



Dear readers and friends,

this newsletter is a special edition focused on the development of the [COMPAR-EU platform](#). The platform will include different tools including decision-making tools that synthesise all evidence generated by the project. Our decision-making tools will support professionals and patients, policymakers and guideline developers to make informed decisions on the adoption of the most suitable self-management interventions.

While the COMPAR-EU consortium advanced the specifications and functionalities of the platform, we are currently searching for an IT company to support our ambition. This newsletter outlines the aims and key requirements of the platform, a detailed description of the functionalities of the different tools can be found on our [website](#). If you are interested in supporting the development of this healthcare innovation, we are looking forward to receiving your proposal to fad@fadq.org by 25th May.

At the same time, we are looking for patients and patient representatives that are interested to participate in different project activities including piloting and advancing the platform in the long-term. If you would like to receive further information on our patient panel, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).

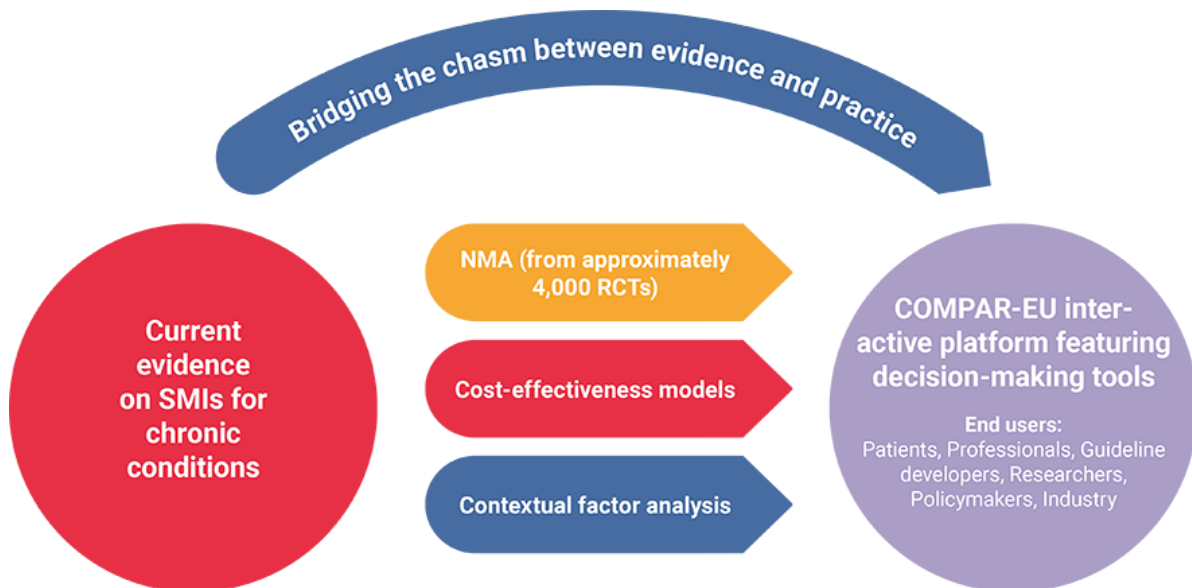
The COMPAR-EU team

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The COMPAR-EU platform – aims and tools

To ensure a smooth transition from the evidence generated to practice, we will develop a [COMPAR-EU platform](#). This platform includes all results that emerge from different phases of the project.



The platform hosts different products, including decision-making tools. These tools will be adapted to the needs of relevant stakeholders including professionals and patients, policymakers, guideline developers, and researchers. The decision-making tools will help select the most suitable self-management interventions for patients living with one of the following chronic diseases: Type 2 Diabetes, Obesity, Heart Failure and COPD.

Besides individual products, like a database of the available trials, a new taxonomy, and core outcome sets for the included conditions, the following decision-making tools ensure that patients benefit from effective self-management interventions:

Interactive Summary of Findings tables (iSoF)

These tables can help a variety of decision makers to make decisions regarding self-management interventions. The main objective of this tool is to help understand the main findings from systematic reviews of the evidence by including the most important outcomes (both benefits and harms), the size of these effects, and the certainty.

