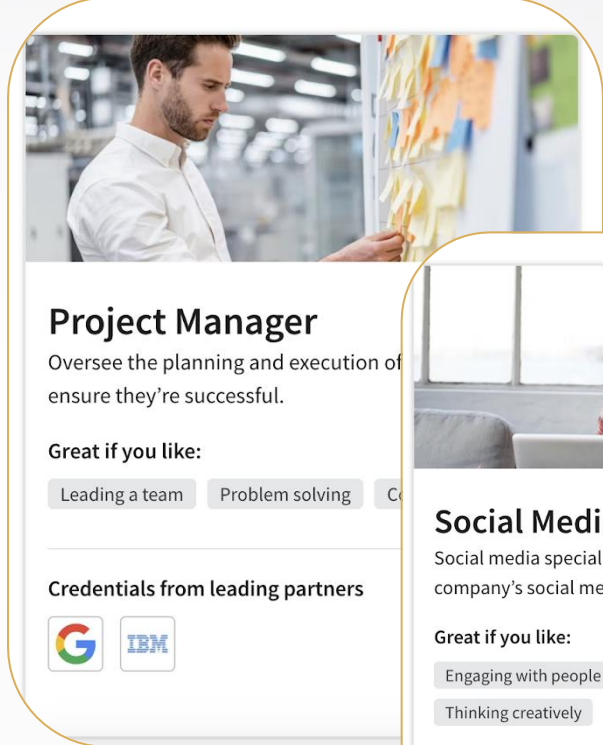

# 2 CONTEXT

Programme supported by **Sanofi Global** – ‘**A million conversations**’ – and dedicated to:

- CCI members who wish to develop staff, volunteers and improve their skills and abilities in managing their organisations and childhood cancer programmes
- Survivors who wish to access short courses for skills development, or even to acquire certifications to validate their learning

**A catalog of free courses on:** project management, marketing, fundraising, financial management, leadership, advocacy, communication, psychosocial support and more!

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# 3 PROGRAMME GUIDELINES

## **Eligibility criteria:**

- staff or volunteers within a CCI member organisation, who have a formal role (such as board member or volunteer parent supporter); or
- cancer survivors, with the age of 15 years old or above; and
- individuals who commit to completing the courses requirements; and
- individuals who will participate in surveys focused on sharing feedback and the personal benefits of using Coursera, upon request of the CCI.

# 4<sup>more...</sup> PROGRAMME GUIDELINES

- Each CCI member organisation has the right to claim their one Coursera licence by 23 April. After the date, if licences are still left, will be applied the rule first come, first served.
- Claiming the licence by filling in the application form (only legal representatives)
- One licence, multiple users, but not at the same time
- Catalog of courses, professional certifications, and specialisations
- Certifications upon successful completion





