

Epilepsy
Advocacy
Europe



STAND UP FOR EPILEPSY!

Epilepsy Advocacy Europe: an ILAE-IBE Joint Task Force





Epilepsy in Europe: Facts and Figures*

- 6 million people affected
- €20 billion in costs (WHO estimate)
- Health care fragmented and inadequately resourced
- 58% of European countries do not have an epilepsy surgery programme
- Treatment gap up to 90% in some regions
- Stigma highly prevalent in all countries
- Epilepsy research grossly under-funded



ACTION IS NEEDED!!!!



Written Declaration on Epilepsy Recommendations

- Encourage research and innovation in prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy
- Prioritize epilepsy as a major disease that imposes a significant burden across Europe
- Encourage Member States to ensure equal quality of life for people with epilepsy
- Encourage Member States to introduce appropriate legislation to protect the rights of people with epilepsy





Epilepsy Advocacy Europe (EAE)

- A joint Task Force of ILAE and IBE*
- Mission: to enhance public awareness and to support epilepsy research in Europe
- EAE seeks to make epilepsy a priority in political and research establishments across Europe



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EAE – Strategic Plan

- Support endorsement of the Declaration on Epilepsy by the EU Parliament (granted in September 2011)
- Activate and support national ILAE/IBE chapters to obtain fair allocation of health care resources to epilepsy
- Ensure that epilepsy achieves priority status in the EU framework programmes for research
- Set up a campaign to fight ignorance and stigma and to improve legislation to protect rights of people with epilepsy
- Organize a European conference attended by all parties (lay, professional, political) to sensitize them to the above needs
- Catalyze collaboration on innovative research and demonstration projects

