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PRESS RELEASE

**Horizon 2020 project, PiPPi, kicks off Patient Citizen Advisory Group to increase patient involvement in health care innovation**

(Stockholm/Barcelona, 28-05-2021) On 17 May the Platform for Innovation of Procurement and Procurement of Innovation (PiPPi) project held the first meeting of its new Patient Citizen Advisory Group (PCAG). Twelve members from countries throughout Europe, representing patients, caregivers, and citizens, will participate in the cocreation of the project's innovation-focused Community of Practice (CoP).

Early patient and citizen involvement is a key component of sustainable innovation in the field but is currently underutilised. Beyond advising on the needs, perspectives, and expectations of this stakeholder group, one of the main roles of the PCAG will be to ensure that future patient and citizen participation is fostered through appropriate dissemination, engagement activities, and support for patients joining the CoP. The kick-off meeting of the group already saw progress on this topic, with members exchanging ideas on first methods to reach out and collect the views of patients and citizens, and how to link in the breadth of their individual networks. Multiple members are active at the national or international level with patient associations, advocacy work, and/or health care improvement initiatives.

The PCAG's first action will be a working meeting in June, as well as contributing to PiPPi's June webinar titled 'The perspective of patients and citizens on identifying and addressing unmet needs in health care.' A larger patient workshop is planned later in 2021.

PiPPi aims to capture unmet needs of university hospitals and to identify opportunities for innovation in digital health and care services. In order to do so PiPPi is building a Community of Practice that involves all critical stakeholders: citizens and patients, healthcare providers, research and development, policymakers, payers, enablers, and industry.

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