



PATIENT-CENTRED ROUNDTABLE ON WORKING TOGETHER FOR ACCESSIBLE HEALTH

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Organised by the Coalition of Organisations of Patients with Chronic Diseases in Romania (COPAC) in cooperation with the Health Committee of the Senate (Romanian Parliament), the Health Committee of the Deputy Chamber (Romanian Parliament), the Patient Access Partnership (PACT) and the European Patients' Forum (EPF). The event is held **under the auspices of the Romanian Minister of Health, Florian Bodog.**



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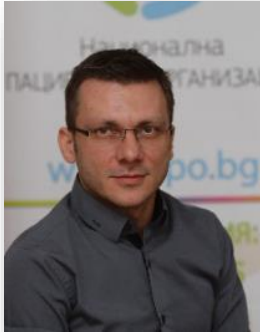
AGENDA

11:00 – 12:00 Registration & coffee		
12:00 – 12:30 Welcoming remarks		<i>Co-chaired by Radu Ganescu and Attila Laszlo</i>
12:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The added-value of cooperation for improving access to healthcare in Romania: the state of affairs, challenges and opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Stanimir Hasardzhiev, Secretary General of PACT, Board Member of EPF Dr. Florian Bodog, Minister of Health of Romania Dr. Diana Păun, State Counselor, Health Department, Romanian Presidency Dr. Emanuel-Gabriel Botnariu, Senator, Health Committee of Senate, Romanian Parliament
12:30 – 14:00 1 session. Overview of existing initiatives to bring EU issues to Romanian level		<i>Co-chaired by Stanimir Hasardzhiev</i>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Presentations and discussion with the following distinguished speakers:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Katarzyna Ptak, European Commission, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety & Ms. Angela Blanco, European Commission, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety Mr. Răzvan Vulcănescu, President, National Insurance House (TBC) Dr. Alexandra Cucu, Director of the National Center for Evaluation and Promotion of Health, National Institute of Public Health Mrs. Dorica Dan, National Alliance of Rare Disease (RO), Board Member EURORDIS
14:00 – 15:00 Lunch		
15:00 – 16:00 2 Session. Panel discussion: How to improve the current model of cooperation in Romania?		<i>Co-chaired by Iulian Petre and Nicolae Fotin</i>
15:00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The added-value of cooperation <i>Discussion with panelists from the following stakeholder groups: government officials, healthcare professionals, patient organisations, expert NGOs, trade associations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Catalina Poiană, College of Physicians (Bucharest) Mr. Mircea Timofte, Order of Nurses, Midwives and Medical Assistants from Romania Dr. Nicolae Fotin, Romanian Medicines Agency Dr. Rodica Tănăsescu, National Society of Family Physicians Dr. Cristina Corcău, Physicians Caravan Association Mr. Răzvan Prisada, Romanian College of Pharmacists Mr. Liviu Popescu, Romanian Association of International Drug Producers Mr. Laurentiu Mihai, Romanian Generic Medicines Manufacturers Association Mr. Eduard Petrescu, Policy and Planning Specialist, UNICEF



16:00 – 17:00 3 Session. Open discussion: how to work together on strategic matters for Romanian health system? <i>Co-chaired by Aurora Dragomiristeanu</i>		
16:00 – 17:00	<i>Discussion with all participants to identify 3 key areas where stakeholders can work together on a regular basis</i>	
17:00 – 17:30 4 Session. Next steps: from solutions into action		
17:00 – 17:15	Presentation of key conclusions	Dr. Stanimir Hasardzhiev , Secretary General of PACT, Board Member of EPF Mr. Radu Gănescu , President of COPAC, Board Member of EPF
17:15 – 17:30	Outcomes of the meeting and next steps	
18:00 -	Networking cocktail time	

SPEAKERS



Dr. Stanimir Hasardzhiev is a Secretary-General of the Patient Access Partnership (PACT). He is also among the founders and current Chairperson of the Bulgarian National Patients' Organization (NPO) – the largest patients' umbrella organization in Bulgaria. Dr. Hasardzhiev has devoted himself to the work in the patients' advocacy sector and in defence of patients' rights. In 2011 and 2015, he represented the Bulgarian patients in the Supervisory Board of the National Health Insurance Fund. As of May 2013, Dr. Hasardzhiev is a board member of the European Patients' Forum as well as a member of several regional and international organizations and networks, e.g. World Hepatitis Alliance, European Community Advisory Board, International Capacity Building Alliance and others. Dr. Hasardzhiev serves as a Secretary of the initiative "Health Partnership" which was officially launched in March 2015 as a permanent consultative body to the Council of Ministers in Bulgaria.



