

European Federation of Neurological Associations' (EFNA)

ELECTION MANIFESTO SUMMARY

The EFNA Election Manifesto presents a comprehensive roadmap toward prioritising optimal quality of life for people with neurological conditions and their carers. Neurological conditions are the most frequent, disabling and costly of all non-communicable diseases in the EU. This manifesto outlines the urgent need for enhanced research, patient engagement and equitable access to treatments to support neurological patients. It emphasises the importance of collaborative efforts, including setting up an EU Joint Action on Neurological Conditions, launching a European plan to promote brain health, optimal living for neurology patients and combat neurologic and brain disorders, leveraging the upcoming Brain Health Partnership for the benefit of neurology patients and implementing the WHO neurological action plan, to improve outcomes for individuals with neurological conditions.



EFNA calls on EU policymakers to:



Implement a well-resourced EU Joint Action on Neurological Conditions and Brain Health.

Revise European pharmaceutical legislation to encourage advancements in neurological treatments.

Better resource and integrate the European Reference Networks in national healthcare systems.

Launch a patient-centred Brain Health Partnership with adequate resources from EU Institutions, Member States and for-profit actors.



Create the European Plan to Promote Brain Health, Optimal Living for those with Neurologic Conditions and Combat Neurologic and Brain Disorders.

Ensure active and equal patient participation in R&D activities and decision-making processes.



Adhere to the European Pillar of Social Rights, supporting neurological patients facing socioeconomic challenges.

Align the EU NCD Initiative's neurological strand with the targets of the WHO IGAP.

Prioritise IGAP targets to raise policy prioritisation and strengthen governance.

Develop national and EU-wide awareness campaigns and plans for neurological conditions.



Strengthen neurological patients' capacity at a national level through a dedicated EU project.

Foster national neurological alliances to facilitate the implementation of the IGAP.