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Age: 28

Country: Hungary

Name of the Organization:

Transplant Foundation, Hungary

About my Organization:

- helps children and their families before and after organ transplantation
- raises awareness on organ donation
- organizes rehabilitation activities (camps, workshops)
- publishes a newspaper regularly for patients, their families and anyone interested

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About me:

Hi all! My name is Ivett, and I am living in Budapest, Hungary. I had an acute liver failure at the age of 16 due to a rare genetic disorder called Wilson's disease. You know your condition is rare when it comes up in every second Doctor House episode, sure does Wilson's disease. With great luck after 6 days on the acute waiting list I had a successful liver transplant. Right after I got involved in peer-to-peer and sport programs, helping my rehabilitation both mentally and physically. Suddenly I found myself on the other side, volunteering for the patient organisations which have helped me when I needed the most. I also started playing sports, tennis and volley ball and competing on the transplant level at international championships for transplanted people. Concerning my everyday, I am a health economist and working as a full-time researcher at an independent research institute in Budapest. My main research interests are in the evolving areas of health technology assessment and patient involvement in healthcare decision-making on all levels. My mission as a person with "two hats" is to bring the perspectives of decision makers and patients closer together, for more patient-centered healthcare systems in Europe. I joined the Youth Group in early 2019, after participating at the second edition of STYPA. I am more than excited to be a part of the group, because it is crucial to help the next generation of patient advocates on this long and hard route, to never forget: We are the future!