EUPATI Patient Expert Training Programme (PETP) on Medicines' Research and Development

Patient Expert Training Programme Guidelines

2026-2027

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What is the EUPATI Patient Expert Training Programme (PETP)?

The EUPATI (European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation) 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) (Access the Roadmap for more information on specific opportunities for patient involvement along the lifecycle of medicines R&D), from design and execution of research projects and clinical trials to regulatory processes and Health Technology Assessment (HTA). In addition to detailed information on each step of the process, the training also describes how patients can be involved at each stage.

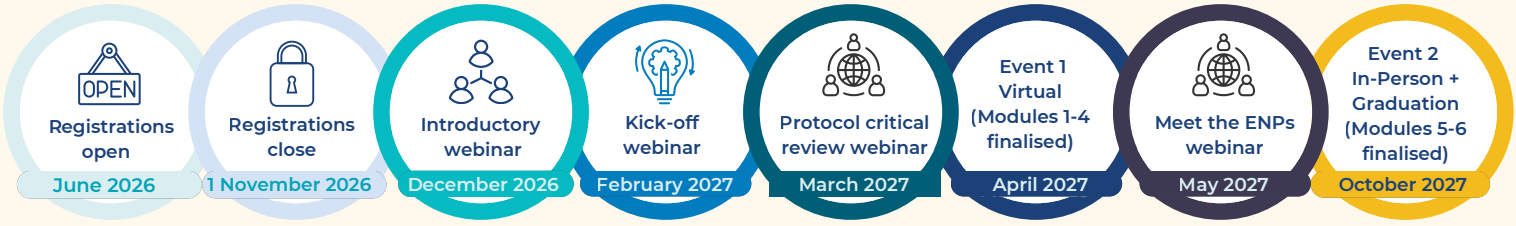
The overall objective of the programme is to obtain a **thorough understanding of the medicines R&D process**, the **patients' role** within and **build capacity among the patient community** to take on an active role in collaboration with the other involved stakeholders.
Graduates of the EUPATI Patient Expert Programme are 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.
You can find more information about this programme on Open Classroom, EUPATI online learning platform.
EUPATI has established 24 National Platforms (ENP's) across Europe and worldwide. Trainees are encouraged to contact their National Platform.

Who can participate?

While the programme is **mainly addressed to patients** (by patients we mean patient, patient representatives and carers) it **is open to all individuals interested in medicines R&D** and patient engagement. There are limited seats for non-patient participants.

The programme does not focus on any specific disease area, examples and case studies are provided from a variety of different disease areas.
The only requirement for enrolment is a good proficiency of English, as the training is provided in English.

Overview of the programme timeline



Registration Process

Please read these Programme Guidelines in full. To register, fill in the registration form. We will ask you to fill in some details and confirm that you wish to participate in EUPATI Patient Expert Training Programme. By clicking on 'submit' you will consent to Programme Guidelines as outlined in this document.
There is a limited number of participants who can enrol for the Programme. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis.

The registration deadline for the 2026-2027 Programme is 1 November or when the maximum of registrations has been reached.

How is the EUPATI Patient Expert Training Programme structured?

The programme is a blended training in which participants take **6 online modules (containing 28 courses in total) and attend 2 events and 1 (1 virtual and 1 in-person) and one webinar.**
Completing the full programme usually takes 12-14 months. **Both events and the Protocol Critical review webinar are mandatory**, those who do not attend the webinar or the events will not graduate from the Programme. Optional webinars will also be organised to give more information on the training and the ENP's.

