

MEET THE EPF COMMUNITY!

EFP Membership Flowchart

“ A STRONG PATIENTS’ VOICE TO
DRIVE BETTER HEALTH IN EUROPE ”

EPF members

EPF members are pan-European disease-specific umbrellas or national platforms of patient organisations.



Three Membership Categories

FULL MEMBERS

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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EPF European Patients Forum

FULL MEMBERS

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Include Patients' Organisations

Pan-European patients' groups or national platforms of patients' organisations

Respects EPF
5 legitimacy criteria

Members are patient
organisations ONLY

Do not meet the
5 EPF Legitimacy Criteria
yet but intend to do so
in the future

Do not meet criteria for
full nor provisional
membership

Share the views and
objectives of EPF

After
MAX
2 years



Three Membership Categories

EPF MEMBERS

FULL
Members

PROVISIONAL
Members

ASSOCIATE
Members

EPF PARTNERS

- Institutions
- Companies
- Health Stakeholders (NGOs, health professionals)
- Universities, research centres...

National disease-specific patients' organisations

(EPF members' members)

EPF Five Legitimacy Criteria



Legitimacy

EPF member organisations should be registered in one of the EU member states.



Democracy

EPF members should have governing bodies, which are elected by their members, who shall be patients, their carers, or their elected representatives.



Representation

EPF pan-European disease-specific organisations should have members of their own in more than half of the EU member states.



Accountability & Consultation

Statements and opinions should reflect the views and opinions of their memberships, and consultation procedures with those memberships should be put in place.



Transparency

EPF member should generally disclose their sources of funding and generally make available their audited financial accounts.

Criteria for Full vs. Associate Membership



Full member

Associate member

Membership

Patient organisations only

Members are patient organisations, but not solely

Legitimacy

Registered in an EU country
(International organisations who do not have a formally constituted branch in Europe but are active in the European region may become full members)

Registered in an EU country **or in a candidate country**

Representation

Pan-European organisation:
represent at least 14 countries

Pan-European organisation:
represent less than 14 countries

National platform: represent at least 10 diseases

National platform: represent less than 10 diseases

Criteria for Full vs. Associate Membership



Full member

Associate member

Democracy

Governing bodies are elected by their members, who shall be patients, their carers, or their elected representatives

Governing bodies are elected by the members and include patient representatives, **but not solely**

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Transparency

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More information?



Contact the EPF Secretariat!

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