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Mission

To enable patients and professionals to work in partnership to drive policy and the regulatory environment in support of lung health at the European level, and to participate in and communicate about projects related to respiratory health and disease.

Vision

To improve lung health and advance diagnosis, treatment and care to ensure that every breath counts.

Overall objectives

1. Promote and protect the physical and mental health of sufferers of lung diseases and their related risks;
2. Advance the education and understanding of the public about lung diseases and their related risk factors;
3. Promote research into the field of lung diseases for the public benefit; and
4. Contribute to the fulfilment of the objectives of the ELF and ERS, which include the conduct of similar initiatives and actions in the area of the research, education and treatment of lung diseases.



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ANNUAL FOCUS: Building structure and portfolio

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Jan 2022 – third employee employed with a focus on providing project and policy admin assistance for the whole Lungs Europe team
- Successful in becoming partner in EU projects:
 - SOLACE
 - FRESHAIR4LIFE
- Kick off of project COCOS-PPF



- Lungs Europe role
Funded by the European Joint programme for Rare diseases, the “Co-designing a Core Outcome Set for and with patients with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis” (COCOS-IPF) project aims to develop a Core Outcome Set (COS) and their corresponding measures for IPF care in Europe. The project will involve a transnational collaboration with professionals and patients, a sound methodological underpinning of the work planned, and by paying attention to geographical, socio-economic and healthcare system diversity within Europe, we will succeed to create a set of outcomes that patients and healthcare professionals value the most within IPF care. Lungs Europe will provide patient and professional input throughout the project, and lead on communication and dissemination.



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- Kick-off of project FRESHAIR4LIFE



- FRESHAIR4 Life is a four-year implementation science research programme that commenced in January 2023 in five countries with 13 partners. This EU project aims to develop context-specific interventions to reduce tobacco and air pollution exposure in disadvantaged populations. It focuses specifically on tobacco and air pollution exposure in mid-late adolescents. Lungs Europe will bring the youth perspective to the project and co-lead on communication and dissemination.