# 5 JOIN THE CCI COURSERA PROGRAMME!

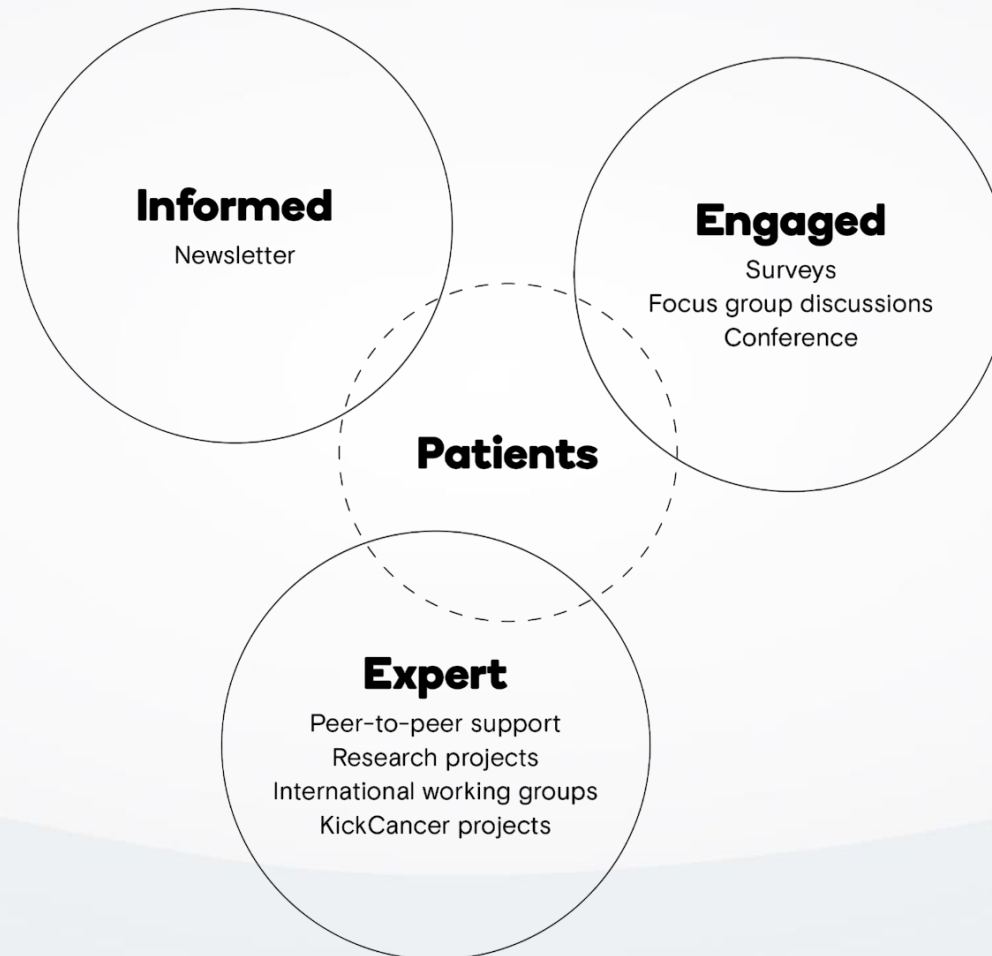
1. Read the [Programme Guidelines](#) or watch the [webinar](#)
2. Submit the [form](#) to CCI global to apply for a licence
3. Receive the licence
4. Meet the timelines of the courses, and requirements from Coursera and CCI
5. and Enjoy the global learning!



# Kick cancer

**Alice Gerbaux**  
**Kicker in empowerment**  
**KickCancer**

# Patients Committee



# Expert patient training

## Generic

- \* Why do we need patient advocates
  - Relevant areas
  - Limits of contribution (vs. healthcare professionals)
- \* Level playing field information:
  - Healthcare landscape
  - Privacy, rights, ethics
  - Drug development
- \* Dealing with emotions

## Generic oncology

- \* Cancer development & terminology
- \* Cancer treatments
- \* Role of nutrition
- \* Patient's rights

## Paediatric oncology

- \* Major types of paediatric cancers and treatments
- \* Late phase clinical study
- \* Psychological burden of paediatric cancers
- \* LT follow-up
- \* Paediatric oncology landscape



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WEBINAR  
[CCI Europe Gold Webinar] Know The Basics: How Does Policy Work At The European Level?  
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# WECAN ACADEMY

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CCI Europe Gold Webinar

Sara Dederichs,  
PM WECAN Academy

# Who are WE?



WECAN is a platform for Cancer Patient Advocacy Umbrella Organisations to collaborate and share experiences.

The network consists of 24 Umbrella Organisations mainly active in Europe and some active also on Global level.





# WECAN Workstream

## EDUCATION

- Strengthen Cancer Patient Advocacy
- Provide Resources for Patient Organisations
- Create educational programs to enhance skills and understanding of key issues of patient advocates
  - WECAN Academy F2F training event
  - WECAN Online Academy available open source on:

## RESEARCH

- Study patient needs and experiences.
- Analyse data to guide advocacy efforts.
- Collaborate on a pan-cancer level in research projects
  - WECAN Evidence-based Advocacy Programme
  - EBA Workshop (January 2024)
  - European Atlas on Clinical Trials in Cancer and Haematology: EuroACT

## POLICY

- Advocate for patient rights and healthcare access.
- Engage policymakers to address legislative gaps.
- Contribute to healthcare reform in policy forums.
- Identify where policy actions are helpful on a pan-cancer level.

