The European Lung Foundation is dedicated to bringing patients and the public together with respiratory professionals to improve respiratory health. This activity includes actively involving patients in healthcare by ensuring the patient voice is incorporated at every level of ERS activities as well as disseminating the highest quality patient resources and communicating and translating the work of ERS to those outside the respiratory field.

- 3 new Patient Advisory Groups in sleep apnoea, COPD and bronchiectasis in children
- New website launched focused on patient priorities for ChILD
- Patients as part of RESPIRE 3 interview panel
- Translation of “your lungs at work” occupational tool into German, Dutch, French and Portuguese
Healthy Lungs for Life is one of the largest ever lung health campaigns raising awareness of the importance of healthy lungs to healthcare professionals, scientists, primary care patients, policymakers, and the public through a full range of events, projects, and promotional activities.

The campaign theme of ‘breathe clean air’ was launched at the ERS Congress 2018 in Paris.

Over 800 members of the public had their lungs tested.

2018 ELF Award presented to Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris and Chair of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, to recognise C40’s dedication to improving air quality in numerous major cities.

First international grants awarded for Healthy Lungs for Life events.