

Terms of Reference

Scientific Content Developers & Presenters for IHI-READI

IHI-READI: Representative Clinical Research, Advancing Inclusivity in Europe

Project	Duration of the Collaboration	Commitment
IHI-READI	October 2026- May 2027	9 working days (72h) over 8 months

1. Background

EUPATI (European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation) is contributing to the [READI project](#), a Horizon Europe Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) with the goal of promoting a less fragmented and more democratic ecosystem for clinical studies.

Underserved and underrepresented populations in Europe, including ethnic minorities, older people, and socioeconomically disadvantaged groups, are often excluded from clinical studies. This creates gaps in understanding diseases and limits access to innovative health technologies. READI aims to build a cohesive, patient-centred ecosystem for clinical studies by:

- Identifying and addressing barriers to participation.
- Co-creating tools, resources, and training programs for inclusive study designs.
- Developing an innovative digital platform to enhance stakeholder collaboration.
- In collaboration with 75+ partners across 18 countries, we're fostering health equity and improving the quality of clinical research across Europe.

2. Purpose of this Terms of Reference

This TOR sets out the role, responsibilities, expected time commitment and profile sought for three **Scientific Content Developers & Presenters** to join the Content Development Group responsible for designing, scripting and quality-assuring the content of video training materials for patients and patient organisations and to subsequently act as on-camera presenters for the recorded video chapters, which will later be published on the READI Virtual Learning Platform.

In total, 3 scientific writers will be sought to constitute this Content Development Group. Each writer will take primary responsibility for specific modules within this three-level programme, working closely with the READI patient organisations, the READI consortium and the video production team to ensure content is scientifically accurate, plain-language, accessible and patient-centred, always keeping in mind the primary audience for these materials will be underserved and underrepresented patient populations. The selected individuals would be directly contracted as consultants by the EUPATI Secretariat for the defined time period.

3. Role and Responsibilities of the Scientific Content Developer and Presenter

The Content Development Group is intended to be a close, trusted, and lean group, working with the EUPATI Secretariat assigned to the IHI-READI project, as well as ensuring smooth collaborations with the other contributing partners of the project consortium, assigned to this task work.

The Content Development Group works under the overall coordination of the EUPATI Secretariat and in liaison with the READI Project Consortium, which will contribute to the review of the content at the end of the drafting.

The recruited candidate will join the Content Development Group as core content contributors. Specifically, they will:

- **Curriculum design:** contribute to defining learning objectives, methods and content structure for the assigned level, translating the agreed topic outline into a coherent four-module curriculum, and take on delegated sections.
- **Scripting:** draft plain-language, WCAG-compliant video scripts (~20 minutes each) that are lay-friendly, accessible, and reflect the lived experience of patients from underserved and underrepresented populations, flagging content suited to multi-language localisation.
- **Scientific accuracy & content quality:** ensure all content is accurate, balanced and up to date, and flag any content gaps or duplication with existing materials as work progresses.
- **Review & revision:** participate in review cycles with the READI Task 4.3 group, patient experts and READI PO curriculum peer reviewers, and address feedback in revisions.
- **Assessment design:** draft knowledge checks, quiz questions and scenario simulations for each module, in collaboration with the EUPATI Secretariat.
- **On-camera presenting:** act as the on-screen presenter/spokesperson for the assigned level's videos during the studio shoot.
- **Coordination:** take part in regular coordination meetings with the other two writers, EUPATI, and relevant Task 4.3 / WP9 partners.

4. Profile and Requirements Sought

We are looking for candidates who can commit to the following:

- Demonstrated experience in medical/scientific writing, health communication, or clinical research, with the ability to translate complex concepts into plain, patient-friendly language.
- Sound understanding of clinical trial methodology, patient rights, informed consent, and/or patient involvement in research.
- Personal or advocacy experience relevant to patient involvement in clinical research, ideally on advancements and barriers to inclusivity in research.
- Ability and willingness to commit approximately **9 working days across the designated period (October 2026 – May 2027), including attendance at online meetings for the project when relevant.**
- Fluent written and spoken English.

- Comfortable working collaboratively in a large multistakeholder group that includes academic, industry, patient organisations and patient representatives.
- Reliable, organised, and able to meet agreed deadlines for drafting and review cycles.
- Willingness to have their name and role acknowledged as a contributor to the training module, in line with EUPATI's standard practice. Willingness to potentially have their image displayed as part of the training video production at a later stage.
- Availability to travel to the agreed studio location for approximately 1 filming day (plus travel) in Spring 2027.

5. Time Commitment and Estimated Hours

The overall time commitment for one scientific writer is estimated at 9 days over the course of October 2026 – May 2027. **Consultants will be compensated with an hourly rate of 45EUR per hour (360,00EUR per working day). This cannot exceed the 9 working days per scientific writer budgeted for within this contract.**

Note: 1 day is estimated as 8 hours of dedicated work (meeting attendance, drafting, review, and correspondence combined). Exact scheduling of meetings will be confirmed with the Content Development Group.

6. Next Steps

Apply through this form [EUPATI Recruitment of Scientific Content Developer for IHI READI](#)

- The deadline for applications is **Friday 2nd of October 2026**.
- Selected candidate will be confirmed and be invited for a first briefing call with the EUPATI Secretariat assigned to the IHI-READI project and later introduced to the rest of the Content Development Group (ideally mid of October 2026).

7. Contact

Any questions on scope, time commitment, or logistics can be directed to **Sarah Bernier**, Project Coordinator at sarah.bernier@eupati.eu