# WECAN Educational Strategy



## 3 Tracks

### Advocacy Tools & Skills

- Accessing information.
- NGO governance.
- Financial Management.
- Managing volunteers.

### Healthcare Systems, Policy & Access

- Access to treatment & care.
- Regulatory processes.
- Healthcare system: EU vs country level.
- Patients' Rights/ Inequalities in Cancer Patients Healthcare.

### Research & Data

- How research & development works.
- Patient Reported Outcomes (PROs).
- Reading scientific papers & interpreting data.
- Evidence-based advocacy

# Throwback **WECAN** Academy 2023

## OVERVIEW

**GOAL:** Increase the capacity and number of well-trained patient advocates and patient experts to further grow our community of activists that can induce change.

- 4 Days of Training
- 90 Patient Advocates
- 24 Sessions
- 12 Speakers
- 12 Programme Committee Members
- 3 Tracks:

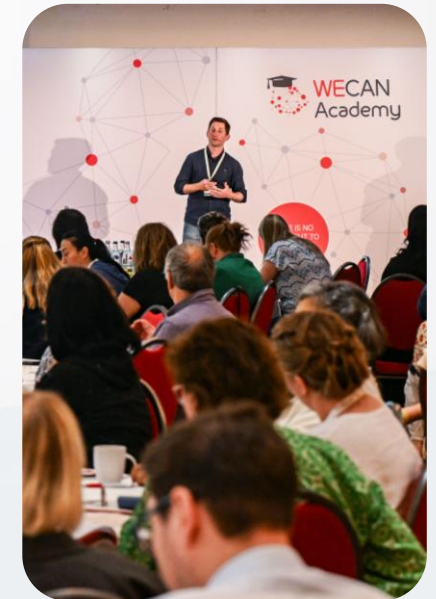
Advocacy Tools & Skills

Healthcare Systems, Policy & Access

Research & Data



## FRANKFURT HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023





# WECAN Academy 2024 Overview

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

### Who would you meet?

- Participants form Cancer Patient Organisations that are members of WECAN.

### How was the programme designed?

- WECAN members voluntarily join the Academy Programme Committee
- Input from the PC alongside the feedback of the former participants and voices of the members were used to identify the need of education for PA in a specific area, on a specific topic.
- The Academy PC designs the programme in detail, thoughtfully deciding on formats and timing of each session.

### What is the participation criteria?

- Nominees have not attended the same level of training before.
- Nominees have been suggested by a WECAN Member Organisation
- Participants are Patient Advocates or willing to be active in Patient Advocacy.
- Good proficiency in English.

## Key Outline

✓ **Project Date: 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Advocacy  
tools & skills**

