



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
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Workshop on Patients' Rights and Rare Diseases in the European Union

Date: Tuesday 17 September 2024

Time: 09.00 am – 02.30 pm, local time (GMT+3)

Venue: National Gallery, Museum Alexandros Soutsos, Athens, Greece

Vasileos Konstantinou Ave. 50, 11525 Athens

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Agenda

Moderator: Thodoris Georgakopoulos – Journalist/Writer

8.30 – 9.00 am	Registration and welcome coffee
9.00 – 9:40 am	<p>Welcome addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>by the Greek Ministry of Health</i> • <i>by the Minister of Health of Cyprus</i> • <i>by Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health & Food Safety and Donata Meroni, Head of Unit - DG SANTE - European Commission</i> • <i>by Theano Karpodini, Governor & President of the Board at National Organization for the Provision of Health Services (EOPYY)</i> • <i>by Charalambos Papadopoulos, President of the Cyprus Patient Association Federation (OSAK), President of the Cyprus Alliance for Rare Disorders</i>
9.40 – 9.55 am	<p>Directive 2011/24/EU: Framing patients' rights and entitlements to healthcare in the EU – The role of the National Contact Points <i>Vasiliki Koukou, EL National Contact Point (NCP) Coordinator</i></p>
9.55 – 10.05 am	<p><u>Session 1: Patients' rights in the state of treatment</u> Access to healthcare in the EU/EEA member states under the Social Security Regulations 883/2004 & 987/2009 and Directive 2011/24/EU <i>Nikos Kikilias, Director for International Insurance Affairs, EOPYY</i></p>
10.05 – 10.15 am	<p>Country support, national strategies and frameworks on quality of care and patient safety in the EU <i>Christos Triantafyllou, Project Officer Quality of Care, WHO</i></p>
10.15 – 10.25 am	<p>Support and assistance services to EU citizens for accessing healthcare in member states <i>Presentation by YourEurope</i></p>
10.25 – 10.55 am	<p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kalliopi Koumpi, Director-General for Financial Affairs, EOPYY</i> • <i>Nikos Kikilias, Director for International Insurance Affairs, EOPYY</i> • <i>Christos Triantafyllou, Project Officer Quality of Care, WHO Office in Athens</i> • <i>Greek Ministry of Health</i> • <i>Anastasios Samouilidis, Attorney at Law, Government Affairs Officer, Greek Patients' Association</i>
	Questions and answers
11.00 - 11.30 am	Coffee break
11.30 – 11.40 am	<p><u>Session 2: Patients' rights in the state of affiliation</u> Patients' rights in the state of affiliation: authorizations, reimbursement of costs and administrative procedures</p>



Rep from Cyprus' NCP for cross-border healthcare

11.40 – 11.50 am

Patients' rights and their role in health policy making
Miltos Miltiadous, President of the Cyprus Thalassaemia Association, Member of the Health Insurance Organizations (HIO) Board of Directors

11.50 – 12.00

Electronic Health services supporting the European Health Union
Dr Marios Neofytou, Senior Officer at the National eHealth Authority of Cyprus and Head of the National Contact Point for eHealth services

12.00 – 12.30 pm

Panel discussion

- *Anastasia Christodoulidou, Cyprus NCP for Cross-border Healthcare, Head of Sponsored Patients Department, Ministry of Health of Cyprus*
- *Kalliopi Koumpfi, Director-General for Financial Affairs, EOPYY*
- *Dr Marios Neofytou, Senior Officer at the National eHealth Authority of Cyprus and Head of the NCP for eHealth Services*
- *Miltos Miltiadous, President of the Cyprus Thalassaemia Association, Member of the Health Insurance Organizations (HIO) Board of Directors*
- *Giulio Gallo, Senior Expert - DG SANTE - European Commission*

Questions and answers

Session 3: European Reference Networks for Rare Diseases

12.30 – 12.40 pm

Operating European Reference Networks: policies, organization and cross-linking of EU eminent clinics and hospitals
Dr Maria Papadopoulou, Child Neurologist at the University Hospital of Lyon

12.40 – 12.55 pm

Opportunities and challenges for the integration of European Reference Networks into national health systems and the role of patients' organizations
Dimitrios Athanasiou, Rare Disease National Alliance (GR), EURORDIS, Patient representative in EURO-NMD

12.55 – 13.05 pm

Patient experience of using the European Union Regulations 883/2004 - 987/2009: Advantages for small EU countries citizens and weaknesses
Dimitris Genethli, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Alliance for Rare Disorders

13.05– 13.35 pm

Panel discussion

- *Dr Violeta Christofidou Anastasiadou, Rare Diseases Expert, Representative for Cyprus on the Board of Member States for ERN Chair, National Committee for Rare Diseases*
- *Dimitrios Athanasiou, Rare Disease National Alliance (GR), EURORDIS, Patient representative in EURO-NMD*
- *Dr Maria Papadopoulou, Child Neurologist at the University Hospital of Lyon*
- *Sophia Polychronopoulou, MD, PhD, President of the Hellenic Society of Paediatric Hematology Oncology*
- *Donata Meroni, Head of Unit - DG SANTE - European Commission*

Questions and answers

13.35 – 13.45 pm

Conclusions of the workshop
Donata Meroni, Head of Unit - DG SANTE - European Commission

13.45 – 14.45 pm - Lunch & coffee