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The European Patient Ambassador Programme (EPAP)

A tool for effective patient involvement



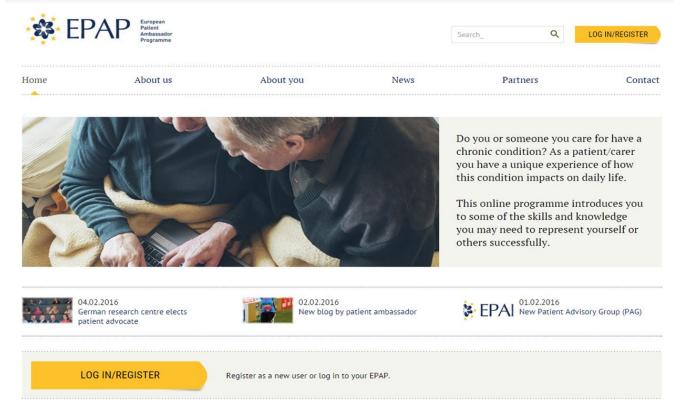
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Why is EPAP needed?

- Increased
 patient
 involvement in
 healthcare and
 at more levels
- Involvement needs to be effective



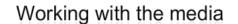
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What is EPAP?



- An entry-level online self-learning course for patients and carers affected by a chronic condition
- Skills and knowledge needed for effective patient involvement
- Learning in modules

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■ Working with the media

▶ Using social media



Advantages of social media

Social media offers another way to make your voice heard. By using Twitter or Facebook, you can relate your experiences and put forward your opinions. In fact, the successful use of social media can encourage the media to approach you.

Social media allows you to:

- · Increase the coverage of your campaign or profile
- · Interact with other stakeholders including other patients, patient organisations, the general public, journalists etc.
- · Present news about your campaign in a way that you control





You can see a list of media sites used in different countries by clicking on the following http://vincos.it/worldmap-of-social-networks/











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Benefits of EPAP

- Empowered and well informed patients
- Patients taking part in healthcare conferences and meetings nationally and worldwide, EU projects
- Patients going on to EUPATI after EPAP



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The Future

- Interest from all over the world
- Translation into different languages





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