Dr. Florian Bodog is the Minister of Health of Romania. He is a surgeon, specialist in plastic and repair surgery. He was the dean of University of Medicine and Pharmacy Oradea. He is also doctor of medical sciences. During 2012-2016, he was Vice President of Public Health Commission of the Romanian Senate. He has also held the post of Secretary of State in the Ministry of Health, responsible for coordinating the international relations and subordinate units of the Ministry, as well as with the coordination of the Public Health and Public Health Control Departments.



Dr. Diana Păun is a State Counsellor within the Public Health Department of the Presidential Administration. She is a primary endocrinologist, associate professor of Endocrinology - "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest. From 2006 to 2015 Dr. Paun was the manager of the National Institute of Endocrinology "C.I. Parhon". She has a master's degree in "Management of Public Health and Health Services" at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy Bucharest.



Emanuel-Gabriel Botnariu is a Senator and a member of Health Commission, Romanian Senate. He is a physician that started his career at Falticeni City Hospital. He was also Director of Hospital Administration - Bucharest. During his service as a Senator, he promoted initiatives related to health care system.



Katarzyna Ptak is the policy officer in the Unit in charge of Performance of National Health Systems in the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety. She is responsible for Lithuania and Spain and she deals with access to healthcare. She has been working in the European Commission since 2003. Before joining DG SANTE she spent 3 years in Directorate General for Justice and Consumers dealing with equality policies and 11 years in Directorate General for Employment and Social Affairs and Inclusion dealing with policy monitoring in Poland and management of the European Social Fund. She is an economist from the University of Economics in Poznan.



Angela Blanco, PhD in Economics (Public Economics). Degree in Mathematics (Applied mathematics). Master in Public Administration (Public Policies). Certificate in Econometrics. 34 years of experience. 29 in the Spanish Government (Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Affairs, National Institute of Statistics, Institute of Fiscal Studies); 5 in the European Commission (DG SANTE). Work developed in the fields of: statistics; social statistics (mainly health and health information systems); economic analysis (social expenditure, mainly health but also pensions, social services and education); social analysis/studies focused on social services; evaluation of public policies; policy development/implementation in the area of health. Professor of statistics and econometrics in the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and the Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Author of several publications in the mentioned fields.



Dr. Alexandra Cucu is Director of the National Center for Health Evaluation and Promotion, National Institute of Public Health. She is a physician with a specialty in public health.



Răzvan Teohari Vulcănescu is president of CNAS. He was Head of the CNAS Control Department, then Head of the Control Department, as well as Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Health. He is a graduate of the National School of Public Health and Health Management, Bucharest.



Dorica Dan is psychologist and mother of a daughter with Prader Willi Syndrome. She initiated RPWA (Romanian Prader Willi Association) in 2003 and established RONARD (Romanian National Alliance for Rare Diseases) through a project funded by CEE Trust in 2007 and established the Romanian Association for Rare Cancers in 2011. Dorica opened the first Centre for Information about Rare Genetic Diseases in Romania and initiated the National Plan for Rare Diseases in Romania. She is a board member of EURORDIS and ambassador of IPWSO as a former board member (International Prader Willi Syndrome Organization) since 2007; EURORDIS Europlan advisor, an EU Commission-funded initiative to establish national plans for Rare Diseases throughout the EU Member States; EUCERD & CEGRD member – European Union Committee of Experts in Rare Diseases and contributed to the elaboration and promotion of the Recommendation for Specialized Social Services and Policies for rare diseases patients. Dorica is initiator and coordinator of NoRo Center, A Pilot Reference Center for Rare Diseases in Romania, the only centre coordinated by a patient organization member of an ERN – European Reference Network.