**Healthcare  
systems policy &  
access**

**Research &  
Data**

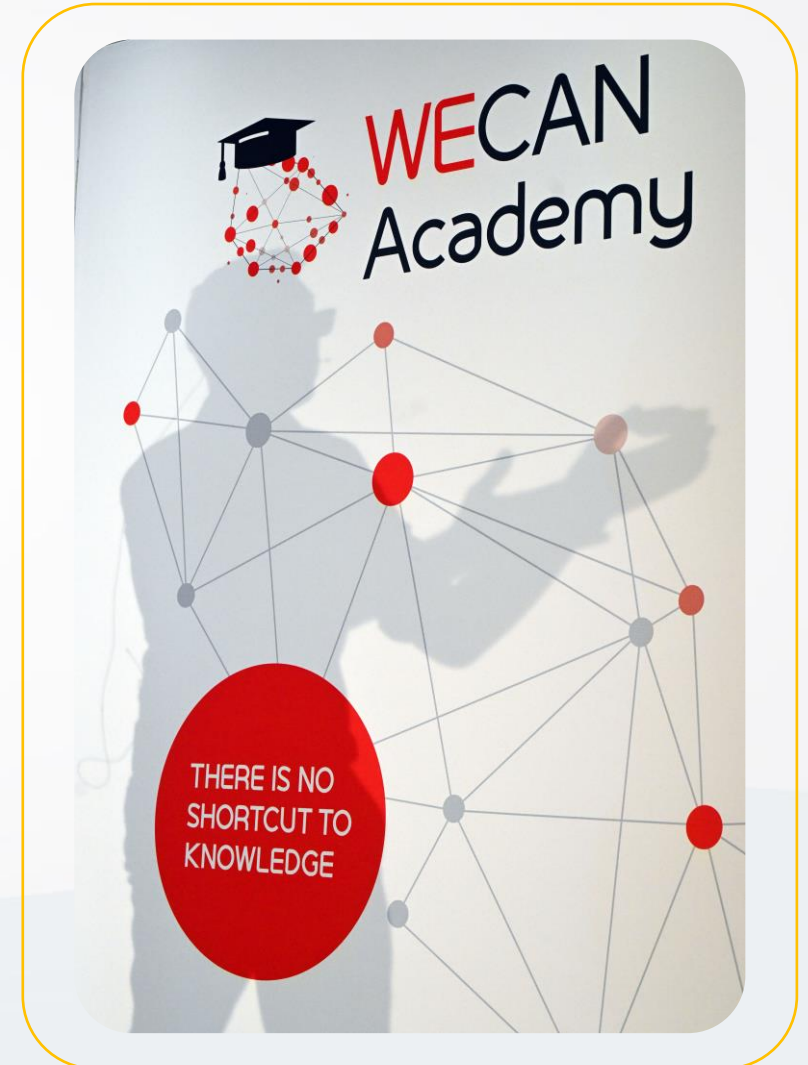
- Education in the three pillars of patient advocacy.
- 4-day face-to-face training.
- Free for patient advocates, travel grant of up to 400€ provided for each participant.
- Open to 4 nominees per WECAN member organisation.
- Audience – novice patient advocates & leaders in advocacy.

# WECAN Academy 2024 Timeline

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- The WECAN face-to-face educational training event for patient advocates is from 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- SmartStart participants are invited to attend the Academy from 11<sup>th</sup> July, 8:30am to 13<sup>th</sup> July, 3:00pm. (Arrival is recommended for the 10th July)
- MasterClass participants should plan to join from 12<sup>th</sup> July, 12:30pm to 14<sup>th</sup> July, 4:00pm. Arrival is recommended for the 11th July)
- The nomination period is **now** open and will close on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- Confirmation of accepted nominees will be sent by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- Registration process for all attendees is closed by 10th May 2024

11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024,  
Gran Hotel Rey Don Jaime in  
Castelldefels, (Barcelona)



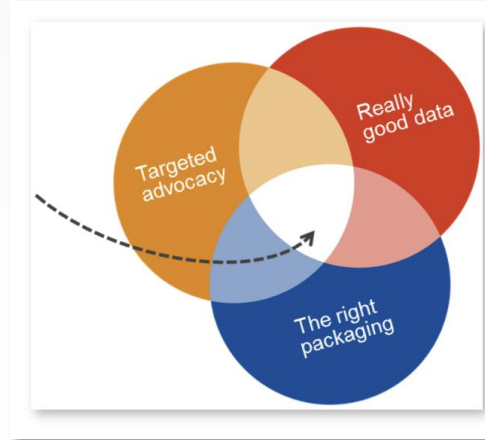
# More opportunities to learn

Visit: <https://academy.wecanadvocate.eu/>



## Patients in Publications

Open-access online course for patient advocates on how to publish their own research and survey data, and how to act as co-authors or peer-reviewers



## Evidence Based Advocacy

Special training programs on evidence generation, analysing and publishing data, and the practical use of data to drive change

**COMING  
OUT  
SOON!!!**

## Patient Experience Data Course

Throughout this course you will discover the importance of Patient Experience Data in improving health outcomes and quality of care.

# EURORDIS-Rare Disease Europe Open Academy



**Rachel Butcher**  
**Open Academy Manager**  
**EURORDIS-Rare Disease Europe**



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# EJP RD Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)

- ***Diagnosing Rare Diseases: from the Clinic to Research***
  - Explore the role of research, clinical investigation and data sharing in diagnosing rare diseases.
- ***From Lab to Clinic: Translational Research for Rare Diseases***
  - Gain an overview of the issues, challenges, and opportunities in translating research into treatments for rare disease patients.



