



## **Joint Communiqué by National Neurological Societies in Europe**

We, the National Neurological Societies in Europe, affirm our support for the Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders.

We thank the World Health Organization for its key role in preparing this Global Action Plan and for having co-created it together with Member States and stakeholders.

Our societies are facing unprecedented challenges connected with the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences that have negatively impacted neurological practice and care. This Global Action Plan offers a unique opportunity to redress and prevent future neurological disease burden.

### **Our Vision:**

We, as National Neurological Societies, envision making Neurology a Global Priority. We want to tackle cross-cutting issues and address common challenges with an integrated response whilst in parallel emphasising the need for brain health to be valued, promoted, and protected as a primary preventive measure.

### **Our Support and Action:**

We affirm our support for the scope, vision, goal, guiding principles, strategic objectives and global targets and indicators of the Global Action Plan. We will cooperate across multiple sectors in our respective countries to develop multistakeholder aligned and backed strategies. We will cooperate across Europe to act fast and in a comprehensive and coordinated manner. Through this concerted effort, we will contribute to reducing fragmentation and expedite the implementation of structured approaches for greater impact within and across our borders. We will share our good practices and render our expertise beyond Europe to ensure global success in implementation of the Global Action Plan.

We will strive to bring together Neurological Disease Specific Societies under the auspices of our National Neurological Societies to speak with one voice, to work together to improve services and support based on evidence-informed practice, increase availability of medicines, and importantly increase and improve the quality of the neurological workforce.



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### **An interconnected European Neurological Force:**

The European Academy of Neurology unites our 47 national societies and represents more than 45,000 neurologists to promote neurological excellence in Europe and across the world, leading to better patient care and outcomes.

EAN is keen to work with authorities and policymakers at national, European and global levels in support of Brain Health and neurological care and treatment. United under the auspices of the European Academy of Neurology, we will build on its well-established partnerships with national, pan-European and international organisations to ensure quality health care and support for patients and their families to promote Brain Health and overcome health inequities in neurological care and treatment in Europe.

We will reinforce cooperation on digitalising our health systems, contribute to the development of secure, efficient and transparent exchange of health data, conduct joint research and share and make accessible education and professional training for neurologists across Europe.

### **Conclusion**

We, as Presidents and Delegates representing 41 National Neurological Societies in Europe sign this Joint Communiqué to work together on further steps for adoption and implementation of the Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders, leveraging our long-standing collaboration, expertise, and resources.

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### **About the EAN – The Home of Neurology**

The European Academy of Neurology (EAN) is Europe's home of neurology. Founded in 2014, through the merger of two European neurological societies, EAN represents the interests of more than 45,000 individual members and 47 national institutional members from across the continent.

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