

*Dear Madam/Sir,*

It is our honour and privilege to invite you to the **Consensus Meeting on Access and Equity for Patients** which will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Warsaw, Poland. The meeting concerns equal access of patients to healthcare services in the EU new Member States.

The meeting aims to continue the dialogue on access to healthcare initiated at the high level conference which took place on 26 June 2013 at the European Parliament titled "Equity of Access to Quality Healthcare" where an unprecedented commitment was made on behalf of stakeholders and MEPs to address the unequal access in the European Union to quality healthcare.

In this light, the forthcoming Consensus Meeting is the next crucial step in establishing a platform through a mapping exercise of the various activities and initiatives in this field

It will also explore the EPF Election Campaign ' Patients + Participation = Healthier Europe

The event will be conducted under the auspices of the following:

- Ombudsman of Patients' Rights, Mrs. Krystyna Barbara Kozłowska
- Marshal of Mazovian District. Mr. Adam Struzik
- President of Pracodawcy RP (Confederation of Polish Employers), Mr. Andrzej Malinowski

Some of the key stakeholders that have been invited include:

- Members of the European Parliament
- Representatives of the Health and Consumer Protection Directorate General (DG SANCO)
- Representatives of the Ministries of Health of the 14 new EU Member States and Candidate Countries
- Representatives of leading European non-governmental organisations

On behalf of the organisers, I look forward to our future collaboration!.

Yours sincerely,



---

**Nicola Bedlington**  
Executive Director  
European Patients' Forum



---

**Tomasz Szelański**  
General Director  
Federation of Polish Patients



---

**Stanimir Hasardzhiev**  
Chairperson  
National Patients' Organization