

Patient and Associations Capacity Building Workshop 2026

Athens, Greece | 20–22 November 2026 *Held alongside the TIF Annual General Assembly (AGA) 2026*

Join us in Athens for the **Patient and Associations Capacity Building Workshop 2026**, a dynamic three-day event designed to empower patient associations, caregivers, and healthcare advocates. Running alongside the TIF Annual General Assembly, this workshop offers a unique platform to explore the latest therapeutic innovations, enhance advocacy skills, and build sustainable, impactful patient organizations.

Below is the official programme for the workshop.

Day 1 – Friday, 20 November 2026

Focus: Clinical Innovations and Excellence in Care

15:00 – 16:00 | Registration & Welcome Coffee *Networking, participant check-in, and distribution of workshop materials.*

16:00 – 17:00 | Session 1: Transforming Care in Haemoglobin Disorders: Therapeutic Innovations and Curative Approaches An in-depth look at the rapidly evolving treatment landscape. Topics include:

- Curative Approaches in Thalassaemia and Other Haemoglobin Disorders - Real world Evidence & Clinical Trial Updates
- Emerging therapeutic advances and updates from recent research.
- Interactive Q&A session.

17:00 – 17:30 | Coffee Break

17:30 – 18:30 | Session 2: Delivering Excellence in Thalassaemia Care: Standards, Challenges, and Best Practices Exploring the pillars of high-quality, patient-centred care.

Topics include:

- Cornerstone of Clinical Management for Thalassaemia Care
- Multidisciplinary and patient-centred care: Building better outcomes.
- Interactive Q&A session.

18:30 – 19:30 | Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception

- Welcome Addresses
 - Workshop Overview
 - Welcome Reception
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Day 2 – Saturday, 21 November 2026

Focus: Regional Collaboration and Modern Advocacy Skills

09:00 – 13:00 | TIF Annual General Assembly (AGA) Meeting *(Note: This morning session is reserved exclusively for official representatives of TIF Full and General Members.)*

13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:30 | Session 3: Regional Dialogue and Collaborative Action for Haemoglobin Disorders An interactive **World Café Roundtable** format bringing together diverse regional perspectives. Participants will:

- Engage in regional roundtables (Arab, Southeast Asia, Americas & West Pacific Regions).
- Share regional experiences, challenges, and best practices.

- Explore innovative solutions and new partnership opportunities.
- Report key findings and recommendations from each regional table.

16:30 – 17:00 | Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:00 | Session 4: Emerging Trends in Patient Advocacy (Skills Workshop) A practical skills workshop designed to modernize patient association outreach. Topics include:

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** How AI is useful and impactful for patient associations.
- **Storytelling with Data:** Leveraging success stories for better communication.
- Interactive Q&A session.

Day 3 – Sunday, 22 November 2026

Focus: Policymaking, Evidence, and Organizational Growth

09:00 – 10:15 | Session 5: Evidence, Experience, and Advocacy: The Patient Voice in Policymaking A panel discussion and Q&A on how patient organizations can drive systemic change. Topics include:

- **Patient Registries:** Generating robust evidence to inform policy and care.
- **Patient Experience Data:** Leveraging real-world data to drive better outcomes and decision-making.
- **Collaborating Centres:** How patient organisations can influence policy and advocate for meaningful change.

10:15 – 10:45 | Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:55 | Session 6: Strengthening Governance and Ensuring Sustainable Growth for Patient Organisations Strategies for building resilient and well-funded patient associations. Topics include:

- Innovative fundraising strategies for sustainable patient organisations.
- Successful models for organisational growth and sustainability: The USA Experience.
- Successful models for organisational growth and sustainability: The India Experience.

12:30 – 13:00 | Closing Ceremony: Commitments & Next Steps

- Presentation of key takeaways from the three days.
- Formal adoption of workshop declarations.

Ready to join us? Spaces for this workshop are limited. Please ensure you complete your registration via our online portal to secure your spot in Athens!

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