Dr. Catalina Poiană is currently Professor of Endocrinology, Head of the "C.I.Parhon" Department of Endocrinology and Vice-Rector of the "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania and President of the College of Physicians in Bucharest. She received her medical degree (1984) and her PhD (1998) from "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy. She is Fellow of the American College of Endocrinology since 2005, Associate Professor for MANOSMED, NAMS Menopause Practitioner in 2008 and Full Faculty for the International Courses of Clinical Densitometry organized by ISCD since 2006, and more recently for IOF-ISCD International Course Osteoporosis: Essentials of Densitometry, Diagnosis and Management. She received "*John Bilezikian's ISCD Global Leadership Award*" in 2009 for distinguished service and leadership in the global promotion of the field of bone densitometry and ISCD. Her research interest covers areas as: osteoporosis, menopause, ageing and endocrine tumours. She was acting as Principal Investigator in many RCT, Project Assistant for "The European Research Area in

Ageing" ERA-AGE, FP6, and as Person in charge of scientific and technological aspects for „ERA-AGE Extension”, and "FUTURAGE", FP 7. She has more than 25 years of expertise in the field of Medical Teaching and Research and is author and co-author in more than 250 publications in national and international peer-reviewed journals. She is member in the Editorial Board of Acta Endocrinologica - The International Journal of the Romanian Society of Endocrinology, and of the Journal of Bone and Mineral Metabolism. Dr. Poiana is President Elect of the Romanian Society of Endocrinology, and Founder and Vice-President of the Romanian Association for the Study of Neuroendocrine Tumours, as well as a member in good standing in many international scientific societies, as: European Society of Endocrinology and Member of ESE Congress Committee since 2015, Endocrine Society, European Neuroendocrine Tumors Society, IOF. She is Member of the ISCD since 2000, and served as Member in the International Board between 2006 -2011 and Member in the ISCD Board of Directors between 2011- 2014. Dr. Poiana is member of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) since 2003, served as Member in the AACE International Committee 2011-2012 Association year and as President of the Romanian AACE Chapter in 2011, and also between 2015 -2017. She received the "Certificate of Recognition" for service and dedication with the development of the Romanian Chapter of AACE at the AACE Annual Congress in 2012 and 2015. She also received the 2016 American College of Endocrinology (ACE) International Clinician Award.



Dr. Rodica Tănăsescu is President of National Society of Family Doctors, a very active association that fights equally for both physicians' rights and access to health care for patients. Recently, family doctors protested against the Romanian Government for a better financing of family medicine. Patients associations support their claims.



Dr. Nicolae Fotin is an epidemiologist and President of the National Agency of Medicine. From 2009, he works at the National Agency of Medicine, where he served as Head of different departments. Since 2015, he serves as active President of the Agency.



Mircea Timofte. I graduated from the Sanitary Post School in Cluj in 1978 and in the same year I started to practice as a nurse at Ambulance Service of Constantza, where I had been working for a period of 9 years. Between 1987 and 1995, I had been working in the Emergency Room (Surgery-Orthopedics) at the Constantza County Clinical Hospital. In 1995 I became manager of the Public Health Department of Constantza and in 1999 became Chief Nurse Officer in the Ministry of Health. In 2005, I graduated from "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu ("Victor Papilian" Medical School), obtaining the medical degree. Between 2004 and 2008 I served as vice-president of the Order of Nurses and Midwives of Romania and since 2008 I have been the president of the organisation. At international level, in 2015 I was elected vice president of the European Nursing Council and I am now an Ad Eundem member of the Irish College of Nursing and Midwifery (RCSI).



Liviu Popescu is Director of External Relations of the Romanian Association of International Drug Producers (ARPIM) from June 2016. Prior to this position, he worked for 8 years as Executive Director of the Romanian Mobile Operators Association and for 17 years as a television journalist and radio.