# Open Academy e-learning



- Over **25 introductory courses** freely available online.
- Topics such as:
  - *Ethics in clinical trials;*
  - *Establishing an international cooperation;*
  - *Sharing patient data;*
  - *Conflict of interest in patient engagement;*
  - *And many more....*
- Developed with **subject-area specialists**, courses are regularly updated for the latest information on all topic areas.
- Designed to be **interactive, engaging & accessible**.



# Open Academy Schools

- **Medicines Research & Development**
  - Gain the knowledge needed to become experts in medicines research and development.
- **Scientific Innovation & Translational Research**
  - Learn skills to effectively participate in discussions with stakeholders responsible for research/research infrastructures.
- Includes **off-site visits**, sessions from **top experts** in the field, **networking opportunities** and access to our **Alumni network** and resources.





# Rare Disease Week

- Taking place in November 2024 – **applications open now!**
- Three days in Brussels where you will:
  - Learn about the EU and how to effectively participate in advocacy activities at the EU level;
  - Meet MEPs and influence the decisions that have a direct impact on patient's lives;
  - Raise awareness of rare diseases and present a strong and united message with fellow advocates.
- Includes **leadership training** in relevant subjects, **networking opportunities** and access to our **Alumni network** and resources.



# Next steps....



- **Sign up to the Open Academy Newsletter** to stay up to date on training opportunities from us and our contacts
- Go to the **Open Academy website** to explore our courses
- Go to the **EJP RD website** to check out their patient resources



# EUPATI



## Patient Engagement Through Education

A patient-led partnership working across stakeholders to  
enhance patient engagement

***Laia Bisbal Arnal***

***Open Classroom Coordinator***

***EUPATI***

# Where do we come from?





# Who are we and what do we do?

## WHO WE ARE

### Vision



EUPATI's vision is to improve health outcomes through the contribution of patients and patient representatives as valued stakeholders.

### Mission



EUPATI's mission is to provide accessible, innovative and inclusive education that empowers patients and patient representatives with the right knowledge, skills and competencies to effectively engage and partner with all other stakeholders in medicines R&D.



**EUPATI  
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**PATIENT  
EDUCATION**



**NATIONAL  
PLATFORMS**



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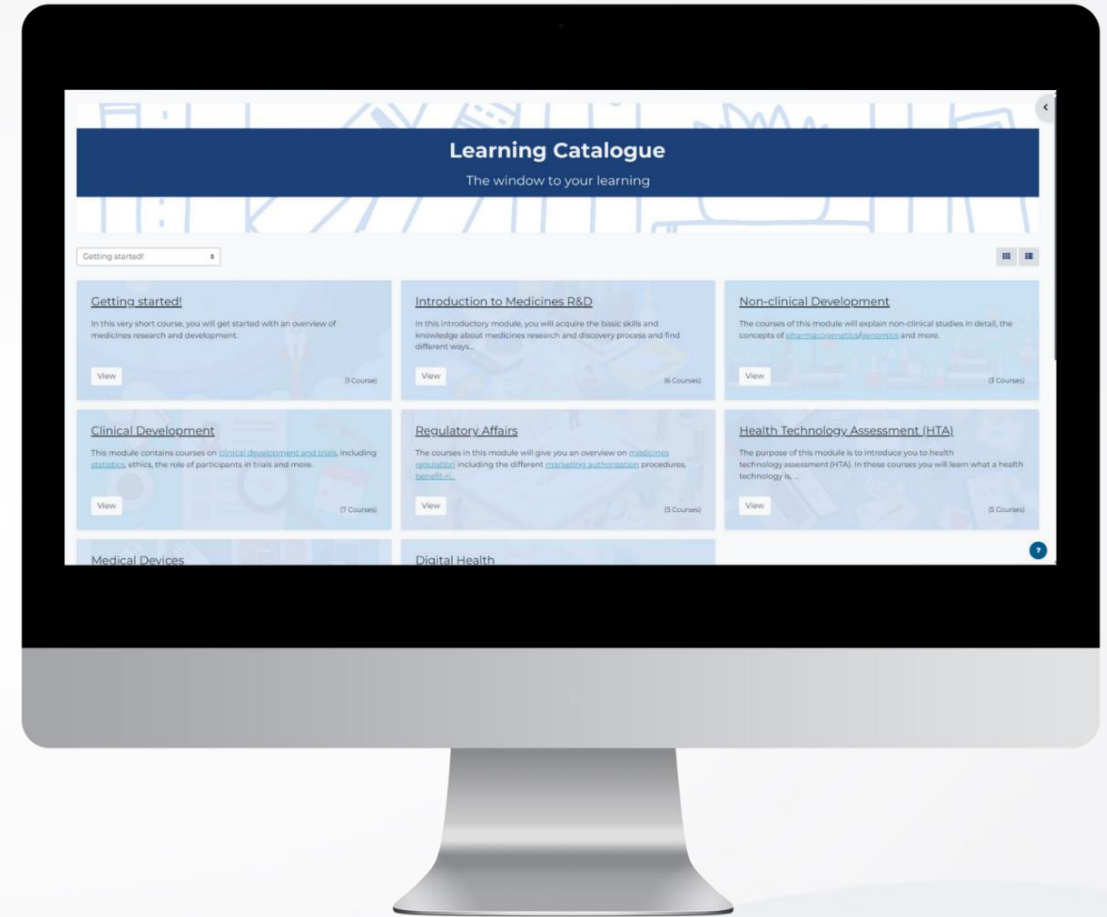
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INITIATIVES**

