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# 2017 European Kidney Forum: Patient Choice of Treatment

**Hosted by the MEP Group for Kidney Health**  
**11<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 17:00 – 21:00, EU Thon Hotel, Brussels**

The theme of the 2017 European Kidney Forum will be on **Patient Choice of Treatment**, with the aim of debating how to bring about a shift from 'patient compliance' to 'treatment compliance' whereby treatment is adapted to the needs and lifestyle of the patient, rather than the reverse.

Issues to be examined in the scope of this topic include:

- The concept of patient choice exists, but only if there is a range of treatments available, how do reimbursement differences across EU Member States influence the availability of different treatment options in kidney care?
- Could reimbursement criteria be harmonised across EU Member States to take into account care innovation and social and economic benefits?
- The issue of sustainability of health care systems comes into play, and the rebalancing of interests (commercial vs. optimised patient care) is up for discussion
- Are healthcare professionals adequately trained to enable them consider and better tailor patients' care pathways?
- Patient choice implies an informed patient able to make those choices, do patients receive the education and info they need?

This event will:

- **Unite healthcare professionals and patient advocates** involved in improving access to care across the EU health issues, cross-cutting fields
- **Present stakeholders' different visions** on harmonisation of healthcare
- Provide an opportunity to **engage in an open discussion** with policy-makers and relevant players
- **Give recommendations** to enhance a concrete shift to patient-centred decision-making and patient choice

*We look forward to your valuable participation in the 2017 European Kidney Forum*