

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous

WORK EXPERIENCE

October 2015- Present

Director of Policy

European Patients' Forum (Belgium)

Overall lead in developing EPF's policy agenda and strategy; providing strategic analysis and advice; developing and implementing strategies for advancing patient empowerment and involvement; shaping organisational strategy as member of the Senior Management Team. Building influential and positive relationships with the EU institutions, agencies, international organisations such as the WHO and OECD, key stakeholders and partners: representing EPF at working groups, task forces and external events at high level. Participating in working groups and projects at the European Commission and other platforms (see "Additional information").

June 2010-October 2015

Senior Policy Adviser

European Patients' Forum (Belgium)

Coordinating EPF's policy and advocacy work; implementing campaign and advocacy strategies; building contacts with EU institutions and Agencies; fostering cooperation with key stakeholders; policy analysis and advice; developing effective consultation mechanisms with members. Participation in projects: Joint Action Patient Safety & Quality of Care, EMPATHIE (WP leader), PISCE. Responsible for: EU chronic diseases reflection process; patient empowerment; health literacy and information to patients; adherence; pharmacovigilance; EU Health Strategy & Programmes; EIP-AHA; Health inequalities; Patient safety and quality of care; Cross-border healthcare; Clinical trials. Participation in working groups at European Commission, EMA and other platforms (see "Additional information"). Representing EPF at policy and campaign meetings and external conferences. Promoted to Senior Policy Adviser in June 2011.

January 2008-May 2010

Project Manager

Thalassaemia International Federation (Cyprus)

Championed and shaped the Federation's profile in key EU policy areas relevant for rare diseases and the empowerment of patients; advised the management on strategies and actions to develop European relations; raised the Federation's profile and visibility at international level through developing strong partnerships with key EU Institutions and NGOs. Developed and implemented a comprehensive communications strategy and a fundraising strategy. Edited and produced "TIF Magazine" and the website. Coordinated a work package for the EU-funded project European Network for Rare and Congenital Anaemias (ENERCA)".

February 2006-December 2007

Visual Arts Coordinator/Assistant to the President

Pharos Arts Foundation (Cyprus)

Developed and implemented a marketing plan and compelling web communications for the Exhibition Centre and the International Chamber Music Festival. Secured new funding and improved the Foundation's support and benefits scheme, developed relations with local and international diplomatic and business communities. Managed the production of publications in liaison with artists, writers, designers and printers.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

September 2020- Present

MA in Health Policy, Innovation and Management

Maastricht University (Netherlands)

1998- 1999 **MA in International Relations and Conflict Analysis**
University of Kent (United Kingdom)

1992- 1998 **BA in International Relations**
International School of Social Sciences at University of Tampere (Finland)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Expertise

Publications

Projects COMPAR-EU - Horizon 2020 project on comparing effectiveness of self-management interventions (2018-ADAPT-SMART - IMI2 coordination and support action on adaptive pathways (2015-2018)PRO-STEP - tender study on self-management in chronic disease (2015-2017)EMPATHIE - tender study on patient empowerment, WP leader (2013-14)PiSCE - tender study on self-care in minor conditions (2014-2017)PaSQ - EU Joint Action on Patient Safety and Quality of Care (2012-15)

Memberships OECD PaRIS working group (2017-)CIOMS working group XI on Patient involvement in development and safe use of medicines (2018-)BMJ Patient Advisory Panel, personal capacity (2015-)EMA Patients and Consumers Working Party (2010-)EMA Patients and Consumers Working Party co-chair (2016-2021)European Commission's Expert Group on Patient Safety and Quality of Care (2010-2016)EC Platform on Access to Medicines in Europe: Steering Group, WG on Biosimilars, WG on Innovation and Prioritisation (2010-13)EMA WG on Ethics and GCP in third-country clinical trials (2010-12)WHO WG on patient safety and patient rights (2010-11)European Innovation Partnership on Healthy and Active Ageing, Sherpa Group (2011-12)

Other Relevant Information