



European Patients' Rights Day

MAKE IT OFFICIAL!!!

Add your voice to those calling for the European Patients' Rights Day

Dear Commissioner Dalli,

All the associations below mentioned* are writing to draw your attention to the Institutionalisation of the European Patients' Rights Day.

The recognition of Patients' Rights across the Union is an increasing demand from European citizens, and we all know that the reinforcement of these rights will become effective only with the cooperation and commitment of all stakeholders in each EU country.

Thus it is essential to increase awareness regarding the importance of patients' rights and everyone's responsibilities in guaranteeing their respect. We believe that celebrating a European Patients' Rights Day every year in all EU Member States would greatly contribute to this goal. This would be an excellent opportunity and an occasion to inform, discuss and make commitments to improve patients' rights in Europe and in each member state.

For this reason ACN together with a large number of patients and civil society organisations across the European Union, have taken the initiative to organize for the last five consecutive years the European Patients' Rights Day with events in more than a 100 European Cities in 26 European countries.

A fundamental innovative aspect is that the events are driven by citizens and patient's organizations providing a civic perspective and recognizing citizens not only as "users or consumers" of health services or "patients" with a specific diseases, but rather as an essential stakeholder concerned with the sustainability, safety and quality of healthcare.

Two Resolutions¹ from the European Parliament have called for the adoption of a European Charter of Patients' Rights on the basis of existing charters in the Member States. In addition, the EESC approved an Opinion on Patient's rights (September 26, 2007) calling on the European Commission to establish a European Patients' Rights Day, as we asked during the first European Patients' Right Day.

¹ European Parliament's Resolution on Community Action on the Provision of Cross-Border Healthcare, March 15th 2007. P6_TA(2007)0073

¹European Parliament resolution , May 23 , 2007 on the impact and consequences of the exclusion of health services from the Directive on services in the internal market ([2006/2275\(INI\)](#))

**As citizens of the EU we need your help to protect and share patients' rights:
Celebrating a European Patients' Rights Day every year in all EU Member States.**

**We call on the Commission to initiate procedures in order to declare the 18th
of April as the official European Patients' Rights Day.**

It is a clear signal to send to the EU citizens that the European Commission is here
to protect their rights. **Let's make it official!**

Sincerely,



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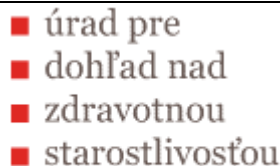

NAME	COUNTRY	LOGO
ANTIPARKINSON ASOCIATION	Romania	
BREAST CANCER & PATIENT RIGHTS ADVOCATE	Greece	
CECU	Spain	
CROATIAN ASSOCIATION FOR PATIENTS' RIGHTS	Croatia	
CROATIAN ASSOCIATION OF TREATED AND ILL WITH HEPATITIS	Croatia	
CRPRC STUDIORUM	Republic of Macedonia	

ECAS –EUROPEAN CITIZEN ACTION SERVICE	Belgium	 <p>European Citizen Action Service 77, Avenue de la Toison d'Or B-1060 Bruxelles - Belgique</p>
ESTONIAN PATIENT ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION	Estonia	
EUROPEAN BRAIN COUNCIL / EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF NEUROLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS	Belgium and the European Federation	
EUROPEAN DIAGNOSTIC MANUFACTURES ASSOCIATION	Belgium	 <p>European Diagnostic Manufacturers Association</p>
EUROPEAN EXPRESSION	Greece	
EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF NURSES ASSOCIATION	Europe	
EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATIONS (EFPA)	Europe	
EUROPEAN HEART AND LUNG TRANSPLANT FEDERATION (EHLTF)	European Federation	

EUROPEAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION	Europe	
EUROPEAN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS PLATFORM (EMSP)	Europe	
EUROPEAN NETWORK on INDEPENDENT LIVING (ENIL)	Europe	
EUROPEAN PLATFORM	Europe	
EUROPEAN REGION WORLD CONFEDERATION FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY	Europe	
FEMMES POUR TOUJOURS	France	
FINNISH REHUMATISM ASSOCIATION	Finland	
FNUG-Foreningen af Unge med Gigt (Young people with Rheumatism)	Denmark	
FONDACA, Fondazione per la Cittadinanza Attiva	Italy	



FONDAZIONE CHIRURGO E CITTADINO	Italy	
HARTSTICHTING	Netherlands	
INSTYTUT PRAW PACJENTA I EDUCACJI ZDROWOTNEJ	Poland	
KOALICIJA UDRUGA U ZDRAVSTVU / COALITION OF ASSOCIATIONS IN HEALTHCARE	Croatia	
LIGA PROTI RAKOVINE SR (League Against Cancer)	Slovakia	
PACIENTŲ OMBUDUS	Latvia	
PAIN CONCERN	United Kingdom	
PELVIC PAIN SUPPORT NETWORK (PPSN)	United Kingdom	
REMISIJA ASSOCIATION	Croatia	

SLOVAK DISABILITY COUNCIL – NÁRODNÁ RADA OBČANOV SO ZDRAVOTNÝM POSTIHNUTIM V SR	Slovakia	
SOCIEDAD ESPAÑOLA DE ATENCIÓN AL USUARIO DE LA SANIDAD	Spain	
SPOLOCNOST OCHRANY SPOTREBITELOV S.O.S.	Slovakia	
UDZS – ÚRAD PRE DOHL' AD NAD ZDRAVOTNOV STAROSTLIVOST'OU	Slovakia	
ÚSTREDIE SLOVENSKEHO ZVÄZU ZDRAVOTNE POSTIHNUTÝCH	Slovakia	
WORLD FEDERATION OF INCONTINENT PATIENTS		
ZDRUŽENIE NA POMOC L'UD OM S MENTÁLNYM POSTIHNUTIM V SR	Slovakia	

ZORGBELANGGERLAND	Netherlands	
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