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Susanna Palkonen is Director of European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA), which brings together 44 member associations from 25 countries to improve the care, environment, participation and equality of the over 200 million people with allergy, asthma and COPD at the European level. Since 2019, she is the Chair of Patient Access Partnership PACT, which is a multi-stakeholder initiative to improve equal access to patient centered care in Europe with a European Parliament Interest Group on Access that PACT supports. In 2020 she joined the GINA Global Initiative for Asthma Implementation and Dissemination Committee as GINA Advocate. The last five years, she has been the patient representative in the EC DG Research and Innovation's Horizon 2020 Scientific Panel for Health, which ended its mandate July 2020 and launched its proposal for European Institute for Health Research to overcome fragmentation and help implement the science to society and patients. She has served, among others in the ERACoSysMed Advisory Board and the Clinical Advisory Board of the Human Brain Project. While serving as board member and vice president of the European Patients' Forum until 2018, she was their Representative at the European Medicines Agency (EMA) Patient and Consumer Working Party for almost a decade. Susanna has co-authored several papers with the scientific community and believes in empowering for global to individual health. She studied social policy and as a patient with atopic eczema and allergic rhinitis she is interested in how policies and systems, but also patients themselves can support patient centered care and prevention.