

Driving policy and healthcare change – how can ELF help?

Collaboration and Networking

- Facilitate collaboration among organisations to share experiences and best practices
- Create networks for rare disease and smaller organisations
- Connect organisations in similar disease areas across Europe
- Facilitate regular meetings with ELF Patient Organisation Network members
- Establish online forums for communication and knowledge sharing
- Expand the ELF network by introducing new groups such as PAGs

Advocacy and Policy Support

- Support organisations in their interactions with policymakers
- Offer open letters as a tool for collective advocacy
- Provide best practice examples
- Introduce organisations to politicians
- Help identify key topics through surveys

Centralised Resources and Services

- Provide centralised services for organisations to improve operations and effectiveness
- Offer financial support for specific tasks

World Respiratory Diseases Day

- Establish a World Respiratory Diseases Day in conjunction with ERS to:
 - Raise awareness about unmet needs of respiratory disease patients
 - Promote access to treatment, care, and research
 - Advocate for multidisciplinary care approaches
 - Support patient organisations and their work
 - Encourage education on respiratory diseases from an early age

Education and Empowerment

- Educate the general public (particularly young people) and primary healthcare practitioners on lung diseases and related areas such as climate change and screening
- Raise awareness of patient organisations amongst healthcare practitioners
- Provide training on advocacy skills for small organisations
- Offer education on grant acquisition and access
- Conduct training for professionalisation of small organisations
- Help patients share their stories effectively
- Educate patients about digital health technologies and the European Health Data Space

Support Services

- Organise meetings with individuals and families to assess needs and discuss available services
- Act as a partner to help organisations access European funding
- Provide information on grant opportunities and application processes