The European Lung Foundation (ELF) 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.

This year’s achievements include:

- Effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic, with a new COVID-19 section on the website including a Q&A in 11 languages, with over 100,000 views
- Sarcoidosis Patient Compass launched in 7 languages
- 2 new Patient Advisory Groups (PAG) formed for COPD and sleep apnoea and new United PAG formed to deal with cross-disease issues
Over 800 members of the public had their lungs tested in Madrid city centre and 170 pledged to make positive HLFL changes.

2019 ELF Award was given to Dr Maria Neira (Director, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health at the World Health Organization (WHO)). The award recognised the WHO's commitment to improving air quality globally and helping people to breathe clean air.

First global events held using grants from the Healthy Lungs for Life campaign.