

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Marilena Vrana

WORK EXPERIENCE

February 2019- Present

Manager Patients and Research

European Heart Network (Belgium)

Managing EHNs Patients Group and Research Platform

Managing partnerships in EU projects

European public affairs and policy engagement

Representation at EU and WHO levels.

Representation at the EMA: member of the Patients and Consumers Working Party (PCWP);

observer at the HCPWP; member of the EMA-HMA Big Data Steering Group

March 2016-February 2019

Policy and Incubation Manager

European Foundation Centre (Belgium)

- Public affairs and policy engagement: Represent the sector at EU level. Build and maintain relationships with multiple stakeholders and policy actors. Develop and engage to communications aimed at strengthening understanding of philanthropy's work and role in society.
- Nurture ideas from concept to project: coordinate the EFC team, members and partners to kick off new initiatives or increase programmes effectiveness and viability. Design work plans, budgets, fund-raise and monitor implementation and financial spending.

April 2010-February 2016

Thematic Networks Coordinator

European Foundation Centre (Belgium)

- Develop annual or multi-annual work programmes with corresponding budget
- Build relationships with multiple stakeholders (policy-makers, NGOs and others)
- Manage the work plan, execute well-defined projects, including research
- Fund raising and management

December 2008-March 2010

Disability Project Officer

European Foundation Centre (Belgium)

Managing and communicating findings of the EC funded Study on Challenges and Good Practices in the Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities under the contract No VC/2008/1214

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

September 2006-September 2007

MA in Conflict and Sustainable Peace Studies

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)

September 2002-September 2006

Degree on International and European Economic and Political Studies

University of Macedonia, Economic and Social Sciences (Greece)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Expertise

I am a Patient Representative.

Publications

Projects

Memberships

Other Relevant Information