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DATA SAVES LIVES IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Data Saves Lives Celebrates Five Years of Impact

On the 26th and 27th of November, we gathered in Brussels for a special in-person event to mark the 5th anniversary of the **Data Saves Lives** (DSL) initiative. It was a joy to reconnect with friends and partners whose invaluable contributions have shaped DSL's mission over the years.

The diverse Data Saves Lives community exchanged on pressing topics, such as AI literacy in healthcare, patient-centred care decisions informed by HTA, patient registries, and digital health education, while looking towards the future of transparent and ethical use of health data.

The future of Data Saves Lives is clear: we aim to empower even more communities with tools and knowledge, not just about health data but also about the broader digital

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Read the main takeaways from the event here.

SECRETARIAT NEWS

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS TO JOIN A FOCUS GROUP ON CO-CREATING DIGITAL FIRST HEALTH SYSTEMS

EPF is looking for participants aged between 18 and 35 to join an upcoming focus group discussion on Co-creating Digital First Health Systems with **Digital Transformations for Health Lab (DTH-Lab)**. This focus group will be facilitated by DTH-lab and supported by EPF.

Date: 27th January 2025 Time: 15:00 – 16:30 CET

Please **register** by 10th January 2025.

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR MASTER'S IN INTERNATIONAL PATIENT ADVOCACY MANAGEMENT

Applications for the University Master's Degree in International Patient Advocacy Management are open until 31st December 2024. More information **here**.



In this episode, three participants from the 2024 STYPA (Skills Training Course for Young Patient Advocates) share their journeys in advocating against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), and reflect on the experiences and lessons of this year's training. Listen to the episode **here**.



WEBINAR RECORDING
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patients when it comes to their sexual health and wellbeing. Watch the recording here.

EPF CONGRATULATES NEW EU COMMISSION AND EMPHASISES COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS FOR PATIENT-CENTRED HEALTHCARE

EPF extends congratulations to Olivér Várhelyi, EU Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare, and Hadja Lahbib, EU Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management, for their investiture as part of the new European Commission mandate.

EPF also emphasises that the health of European citizens is a fundamental right that must remain a priority on the political agenda. Read more **here**.

PATIENT SURVEY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU MEDICAL DEVICES REGULATIONS

EPF has published a report with the findings of a patient survey on the implementation challenges of the EU Medical Devices Regulation and the In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation. Read the report **here**.

PROJECTS PORTAL



Register for EUCAPA's Fast-Track Training to gain indepth knowledge about Health Technology Assessment (HTA), the EU HTA regulation, and your role as a patient representative.



The upcoming dates are January 21st and February 4th, 2025. If you are interested, please fill in and submit **this form**.

More information about the trainings, **here**.

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ATLAS 2024 Launch in Brussels

November saw the much-anticipated launch of the European Atlas of Fertility Treatment Policies 2024 in Brussels. Atlas - a joint project by **Fertility Europe** and the **European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF)** - unveiled its latest edition on 3rd December 2024 in the European Parliament, during the launch event hosted by MEP Merja Kyllönen (The Left, Finland) and Joanna Scheuring-Wielgus (S&D, Poland).

This landmark publication evaluates and compares fertility treatment policies across Europe, serving as a key resource for policymakers in advancing reproductive rights and access to fertility care. The launch event featured a distinguished panel of speakers, including:

- Neil Datta, Executive Director of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF)
- Anita Fincham, Advocacy Manager of Fertility Europe
- Carlos Calhaz Jorge, Former Chair of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE)
- Maja Staśko, Patient representative from Poland
- MEP Billy Kelleher (Renew, Ireland)

This Atlas serves as a call to action for European countries to improve their fertility care frameworks, ensuring equitable and timely access to treatments for all citizens. It evaluates the accessibility, affordability, and quality of care while highlighting best practices and gaps that demand urgent attention. Read more **here**.

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The third in-person **European Life After Stroke Forum** in Prague is open for registrations. The Forum is a unique event where healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers and those affected by stroke can come together to address the issues of life after stroke.

The **programme** is filled with the latest research and best practice, with the voices of people with lived experience at its heart. Register **here**.

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