The European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT) consistently fosters collaboration between patient advocates and healthcare professionals to enhance the health and quality of life of transplant recipients. In line with this objective, the steering group members of the ESOT Patient Inclusion Initiative have coordinated three events to coincide with the ESOT Congress 2023, taking place in Athens on 17–20 September.

Members of societies that are part of the ESOT-European Transplant Patient Organisations (ETPO) Alliance Network and patient advocates can register for the ESOT Congress 2023 and waive their registration fee (in person or online).

To receive more information on how to register, please contact: giovanna.rossi@esot.org.

“The decision to invite a patient representative to take on this very important role testifies to ESOT’s commitment to foster cooperation and dialogue between patients and healthcare professionals and to ensure patient representation and participation in ESOT activities.”

Pisana Ferrari, ESOT Congress 2023 Honorary Co-Chair

The three events organised by the steering group members of the ESOT-ETPO Alliance comprise a meeting and two workshops. You are invited to join these and contribute to the discussions.

To explore the full programme, visit: https://esot.org/esot-patient-inclusion-initiative/

Meeting of the ESOT-ETPO Alliance Network (by invitation only)
13:00–15:00 EEST, 18 September 2023
Meeting room: MC 3.2
This meeting is by invitation only, and participation is restricted to representatives of the patient societies and associations that are part of the ETPO Alliance Network. For further information, please contact: giovanna.rossi@esot.org

Workshop 1: Staying healthy
18:30–19:30 EEST, 18 September 2023
Meeting room: MC 3.2
Participation is free of charge, and it is possible to follow this session in person or online. For information on how to register, please contact: giovanna.rossi@esot.org

Workshop 2: Living your life after transplantation – patient-centred approach and peer support network
18:30–19:30 EEST, 19 September 2023
Meeting room: MC 3.2
Participation is free of charge, and it is possible to follow this session in person or online. For information on how to register, please contact: giovanna.rossi@esot.org

Networking
18:30 EEST, 16 September 2023
TRANSPLANTOUX Team arrival gathering
Divani Caravel Hotel, 2 Vassileos Alexandrou ave. 16121, Athens, Greece
Sessions of interest

The following sessions are part of the ESOT Congress 2023 programme and have been identified by the steering committee as of particular value to patient organisations and advocates. These sessions will provide powerful insights, knowledge and resources that will effectively champion the rights of patients, which is crucial as we strive towards patient-driven transplant care.

**Session types and formats:**

- **Plenary:** A topic transversal session, covering burning issues in the field of transplantation.
- **State-of-the-art:** A traditional event format, with lectures given by key opinion leaders. It covers current topics and provides an in-depth overview and details on selected topics.
- **Fishbowl:** A session where different perspectives are presented and debate is encouraged.
- **Solution Room:** A session with a multidisciplinary approach; it engages with ethicists, non-transplant experts, regulators and industry and covers peer advice on burning issues in transplantation. Questions and shared experiences from the audience are strongly encouraged.
- **Storytelling:** This session supports a fresh and natural approach to addressing issues; it encourages the panel to discuss and share experiences and expertise.

**Congress domains:**
https://www.esotcongress.org/programme

### 17 September 2023

**SUS ELPAT, ETAHP & EDTCO in conjunction with ETPO: Patient pioneers – Those who dare to go first**

- **Time:** 09:00–10:30 EEST
- **Room:** Skalkotas
- **Session type:** Specialty Update Symposium
- **Domain:** Shared Decision, Shared Care

**How far can we push the envelope in organ donation?**

- **Time:** 14:00–15:30 EEST
- **Room:** Conference Suite 1
- **Session type:** Fishbowl
- **Domain:** Shared Decision, Shared Care

**Opening plenary: Transplantation at a crossroads**

- **Time:** 16:00–17:30 EEST
- **Room:** Lambrakis
- **Session type:** Plenary
- **Domain:** Digital Transformation | Innovation and Technology | Realistic Care | Regeneration and Repair

### 18 September 2023

**Artificial Intelligence (AI) & I**

- **Time:** 08:00–09:30 EEST
- **Room:** Banquet Hall
- **Session type:** Fishbowl
- **Domain:** Innovation and Technology

**Making a difference with shared decision-making**

- **Time:** 11:45–13:15 EEST
- **Room:** Library
- **Session type:** State-of-the-art
- **Domain:** Realistic Care

**Overcoming the organ shortage: Thinking outside the box**

- **Time:** 15:00–16:30 EEST
- **Room:** Lambrakis
- **Session type:** Plenary
- **Domain:** Digital Transformation | Innovation and Technology | Realistic Care | Regeneration and Repair

**Patient storytelling**

- **Time:** 17:00–18:30 EEST
- **Room:** Conference Suite 1
- **Session type:** Storytelling
- **Domain:** Shared Decisions, Shared Care

### 19 September 2023

**Orchestrating clinical translation of regenerative therapies**

- **Time:** 08:00–09:30 EEST
- **Room:** Conference Suite 1
- **Session type:** Fishbowl
- **Domain:** Regeneration and Repair

**Health democracy in organ transplantation**

- **Time:** 08:00–09:30 EEST
- **Room:** Library
- **Session type:** Solution Room
- **Domain:** Shared Decision, Shared Care

**Digital interface with patients – outpatients in the 22nd century**

- **Time:** 10:00–11:30 EEST
- **Room:** Conference Suite 1
- **Session type:** Fishbowl
- **Domain:** Digital Transformation

**What if HCPs listen to patients? Non-adherence after transplantation**

- **Time:** 10:00–11:30 EEST
- **Room:** Skalkotas
- **Session type:** Solution Room
- **Domain:** Shared Decision, Shared Care

**From meaning to measurement – how to value what matters in transplantation care**

- **Time:** 11:45–13:15 EEST
- **Room:** Library
- **Session type:** State-of-the-art
- **Domain:** Realistic Care

**Resolving the Shumway Paradox: Xenotransplantation in the spotlight**

- **Time:** 15:15–16:45 EEST
- **Room:** Lambrakis
- **Session type:** Plenary
- **Domain:** Regeneration and Repair

### 20 September 2023

**Closing plenary: The future of transplant health and healthcare**

- **Time:** 11:45–13:15 EEST
- **Room:** Lambrakis
- **Session type:** Plenary
- **Domain:** Digital Transformation | Innovation and Technology | Realistic Care | Regeneration and Repair