MEET THE EPF COMMUNITY!

EFP Membership Flowchart
EPF members

EPF members are pan-European disease-specific umbrellas or national platforms of patient organisations.
Three Membership Categories

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FULL MEMBERS

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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**FULL MEMBERS**
- Respects EPF 5 legitimacy criteria
- Members are patient organisations ONLY

**PROVISIONAL MEMBERS**
- Include Patients' Organisations
- Pan-European patients' groups or national platforms of patients' organisations

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**
- Do not meet criteria for full nor provisional membership
- Share the views and objectives of EPF

After MAX 2 years
Three Membership Categories

EPF MEMBERS

FULL Members

PROVISIONAL Members

ASSOCIATE Members

EPF PARTNERS

- Institutions
- Companies
- Health Stakeholders (NGOs, health professionals)
- Universities, research centres...

National disease-specific patients' organisations
(EPF members' members)

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**EPF Five Legitimacy Criteria**

**Legitimacy**
EPF member organisations should be registered in one of the EU member states.

**Democracy**
EPF members should have governing bodies, which are elected by their members, who shall be patients, their carers, or their elected representatives.

**Representation**
EPF pan-European disease-specific organisations should have members of their own in more than half of the EU member states.

**Accountability & Consultation**
Statements and opinions should reflect the views and opinions of their memberships, and consultation procedures with those memberships should be put in place.

**National platforms should represent at least 10 different diseases groups to be accepted as Full Members.**

**Transparency**
EPF member should generally disclose their sources of funding and generally make available their audited financial accounts.

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