Dr. Cristina Corcău, a woman of her word and words in the NGO sector, Cristina Corcău is the Vice-President and PR Director of the Caravana cu Medici organization. Trained as a doctor at the Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, she spent the last 6 years volunteering in public healthcare projects. She developed, alongside her team, an organization which delivers free healthcare services in rural areas of Romania, managing to win the 2017 award for best campaign in health. She currently works with doctors, medical students, government officials and local authorities in order to preserve equal rights in healthcare in Romania.



Dr. Laurentiu Mihai is an Executive Director, Romanian Generic Medicines Manufacturers Association since 2011. Graduated of Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy Bucharest, Dr. Laurentiu Mihai has more than 15 years of experience in administrative positions. Between 2005 and 2009 was director general for European Union Affairs and International Cooperation in the ministry of Health and Senior Program Officer for PHARE projects in health. In 2004-2005 participated as key expert in the World Bank project Technical assistance for Development of a Plan for Improving Transparency and Decreasing Informal Payments in the Romanian Health Sector. He has a PhD degree in Public Health at Carol Davila University (2006) and followed training programs in Managing Political and Economical Change (2007, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University), Applied Public Health (2007, The Netherlands School of Public and Occupational Health) Sustainable Public Policies and Business Practices (2008, Venice International University/Istanbul Bilgi University).



Mr. Iulian Petre is the executive director of the National Union of Organisations of People Affected by HIV/AIDS in Romania (UNOPA). At the same time, Iulian Petre is vice president of the National Commission for Surveillance, Control and Prevention of HIV / AIDS Infections (commission under the Ministry of Health), vice president of the Country Coordinating Mechanism working with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in Romania. In addition to involvement in the above-mentioned institutions, Mr. Petre is vice president of the Coalition of Organisations of Patients with Chronic Diseases in Romania (COPAC).



Prof. Dr. Alexandru Rafila is the president of the Romanian Society of Microbiology and President of the Consultative Association of Vaccinology. He is a primary physician with Laboratory and Public Health and Management specialty. He teaches Microbiology at the Faculty of Medicine, "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest. Alexandru Rafila has been a member of the WHO Bureau for Europe for three years, and this year has been appointed to represent the region within the WHO Executive Committee.



Eduard Petrescu: Areas of expertise: institutional development, strategic planning, project management, project monitoring & evaluation, communication for development, corporate social responsibility. 25 years of experience in working in the area of development with significant results in environment, social services, health and organizational development. During this period served as Deputy Representative for UNICEF Romania Office, Representative of the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Romania Office and also as Director of 2 major Romanian Foundations: The Ecologist Youth of Romania and Princess Margaritha of Romania Foundation. Solid background and experience in communication and journalism serving for more than 5 years as new producer in national public radio and television. In the period 2010 - 2013 worked as international consultant and has undertaken over 24 technical assistance missions in 13 countries in Europe and Central Asia. During his professional experience organized and delivered numerous trainings majority of them focused on strategic planning, communication, project development, management, monitoring and evaluation.



Dr. Aurora Dragomiristeanu is General Director of the National Registry of Hematopoietic Stem Cells Voluntary Donors – NRHSCVD. Dr. Dragomiristeanu is in charge of the development of NRHSCVD's strategy and ensures its implementation in accordance with the transplant strategy of interconnected national and international organizations.



Radu Ganescu is the president of the Coalition of Organisations of Patients with Chronic Diseases in Romania (COPAC). He is also a patient and president of the Association of Persons with Major Thalassemia in Romania and a strong activist in defending the rights of patients with chronic diseases. In 2016 Radu Ganescu has been elected treasurer of the European Patient Forum, European organization that COPAC has been a member of since 2010.

EVENT INFORMATION

	<p>Event: "Patient-Centred Roundtable on Working Together for Accessible Health" Monday, 20 November, 12:00 – 17:30 Novotel Bucharest City Centre (Calea Victoriei 37B Sector 1), Bucharest</p>
	<p>Networking cocktail time Monday, 20 November, 18:00 – 20:00 Novotel Bucharest City Centre (Calea Victoriei 37B Sector 1), Bucharest</p>
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