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## EUPATI launches a new collaborative project to facilitate matchmaking between EUPATI Patients Experts and researchers.



The European Patients Academy on Therapeutic Innovation (EUPATI) is happy to launch 'EUPATIconnect', a new platform connecting EUPATI Patient Experts (EUPATI Fellows\* and EUPATI Open Classroom learners\*\*) with researchers looking to involve patients in various projects (such as protocol reviews, focus groups, speaking opportunities, patient advisory boards, ethical committees or regulatory processes).

EUPATIconnect is a place where both EUPATI Patient Experts and researchers can build new connections, create synergies and mutually beneficial opportunities to enhance patient engagement.

### How does it work?

On the platform, EUPATI Patient Experts indicate their availability to participate in various projects while researchers submit their requests to find patient partners for their projects. The EUPATI Secretariat, via EUPATIconnect, connects both parties.

The platform operates as a fee-for-service tool, contributing to the sustainability of EUPATI. The service is free for EUPATI Patient Experts or EUPATI partner organisations from academia, while there will be a charge for industry partners and external organisations depending on the level of support required.

The platform works with a matching algorithm – researchers can submit their project requests online and EUPATI Patient Experts can log in to view and edit their profiles. Only the EUPATI Secretariat has access to the profiles and projects as it provides the matching service and remains involved to facilitate the

matchmaking request. In the future, EUPATI may move towards more of a self-service model, i.e. an external platform for both parties to interact and expanding EUPATIconnect tool facilities.

## How to access EUPATIconnect?

Go online at: [connect.eupati.eu](https://connect.eupati.eu)

*\*EUPATI Fellows: EUPATI Fellows have completed all learning modules from EUPATI Open Classroom and attended 2 training events.*

*\*\*EUPATI Classroom Learners: Patients/Patient representatives who have completed one or several Modules of the Open Classroom content in medicine R&D (Non-clinical Development, Clinical Development, Regulatory Affairs or/and Health Technology Assessment).*

### Key figures of EUPATIconnect:

- A large database of EUPATI Fellows:
  - 200+ EUPATI Fellows
  - 300+ EUPATI Open Classroom Learners
- An international network:
  - With Patient Experts coming from over 39 countries
- 100+ disease areas
- 35 languages spoken

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