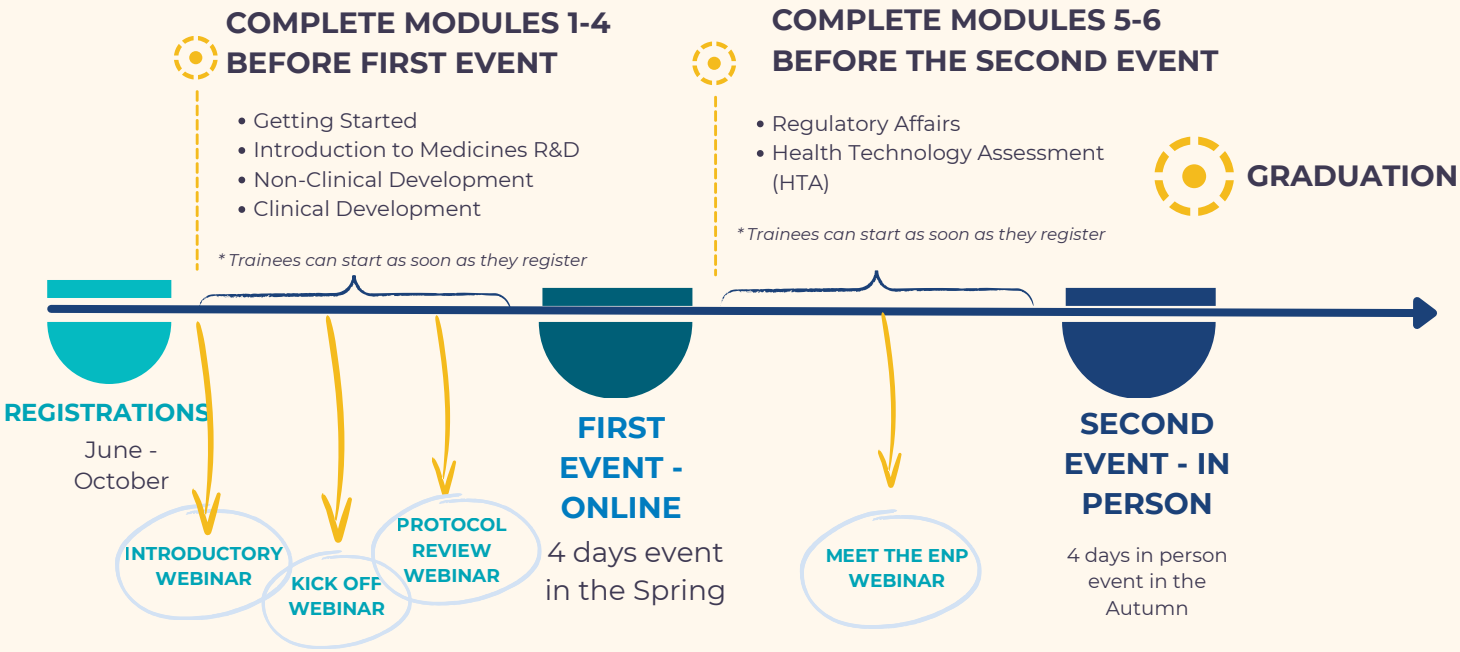
While the courses and modules can be taken in any order, learners need to have completed the modules Getting Started, Introduction to Medicines R&D, Non-Clinical Development, Clinical Development before the 1st training event and Regulatory Affairs and Health Technology Assessment (HTA) before the 2nd event.

Below are stated the required modules in Open Classroom and the two events:

- **Getting Started** (1 course, free of cost)
- **Introduction to Medicines R&D** (6 courses)
- **Non-Clinical Development** (3 courses)
- **Clinical Development** (7 courses)
  - Protocol critical review webinar - 24th March 2027
  - **1st training event (online)** Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 + Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 April 2027. Sessions start at 10 CET each day and end around 17 CET.
- **Regulatory Affairs** (5 courses)
- **Health Technology Assessment (HTA)** (6 courses)
  - **2nd training event and graduation (in-person)** Monday 18 October to Thursday 21 October 2027 in a European city (Venue to be confirmed). Sessions start at 9 CET each day and end around 17 CET.

For more information on the individual courses included in each of the learning modules, please consult Patient Expert Training Programme online course catalogue.

