

PATIENT EXPERT TRAINING PROGRAMME

The EUPATI Patient Expert Training Programme is a training programme about the medicines' development process. It covers the entire lifecycle of medicines research and development (R&D)

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.

Who can participate?

The programme is mainly addressed to patients and patient representatives (e.g., carers and people working for patient organisations) but it is open to all individuals interested in medicines R&D and patient engagement.

Proficiency in English is required, as the training is provided in English.

Registrations open every summer

Structure

The Programme is composed by:

- 6 online modules
- 2 training events of 4 days each (1 virtual and 1 in-person)

Completing the full programme usually takes 12-14 months

Timeline



June - November

Registrations open

June - March

1. Getting Started (1 course)
2. Introduction to Medicines R&D (6 courses)
3. Non-Clinical Development (3 courses)
4. Clinical Development (7 courses)

Open Classroom Introductory Webinar

Programme Kick off Webinar

March - April

FIRST EVENT ONLINE

4 days of lectures & exercises

April - October

5. Regulatory Affairs (5 courses)
6. Health Technology Assessment (HTA) (5 courses)

Webinar with EUPATI National Platforms (ENPs)

October

SECOND EVENT IN PERSON

4 days of lectures, exercises and networking (venue rotating between different European cities)



All courses and modules must be completed



Minimum score of 70% in all the assessments



Attendance and participation to both events is mandatory.



All training material should be read prior to events.



Absences from events tolerated up to 4 hours over the 4-day programme

About the Patient Expert Training Programme events

During these events learners engage in practical exercises led by representatives from the multi-stakeholder EUPATI



4 days events with sessions of 6-7 hours per day including coffee and lunch breaks



The events include lectures, breakout sessions, open debates and discussions focused on the different topics



There is plenty of space for networking, both at the online event and the in-person event.

[Find out more about the events in this document](#)



What is a EUPATI Fellow?

Graduates of the EUPATI Patient Expert Programme (sometimes also referred to as EUPATI Fellow Programme) are also known as EUPATI Fellows or Alumni. The EUPATI Fellow title certifies the knowledge gained and gives graduates the opportunity to be recognised as expert patients.

What is the cost of the Programme?

The costs of the Programme are divided in 2 parts:

- **Online learning courses:** 208€ (admin fees for assessments)
- **Cost of the in person event:** participants must cover their transportation, accommodation and meals for the 4 days.

Participants are encouraged to contact their patient organisations or their EUPATI National Platforms for information about possible avenues for financial support. EUPATI also has a scholarship programme to support a very limited number of trainees each year.

What our learners say

'I enrolled in the EUPATI course because I considered that it was an excellent opportunity to educate myself about medicines research and development so that I would be able to 'sit at the table' and engage with relevant stakeholders in my ultra-rare disease. The EUPATI course provided me with the motivation, knowledge and confidence to establish a charity to support and advocate on behalf of patients. It also provided me with an extensive network of fellow patient advocates who continue to be a source of support, advice and collaboration 7 years later.' Maria Piggin, Organisations: PNH Support (England, Wales and Northern Ireland), PNH Global Alliance, EUPATI Fellow (Cohort 1)

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