

## **Annual plan association year, July 2023– June 2024.**

### **Executive Board and Advisory board**

At the general assembly on September 18 in Barcelona, two new members will be elected for the Advisory board.

The current composition of the executive board is:

Mrs Maria van den Muijsenbergh, chair,

Mr Harry Longman, treasurer

Mr Alessandro Mereu, secretary

Mrs. Judith the Jong, Mr Andrea Canini and Mr Toni Dedeu members.

The current composition of the Advisory Board Is:

- Sandra Rowan
- Anette Fagertun
- Lorena Dini
- Elena Petelos
- Maria-Louisa Busuttil
- Veerle Vyncke
- Tugba Caliskan
- Anke van Dam
- Liga Kozlovka
- Zaza Tsereteli
- Maria Papadakaki
- Yann Lefeuvre
- Neda Milevska
- Patricija Lunežnik
- Sarah Burgmann
- Burcu Yurtsal
- Paula Vassallo
- David Blane
- Vacancy one; new member will be chosen at the GA 2023
- Vacancy two; new member will be chosen at the GA 2023

### **Secretariat**

Diederik Aarendonk is the coordinator of the Forum, as he has been since the foundation of the Forum in 2005, with Irene Cubells as assistant for the coordination and finances. Sophie van den Abeele has joined the staff as junior coordinator since February 1st 2023. Besides, two young interns are supporting the activities of the Forum on social media and in the working groups, and as is the custom, an intern will support the organization of the annual conference in September 2024.

### **Main objectives and activities for 2023-2024**

In our 5-year strategic plan 2021 – 2026 we formulated as our main objectives:

A. Advocating for strong Primary care

B. Generating and disseminating evidence on strong interprofessional Primary Care

C. Inspiring and supporting (organisations of) Primary Care professionals – our members.

Based on this plan, for the next year our main objectives and activities will be:

#### *Basic conditions for a strong EFPC*

1. Consolidating a solid financial basis.

To realise these activities we have to keep strengthening our financial basis, which we did in 2021-2022 by acquiring funding from the Robert Bosch Stiftung for the PRIMORE phase II project, and by the organization of an also financially successful annual conference in Ghent in September 2022, and in 2022-2023 by acquiring additional funding from EU projects. Last year we also were able to attract new members. Still, in difficult financial times for our members which impedes a raise in membership fees, the acquisition of financial resources remains an important goal for this year.

2. The change to the new on-line platform Hivebrite, has facilitated the contact of the secretariat with the members e.g. for the sending the Newsflash, organizing webinars, registration of conference delegates, etc. However, the use by our members has to be further encouraged. During the coming year we will develop a comprehensive communication plan.

#### **A. Advocating for Primary Care: policy work & Activities to support international social cohesion & patient involvement**

3. We will continue the collaboration with policy actors like WHO region Europe and WHO Primary Health Care unit in Almaty, where we will contribute in person to the Primary Care conference and regional meeting in October 2023.

4. As sadly the Russian aggression war in Ukraine is still going on, we will continue to publish in Russian the Newsletter on Ukraine, with news on the effects of the war for health and healthcare, in the hope to add to the provision of reliable news for colleagues in Russia.

5. We will strive to strengthen Primary Care globally by intensifying our collaboration with Afro-PC, WONCA and other organisations in the formation of a Global Forum on Primary Care.

6. As citizens/ patients voices are essential to build strong Primary Care tailored to the needs of the population, we actively seek to involve more the public/patient engagement in our activities. The International Alliance of Patients' Organisations (IAPO) as well as the EU- patients Forum and Eurocarers are already associated member of the EFPC, the IAPO also being represented in our advisory board and in the research board of the PRIMORE phase II project. The development, together with them, of a position paper on Public involvement in Primary Care will be the concrete aimed outcome for the coming year. In an EU funded project on vaccination hesitancy, we will seek a new collaboration with the Active Citizen Network.

7. We will continue our activities to strengthen Primary Care and interprofessional collaboration within Primary Care and with social care and Public Healthcare, by contributing to conferences like the Austrian Primary Care conference, EPH conference, and the DEGAM conference in 2023.

#### **B. Generating and disseminating evidence on strong interprofessional Primary Care: PRIMORE Phase II & position papers & annual conference**

8. With funding of the Robert Bosch Stiftung the PRIMORE phase II project, to foster Interprofessional Primary Care research (PRImary care Multi-prOfessional REsearcher network), has started in April 2022 for a period of 5 years. A scientific committee and research board, consisting of representatives of European professional umbrella organizations, have been formed in 2023 and will continue to meet regularly (on-line and once a year in person) to exchange on different research projects, in collaboration with the different working groups of the EFPC.

9. You&EFPC will during the annual conference in Barcelona and upcoming conferences in the next years present an award to recognize the outstanding presentation of a research, policy or practice abstract on Interprofessional Primary Care research as part of the PRIMORE phase II project.

10. Also within the PRIMORE Phase II project, in 2023 and coming years research masterclasses for early career researchers in the field of interprofessional Primary Care will be organized at each EFPC conference

10. We participate in EU funded projects:

- BeWell (Blueprint alliance for a future hHealth Workforce stratEgy on digital and green skiLLs),
- ONCODIR (Evidence-based Participatory Decision Making for Cancer Prevention through implementation research),

- co-OPERATOR (Tackling vaccination hesitancy and how healthcare professionals can promote vaccination campaigns),
  - Support4Resilience (Mental Health resilience of Health Care professionals)
- and
- RAPIDE (Care delivery to maintain access to regular care during cross-border health emergencies).

We will actively seek the EFPC members' involvement in these projects and will approach pro-active members who are experts in the fields connected to the projects.

11. We participate in the acquisition of additional EU funded projects on topics like healthy aging, primary prevention of cancer and equitable access to cancer care, pandemic preparedness.

12. We plan to again publish this year 3 position papers in our scientific journal Primary Health Care Research and Development, on several topics like public/patient involvement in Primary Care, interprofessional collaboration, etc.

13. The annual conference 2024 will be held in Slovenia 15-17 September with the theme of "Sustainability in Primary Care: From Awareness to Action". And the annual conference of 2025 is scheduled for Vienna on 7-9 September at the Vienna University building.

14. On request, members of Executive board and Advisory board will represent the Forum and deliver lectures.

### **C. Inspiring and supporting our members & working groups & webinars**

15. We continue to strive to strengthen the position of young professionals by enlarging the active group of You&EFPC and providing more information through social media

16. We will continue the production and distribution of our EFPC Newsflash.

17. We will recruit new members by using our current members to engage with new potential members

18. Through Hivebrite we will facilitate the existing working groups, including newly founded working groups.

20. We will continue our series of regular international webinars on various aspects of interprofessional Primary Care.