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EMSP Policy Report 2015

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EMSP has a strong position on the European health scene – by speaking with one voice on behalf of more than 700,000 people with MS in Europe, EMSP acts as an “interface” between its national members and European bodies such as the European Parliament, the European Commission, the European Medicines Agency, the European Federation of Neurological Associations and many other European stakeholders.

The network we have created reflects our multiple collaborations and recognition we enjoy from the scientific community. EMSP’s work is shaped by its over-arching goal of involving people with MS in all areas of EU policy, programmes and projects with an impact on health and disability. EMSP and its partners will work closely to provide expert policy support and use MS as an exemplar of long-term, disabling, neurological conditions.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO TREATMENT AND THERAPY FOR PEOPLE WITH MS

EMSP continued to represent the voice of patients affected by long-term neurological conditions in relevant health fora (e.g. EMA, EUnetHTA). We also continued to expand our current projects designed to ensure that the quality of life of people with MS will improve.

SUPPORTING RESEARCH INITIATIVES IN LINE WITH PERSON-CENTRED PRIORITIES

EMSP continued to develop and increase its role in the political arena as well as within the scientific and healthcare community through reinforced partnerships and development of relevant alliances.

BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS ON ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH MS

In 2015, EMSP launched the Pact of Employment for People with MS and a related Call to Action to raise awareness of neurodegenerative diseases in the workplace and support access to meaningful employment.

INCREASING COOPERATION

EMSP worked with patients, healthcare professionals and policy-makers to improve responses to neurodegenerative and chronic conditions. EMSP also maintained its involvement in the EUnetHTA project, which focuses on collaboration with patients within improved health technology assessment (HTA) processes.

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