

EC Workshop on access to high quality
pharmacy services
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EPF's PERSPECTIVE
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European Patients' Forum

- Umbrella organisation of currently 36 representative:
 - European specific diseases patients' organisations
 - National coalitions of patients organisations
- 150 million patients
- VISION : High quality, patient centred, equitable health care in Europe
- MISSION : a strong patients' voice in European healthcare debates

COMMON VALUES and PRINCIPLES

- Universality
 - Equity
 - Solidarity
 - Quality health care
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- Need to safeguard these common values and principles of health systems when taking any measure about market or competition rules in relation to health.



PATIENTS' VIEWS

- Pharmacies - close and accessible to patients
- Pharmacists - competence and knowledge - investment in their continuous professional training
- Pharmacies – not ordinary shops – confidentiality, quality medical advice and information
- Pricing and reimbursement policies - to balance
 - timely and equitable access to medicines for ALL patients
 - control of pharmaceutical expenditure
 - reward for innovation
- Keep the European Social Model





THANK YOU!

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