The image below shows the overview of the programme structure:



Detailed Timeline for the PETP 2026-2027

	JUN 2026	JULY 2026	AUG 2026	SEPT 2026	OCT 2026	NOV 2026	DEC 2026	JAN 2027	FEB 2027	MAR 2027	APR 2027	MAY 2027	JUN 2027	JULY 2027	AUG 2027	SEPT 2027	OCT 2027
REGISTRATIONS	As of June: rolling assignment to programme. Payment via flat fee																
SELF STUDY	Complete online Modules 1 - 4										Complete online Modules 5-6						
PETP EVENTS											FIRST EVENT						SECOND EVENT
WEBINARS							Introductory webinar		Kick-off webinar	Protocol critical review webinar			Meet the ENP webinar				

Programme events

	SPRING MEETING - Online event	AUTUMN MEETING - In person event
	• 4 days online event in Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 + Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 April 2027. • Sessions of **6-7 hours per day** including coffee and lunch **breaks**	• 4 days face-to-face event located in a **European country during on Monday 18 October to Thursday 21 October 2027** • Sessions of **6-7 hours per day** including coffee and lunch **breaks** (venue to be confirmed)
	The event includes lectures, breakout sessions, open debates and discussions focused on **Non-clinical and Clinical Development**	The event includes lectures, breakout sessions, open debates and discussions focused **on Regulatory affairs & Health Technology Assessment (HTA)**
	During the sessions the following topics are covered: • Critical reading of scientific publications • Statistics • Review of clinical trials (setup, objective, planning, protocols) • Regulatory environment for clinical trials • Patient involvement in ethics committees • Patient involvement with regulatory bodies • Patient role providing scientific advice • Good Lay Summary Practice The agenda is subject to modifications due to new regulations and developments	During the sessions the following topics are covered: • Ethical Principles in Clinical Care • Pharmacovigilance & self-reporting • Benefit-risk in the medicine's life cycle • Communication of safety issues • Package leaflet information • Clinical trial protocol for marketing authorisation • Practical application of HTA • Systematic community-led data collection The agenda is subject to modifications due to new regulations and developments
	Informal networking sessions will be organised at the end of each day to get to know each other better	This is the time for networking and meeting your peers, the faculty and team in person **Graduation will take place on the last day**

ATTENDANCE TO BOTH EVENTS IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE PATIENT EXPERT TRAINING PROGRAMME

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Registered participants are **required to complete the first part** of the programme **before** attending the **first face-to-face online event** and to complete the **second part** of the programme **before attending the second face-to-face in-person event** and graduation. The events are planned on the following dates:

- **1st training event (online)** Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 + Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 April 2027. Sessions start at 10 CET each day and end around 17 CET.
- **2nd training event and graduation (in-person)** Monday 18 October to Thursday 21 October 2027 in a European city (Venue to be confirmed). Sessions start at 9 CET each day and end around 17 CET.

Not completing the required online learning modules before the training events will result in removing the participant from the ongoing cohort.

- Completing an **online course** means passing the assessment for each of the individual courses with **70% or higher of correct answers.**

- Completing an online module means all courses within a module have been completed with a **successful assessment.**

- Completing the **training events means reading the training material** (sent 1 month in advance of the training date) and **attending fully both 4-day** programmes as well as **active participation** in breakout sessions during the events planned in:

- The attendance to the Protocol Critical Review webinar planned for the 24th of March 2027 is also mandatory to graduate from the programme.
- Trainees who do not attend the first event will not be able to participate in the second event unless medical leave/force majeure prevents them from attending the first event.
- Absences in training events are **tolerated up to 4 hours per event**. Longer absences will only be tolerated in case of medical leave/force majeure and will need to be communicated in a timely manner to EUPATI and justified.

How much does Patient Expert Training Programme cost?

The costs of the programme are divided in 2 parts:

1. **Online learning courses**

Advance payment of **270 EUR (VAT included)**: corresponding to a fee of **10 EUR** for each of the **27 courses** (1 online course is free of charge).

