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The C2DS is an association of 500 public-private non profit and private hospital members in France founded in 2006. The aim of the C2DS is to raise awareness among key players in the healthcare sector and to promote the advantages of better practices in order to manage the environmental, human and economic impacts of healthcare activities.



The Council of Occupational Therapists for the European Countries is the European organization for all Occupational Therapists through their National Associations. [www.coteceurope.eu](http://www.coteceurope.eu)



The European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) is the largest medical association in the field of allergy and clinical immunology, uniting more than 9,000 academicians, research investigators and clinicians from 121 different countries.



The European COPD Coalition (ECC) is a not for profit association committed to raising awareness among European policy makers and stakeholders about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and its social and economic impacts. The Coalition is calling for the development and the implementation of a comprehensive EU public health policy on COPD. The ECC urges swift political action to fight COPD, to uphold and support the cause of millions of patients.



The European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA) is a non-profit network of allergy, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD) patients' organisations, representing 40 national associations in 24 countries and over 400,000 patients. Visit <http://www.efanet.org> for more information.



EUROPEAN  
HEMATOLOGY  
ASSOCIATION

The European Hematology Association (EHA – ehaweb.org) is the leading European society for haematology—the medical specialty dealing with blood. We promote excellence in patient care, research and education in European haematology and represent the interests of the discipline, its clinicians and its scientists. We seek to influence policies to increase research funding

opportunities, to improve research regulations, to optimize access to medicines, and to harmonize and improve education and training.



fighting heart disease  
and stroke  
european heart network

The European Heart Network (EHN) is a Brussels-based alliance of heart foundations and likeminded non-governmental organisations throughout Europe, with member organisations in 24 countries. The EHN plays a leading role in the prevention

and reduction of cardiovascular diseases, in particular heart disease and stroke, through advocacy, networking, capacity-building and patient support, so that they are no longer a major cause of premature death and disability throughout Europe.

## European Institute of Women's Health *Setting the Agenda in Women's Health*



The European Institute of Women's Health's research reports and communication materials highlight that

the incidence and prevalence of some diseases are higher in women than men, while others affect men and women differently. Sex and gender are important variables in understanding health and health behaviour. For example, in response to the EU Commission's consultation on health inequalities (2009), the Institute recommended that more information and awareness on certain diseases pertinent to women was needed.



EPHA is a change agent – Europe's leading NGO advocating for better health. We are a dynamic member-led organisation, made up of public health NGOs, patient groups, health professionals, and disease groups working together to improve health and strengthen the voice of public health in Europe. EPHA is a member of, among others, the Social Platform, the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), the EU Civil Society Contact Group and the Better Regulation Watchdog. <http://www.epha.org/>



ERS  
EUROPEAN  
RESPIRATORY  
SOCIETY  
every breath counts

The European Respiratory Society (ERS; www.ersnet.org) is an international organisation that brings together physicians, healthcare professionals, scientists and other experts working in respiratory medicine. They are one of the leading medical

organisations in the respiratory field, with a growing membership representing over 140 countries worldwide. Their mission is to promote lung health to alleviate suffering from disease and drive standards for respiratory medicine globally. Science, education and advocacy are at the core of everything they do.



France Nature Environnement is a French federation of environmental and nature protection associations. It represents over 3500 associations present on the entire French territories, metropolis and over-seas. It was created in 1968 and officially recognized as public interest in 1976. France Nature Environnement is fighting for environmental and nature protection with its federal team made of 43 employees and about 200 volunteers. It also brings together hundreds of thousands of militants, volunteers or employees within its membership network. France Nature Environnement works on a very broad panel of subjects linked to Environment: Agriculture, Water, Health, Economy, Transport, Oceans, Energy, Forest, Education... and is present in more than 200 authorities and governing bodies.



The Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) is a leading European not-for-profit organisation addressing how the environment affects health in the European Union (EU). With the support of more than 70 member organisations, HEAL brings independent expertise and evidence from the health community to different decision-making processes.

HEALTH  
EQUALITIES  
GROUP



Health Equalities Group (HEG) is a UK-based social enterprise that seeks to tackle the root-causes of health inequalities by promoting population-level measures in tobacco control, alcohol, diet and nutrition and physical activity. Health Equalities Group achieves this through research, advocacy, consultancy and the delivery of practical projects and programmes in communities. [www.hegroup.org.uk](http://www.hegroup.org.uk)



Initiativ Liewensufank provides comprehensive information, advice and courses for expectant and new parents, carry out public awareness raising and administrative work and advocacy on behalf of the aims of the organisation. The aim of the Initiativ Liewensufank was, and still is, to improve circumstances around birth. We campaign amongst other things for: raising public awareness about environmental issues to protect the health of our families and the environment, and to ensure that life is still worth living for future generations. <http://www.liewensufank.lu/>



The Malta Health Network was set up in 2007 with the aim of representing in Malta, in the EU and internationally, the interests of patients and the health of the community, developing better coordination, collaboration and capacity building through exchange of best practice among Health Non Governmental (NGO) 'not for profit' (NPO) Organizations and Patient Representation Groups (PRGs). MHN is independent of the Government of Malta and of any political party or organization. The Network currently started off with 20 funder member organisations and currently counts over 30 organisations. It supports initiatives to protect patients' health and is active in promoting The European Charter of Patients' rights. MHN participates in consultation sessions related to health and patient issues, has regular communication with local health Authorities and gives a voice to member organisations as need arises.



**NO PAIN  
FOUNDATION**

No Pain Foundation has been established in Malta at the end of 2014 to create an international non-profit organization for the purpose of carrying out social, educational as well as research and development activities in the field of pain management and pain therapies. All our activities are aimed at improving quality of life by raising doctor's and patients awareness and providing care to patients suffering from chronic pain, as we know that few patients are managed by pain specialists and many receive inadequate pain management. Our mission is to Improve the quality of life of people living with chronic pain promoting awareness about chronic pain.

This the reason behind the three macro purposes of No Pain Foundation: Education, Research and Care.



**Royal College  
of Physicians**

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP London) was founded in 1518 as a professional body of physicians whose individual membership now spans 80 countries including 24 Member States of the European Union. The College aims to improve the quality of patient care by continually raising medical standards through education and training for physicians

and works with government, the public, patients and other professions to improve health and healthcare.  
[www.rcplondon.ac.uk](http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk)