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EUROPEAN PATIENT SAFETY CONFERENCE 2026

**Towards Safe and Resilient Healthcare
Systems in Europe : From Strategy to Implementation**



BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

2026 PATIENT SAFETY CONFERENCE



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Across Europe, healthcare systems are facing shared and growing vulnerabilities – including workforce fatigue and shortages, gaps in crisis preparedness, financial pressure and increasing complexity of care. These systemic pressures directly affect patient safety and clinical outcomes.

Over the past five years, through conferences and multi-stakeholder dialogue organised across Europe by the European Patient Safety Foundation, a clear pattern has emerged: preventable harm is rarely the result of isolated clinical errors alone. It is shaped by governance structures, workforce wellbeing, leadership culture, digital reliability and the overall resilience of healthcare systems.

In response, the EUPSF and its affiliates have initiated a collaborative development of a **European Strategy for Safe and Resilient Healthcare Systems**. Built on practical experience and cross-country exchange, the strategy moves beyond fragmented safety initiatives towards a coherent, system-based framework addressing the structural risk factors that influence daily practice.

This conference marks the transition from strategy to implementation and practice. Through structured panels, peer dialogue and contributions from affiliated organisations and invited experts, participants will examine how the strategy's key pillars – governance, workforce wellbeing and empowerment, innovation design and implementation, learning culture and leadership, and patient involvement – can be translated into concrete actions at institutional, national and European level.

By bringing together healthcare professionals, hospital leaders, policymakers, researchers, insurers, industry representatives and national patient safety platforms, the conference aims to foster alignment, strengthen coordinated efforts and support a more proactive and resilient approach to patient safety across Europe.

Date: **4 December 2026**

Place: **Brussels, Belgium**



CONFERENCE VENUE

Résidence Palace - International Press Centre

This sumptuous 1920s Art Deco building is situated a stone's throw from Rond-point Schuman in the heart of Brussels' European quarter.



Event Spaces:

Conference Sessions: Polak Room

Networking and Exhibition area: Polio



Address: 155 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

Virtual Tour: <https://virtualltour.residencepalace.be/>

Website: <https://residencepalace.be/en>

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

PRE-CONFERENCE DAY - 3 December 2026

14.00 – 15:30 : Advocacy event at the EU Parliament

- Presentation and discussion of the EU PS Strategy
- One representative per affiliate

17:00 – 19:00 : Council of Affiliate (informal, for Affiliates only)

- Exclusive dialogue around a high-level speaker addressing a strategic issue in patient safety (preparedness, system resilience, emerging risks...)

19:30 – 21:30 : Affiliate dinner (on invitation)

- Presence of Affiliates and selected invited guests (Guests, Keynote speaker, Board members,...)

CONFERENCE DAY - 4 December 2026

PLENARY SESSIONS:

- Presentation of the EUPSF Strategy by the affiliates (one panel-style session by section + presentation)
- Discussion about how to move from strategy to implementation
- Presentation of scalable practices/initiatives

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EXHIBITION AND REFLECTION CORNERS FOR SPONSORS

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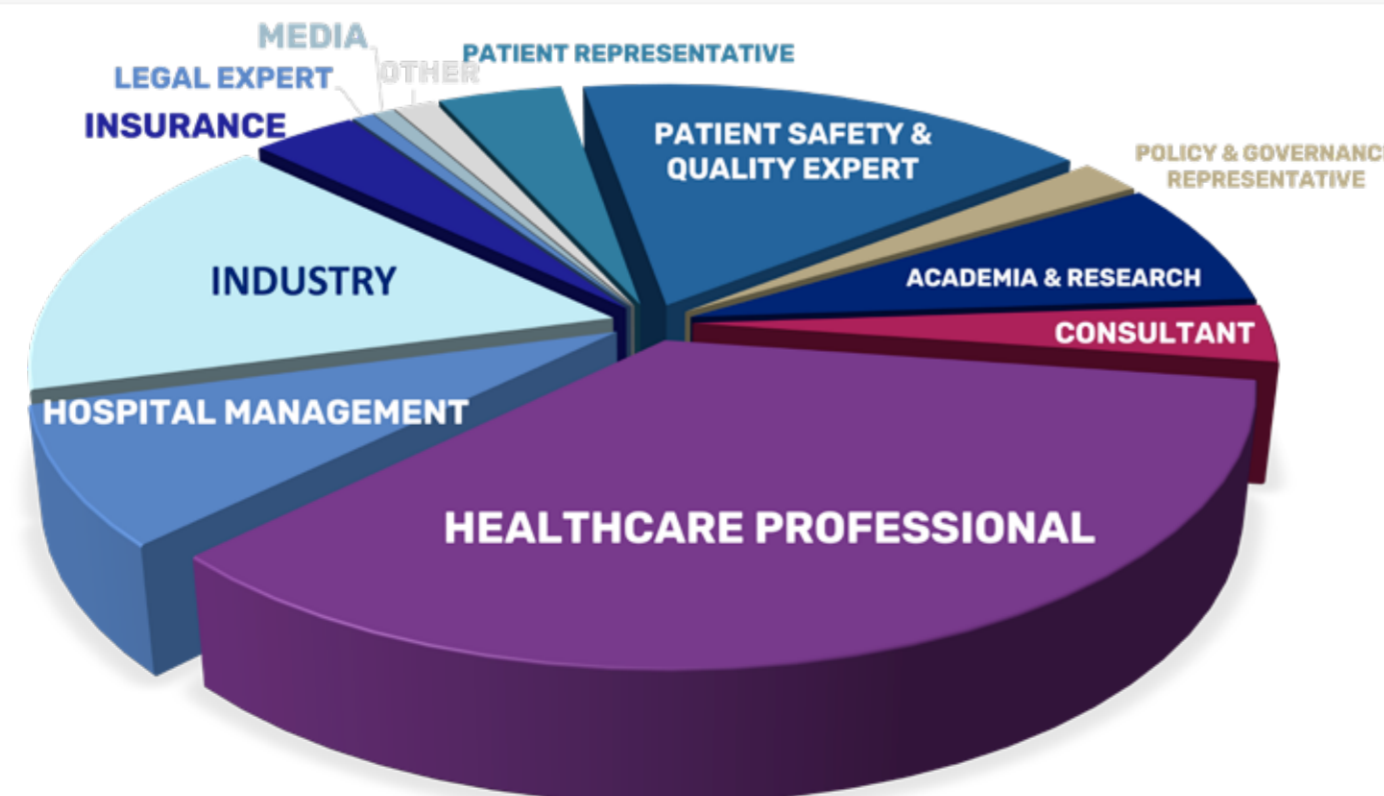
ATTENANCE STRUCTURE

On site delegates:

143 seats (max 200)

Virtual participation:

min 300 expected
(Subject to sponsorship confirmation)



Communication infrastructure :

www.eupsf.org (3,400 page views, 1,775 sessions in 2025);

<https://conference.eupsf.org> (11,243+ page views 2025);

Direct mailing (3,700+ recipients); **LinkedIn** (2,500+ followers)

Network Partnerships:

40+ affiliates spanning NPOs, industry, academia, individual experts, among others World Patient Alliance (730+ orgs), OAMGMAMR (190k+ nurses). **Estimated reach:** 350,000+ healthcare professionals and patient advocates across Europe