Payment will be made via a payment link with the Stripe platform. If an invoice is required because the payment will be made by an organisation, it will be necessary to provide the details during the registration process.

The trainee will receive an email with payment information shortly after the registration. The **completion of the payment will guarantee the participant's enrolment** in the programme.

We ask trainees not to start working on the modules before the registration is completed and they are assigned to the Programme in Open Classroom. In case participants have already completed some parts of the online modules before registration, please contact us at openclassroom@eupati.eu

2. **Face-to-face events: personal expense**

- **First training event**: there are no costs for participants for the first virtual face-to-face event.
- **Second training event**: participants must cover their transportation, accommodation and meals. **We ask the participants at the time of registration a 160 EUR catering fee** which will partially cover the costs of the coffee breaks and the lunches. (EUPATI paying for the remaining part).

The overall objective of the EUPATI Patient Expert Training programme is to provide patients (by patients we mean patients, patients representatives and carers) in-depth training on the medicines R&D process, the role of patients in it and to enable the patient community to take an active role in collaboration with other stakeholders. The programme's primary audience is patients while the programme is open to everyone.

The development of this programme, especially the organisation of the second event which is face-to-face, has high associated costs. EUPATI covers the costs associated to the events for all participants. **To allow a maximum number of patients to benefit from the programme, we ask non-patients affiliated with industry or who are independent consultants** for an additional fee of **500€** to cover part of the costs associated to the development of these events.

Financial Support

Participants are **encouraged to contact their patient organisations** or their EUPATI national platforms for information about possible avenues for financial support.

Financial support by EUPATI will be made available to cover the costs of travel and/or accommodation for the in-person training event to a limited number of participants who can prove an economic need or are not able to receive financial support from other sources.

Please note that **only patients and carers** with **no formal affiliation to industry** are eligible for financial support in the following situations:

1. *None/limited means of income.*
2. *No support received from a patient organisation*, EUPATI National Platforms or any other source.*

**Should we have excess funding, we will consider supporting patient organisation representatives.*

The registration for financial support will open after the first event and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Cancellation/Change Policy

Programme costs are non-refundable. Anyone who withdraws from a cohort and wants to finish the programme the following year will have to register and pay the total registration fee again for the next cohort.

There are some exceptions to this rule in the following circumstances:

- Medical leave/force majeure preventing from attending one event (medical certificate or proof needed).
- Someone only needing to attend one day for the next spring event

These people will need to register only, they will not be required to pay. Trainees can register for the following cohort only once.

In case of withdrawal due to the above-mentioned circumstances **the catering fee will be refunded if cancellation happens at the latest 10 days before the in person event.**

Useful links

- Open Classroom, EUPATI online learning platform. Patient Expert Training Programme information page and FAQ on Open Classroom.
- Toolbox, EUPATI information library about medicines research and development
- Patient Engagement Roadmap, a practical roadmap about patient involvement in medicines R&D
- EUPATI Website, everything about EUPATI, its activities and *National Platforms*.

Other policies

1. **Security policy:**

Safety and security are our primary concern for our participants attending face-to-face events. We recommend following travel advice of participants' respective countries and respect health and safety measures in the destination country. EUPATI does cover basic insurance for participants during the in-person events.

2. A**udio-visual Recording policy**

Audio and video recording from EUPATI will happen only with consent of event attendees and with rights to switch off camera in virtual events and express wish not to be captured on audio/video in face-to-face event. Unconsented video/audio recording done by participants is prohibited. GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) rules and EUPATI Code of Conduct and Ethical Framework are in effect and we trust that participants do not use any personal details or content acquired through the programme for commercial purposes or other unauthorized purposes.

3. **Governing Law**

These guidelines are governed by and construed in accordance with Dutch law. EUPATI and the participant will do their utmost to achieve an amicable settlement or arbitration of any dispute arising between them in the performance of the present guidelines.

If you have further questions about these guidelines, you can contact us at openclassroom@eupati.eu