Evidence to Decision frameworks (EtD)

The EtD frameworks are a presentation format that is used by panels to make decisions about health system or public health interventions, including recommendations. EtD frameworks can inform about pros and cons of each intervention being compared, combining information on effectiveness with information on cost-effectiveness and contextual analysis. They ensure that the criteria that determine a decision are considered.

Patient Decision Aids (PDA)

PDAs are designed to help reaching a shared decision between a healthcare professional and a patient on the best course of action regarding treatment. These aids will be interactive, i.e. users are able to choose from a set of interactive settings the disease (and comorbidities) they are interested in, the key outcomes they want to improve, and contextual or individual factors that might influence the effectiveness of a SMI (gender, geographic area, healthcare system level, etc.).

The platform will also include:

- An interactive cost-effectiveness tool so that users can adapt the recommendations to their circumstances.
 - Repository of tools of patient reported outcomes.
 - Visual and detailed representation of the network meta-analysis results for the most effective self-management interventions.
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Call for proposals - general requirements of the platform

A detailed description of the technical requirements for each section of the COMPAR-EU platform and all administrative requirements can be found on our [website](#). On 7th May 16:00 CET, we will organise a webinar to clarify some questions that you may have regarding the call or technical and administrative requirements.

In general, and in short:

- The navigation of the COMPAR-EU platform should be adapted to the different types of end users (clinicians, patients, researchers, policy makers and managers, industry) and diseases (Type 2 Diabetes, Obesity, Heart Failure, and COPD). In the future, additional diseases might be added by the consortium;
- The platform must be multilingual, allowing for at least 6 languages;
- The platform should be accessible via desktop, tablet and smartphone;
- Data sharing and downloads of databases should be possible;
- Some sections of the platform should only be accessible for registered users;
- A simple and an advanced search should allow users searching for relevant content within the platform;
- The platform should offer an application programming interface to facilitate the exchange of data with other applications and use cases;
- As the COMPAR-EU platform will be regularly updated with new knowledge generated or will be extended by additional diseases, the COMPAR-EU consortium should be able to edit and upload new information easily.

The platform and all its components and derivatives remain property of the COMPAR-EU consortium. Source code required for the development of the platform remains the IP of the IT company, but the consortium will have access to the programming code and tools that allow to update and amend the platform independently of the IT provider in future project phases. Upon completion of the work, the IT company will make available all functionality and/or programming tools that allow the COMPAR-EU consortium to do so.

If you are interested in this call, please register on our [website](#) to receive updated information. We are looking forward to your proposal to fad@fadq.org.

Key deadlines for the COMPAR-EU platform

Action	Deadline
Q&A webinar	7 th May 2020 16:00 CET
Submission of the proposals	25 th May 2020
Selection process	One month: May – June 2020
Announcement of the selected proposal	22 nd June 2020
Signature of the contract	Late June/July 2020

Mock-up and initial proposal of structure of databases of the platform	4th September 2020
Face-to-face or virtual workshop with partners	14 th /15 th September 2020
Beta-versions	Latest April 2021
Start of piloting period with users	April 2021
Introduction of improvements	Continuous and up to October 2022
Final version of the platform	20th October 2022

Activities of our patient panel

Our partner [European Patients' Forum](#) monitors that patients' views, gender and socio-economic dimensions are considered throughout the whole project. Last year, they set up a patient panel for COMPAR-EU. It is an informal working group composed of EPF members, individual patients and also patient advocates. The group is involved in project activities through various channels.

This year, EPF is planning several activities, including (but not limited to):

- Two meetings of the patient panel (face-to-face or online);
- The production of lay summaries, focusing on what has been conducted until now within the project;
- Monthly online webinars.

As we would like to expand and diversify the group, we are looking for further patient representatives to work with. Besides the mentioned tasks, the patient panel will help us to increase the impact of the project. By piloting the functionality and usability of the platform, patients ensure that the innovation is really beneficial to them.

If you would like to be part of a collaboration that is committed to improving health in Europe, contact us. We are looking forward to you!

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