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Social Inclusion and People Living with Schizophrenia

The aim of this study is to identify some of the challenges faced by people who are affected by schizophrenia - particularly the challenge of being 'socially included' in society. The intention is to find out how healthcare policy can improve, and present this information to policymakers. This study does not look at treatment or the effects of treatment for schizophrenia. The study is using a new definition of the term socially included and is being managed by PatientView from the UK.



PatientView is a UK research organisation that works closely with patient groups, and publicises the patient movement. Everyone who takes part in this survey will be completely anonymous, and no IP addresses will be collected by the survey managers. However, anyone who takes part and wishes to obtain the results of the survey can leave an email address at the end of the survey questionnaire. The survey will close on **Monday 19th August 2013**. The carer's survey is available in a number of different European languages. Logon to <http://alexwyke.wordpress.com/2013/07/15/study-title-social-inclusion-and-people-living-with-schizophrenia/> and choose the survey in the language of your choice.

Lithuania Takes Up EU Presidency

On the 1st July, the EU presidency passed from Ireland to Lithuania. The Lithuanian Minister for Health unveiled the health priorities for its term of the presidency at a meeting of the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council the 21st June. Among items which will special attention are the revision of the Tobacco Products Directive, sustainable health systems and the ongoing work on the clinical trials on medicinal products. The major mental health conference under the Lithuanian presidency will take place in Vilnius on the 10th and 11th October 2013. EUFAMI will be represented at this meeting by its President, Bert Johnson.



A New Name for Schizophrenia – on Going Debate and Discussion

For some time now, there has been ongoing debate and discussion about the need for a new name for Schizophrenia. Recently, the Cambridge University Press published in their journal *Psychological Medicine* (<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=PSM>) an article written by two Anois patients, Bill George and Aadt Klijn, calling for the adoption of the new name for schizophrenia, Psychosis Susceptibility Syndrome (PSS). Four professionals in the mental health field have contributed their comments. They sometimes agree and sometimes disagree. The collection of all five articles appears in the section of the journal *Psychological Medicine* entitled 'Forum'. The reply by George and Klijn to the commentaries will appear at a later date in the same journal. Anois is the Dutch association of and for people with a psychotic vulnerability.

Two Recent Publications from the EEG

The European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community Based Care (EEG) is a coalition of stakeholders representing people with care or support needs including children, people with disabilities, people experiencing mental health problems, families; as well as service providers, public authorities and intergovernmental organisations. It has released the following publications.

Common European Guidelines on the Transition from Institutional to Community Based Care (Guidance on implementing and supporting a sustained transition from institutional care to family-based and community-based alternatives for children, persons with disabilities, persons with mental health problems and older persons in Europe) and a *Toolkit on the Use of European Union Funds for the Transition from Institutional to Community Based Care* (this toolkit aims to explain how EU funds can support national, regional and local authorities in designing and implementing structural reforms aimed at facilitating the development of quality family-based and community-based alternatives to institutional care). More information at <http://deinstitutionalisationguide.eu/>

Experts Group on Healthcare

This meeting took place in Luxembourg on the 29th and 30th May 2013. The presentations from the meeting are now available at http://ec.europa.eu/health/strategy/events/ev_20130529_en.htm

The 16th European Health Forum Gastein

The European Health Forum Gastein is a meeting place for experts from different sections of the health system. The 2013 event will take place from the 2nd to the 4th October in Bad Hofgastein.

Prospect – EUFAMI's Training Programme

Prospect, EUFAMI's Training Initiative, is currently being used by people in over 14 European countries. *Prospect* is a very unique peer to peer programme and was developed by EUFAMI members from many countries. If you would like to get further information, contact Rita Geerts on project.admin.office@eufami.org.



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