## WHAT WE DO

# Patient Education

## EUPATI Open Classroom

- **EUPATI Open Classroom** is a **user-friendly platform** providing training in **Medicines R&D, Digital Health and Medical Devices**.
- It is **not necessary to register to access the full content**.
- To obtain a **certificate** for a course, there is an administrative fee of 8 euros to unlock and successfully complete the assessment.



# What are our learning pathways?



**Individual courses**



**Individual modules**



**Patient Expert Training Programme PETP**

# Patient Expert Training Programme



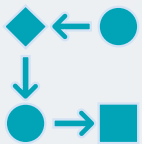
The **EUPATI Patient Expert Training Programme** is a training programme about the medicines' development process. (Non-disease specific)



The **overall objective** of the programme is to obtain a thorough understanding of the medicines R&D process, the patients' role within and build capacity among the patient community to take on an active role in collaboration with the other involved stakeholders.



While the programme is mainly addressed to **patients and patient representatives** it is **open to all individuals** interested in medicines R&D and patient engagement.



# What other resources are available?



## **PATIENT ENGAGEMENT ROADMAP**

The roadmap highlights specific opportunities for patient involvement along the key stages of the medicines R&D lifecycle and is illustrated with concrete examples.



## **TOOLBOX**

The Toolbox is an online library on the A-Z of medicines research and development (R&D) and patient engagement. There are videos, presentations, glossary terms..



## **EUPATI National Platforms**

EUPATI has established National Platforms (ENPs) in 24 countries across Europe and worldwide. All aim to promote patient education and engagement at the national and local level.

# What do the Fellows say?



General satisfaction with the **training** and the **Face-to-Face** meetings



- Better **grasp of R&D-specific language**
- Busted **communication skills**
- **More connections** with R&D stakeholders



- More **partnerships** with R&D stakeholders in different forms
- **Mediator role** between patients and R&D stakeholders
- **Increased efficiency** in their tasks as patient experts



- **More opportunities** for new Fellows
- **Boosted EUPATI Fellows' active role** in patient involvement
- **Development of a network** within the R&D sector

# Any Questions?

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# Links



CCI Coursera Programme  
<https://bit.ly/42EqWdv>



KickCancer Expert Patient Training  
<https://kickcancer.org/p/patients-advocacy-committee>



WECAN Academy  
<https://academy.wecanadvocate.eu/>



EURORDIS Open Academy  
<https://openacademy.eurordis.org/>



EUPATI Open Classroom  
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**April 24**







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ON JUNE 3, 2024

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