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# 10 years of the EMA's Patients' and Consumers' Working Party (PCWP)

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## Patients and consumers: different perspectives..

Patients' organizations: patients 'focused, general umbrella organizations and European disease specific organizations representing national organizations or individual patients on acute and/or chronic diseases.

Consumers' organizations: public health perspective, defending and promoting the general interest of all European consumers.

### ..same objective

Interest of all European citizens at the core of all health policy and regulatory decisions.

## Maybe not a love at first sight..

- Different approaches
- Lack of knowledge of the respective work and background

## ... But a useful key-learning exercise !

- Complementary perspectives
- Element of success of the PCWP

## Priorities of our work with EMA

- Consumers have timely access to safe, innovative and affordable medicines
- Consumers provided with high quality and independent information to make informed choice (ex: EPAR summaries; black triangle)
- Build consumers 'trust' in the work of regulators and on the medicines on the market (preparation of EMA clinical trials transparency policy; conflict of interest)

## PCWP as added value for patients and consumers..

- Direct contact with the Agency and other groups
- Forum to gather information and exchange views
- Opportunity to follow trainings
- Platform to get our members closer to EMA

### .. And vice-versa

- Voice of patients and consumers at EMA
- Input on general issues but also real life experiences
- Increased legitimacy for EMA input and outputs

Thank you !  
Looking forward the  
30<sup>th</sup> anniversary !

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