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European Federation of IgG4-RD Patients officially launches

Today, 21 May 2026, the European Federation of igG4-RD patients launched publicly, showcasing the stunning specifically designed house style, that joins the Human aspect of patients to the medical world. The Federative website is www.igg4.eu .

There is unity between the house styles of the Federation itself and the national associations it will support, to promote visibility and awareness, with the French association being the first one to use the design. The Federation hopes to have at least 4 national associations by the end of '26 with the goal of helping create patient associations in every European country.

The Federation was created in June 2025 and officially registered in Brussels in September 2025. The Federation has the support of ERN ReConnect and various Pharma companies involved in igG4-RD research such as Amgen, Sanofi, Zenas and others.

An agreement has been reached with prominent IgG4-RD specialists such as Drs Emanuel Della Torre and Tobias Alexander to coordinate the federative Medical Board. The clear intent is to speak with a single voice regarding diagnosis, treatment and outlook.

The board is composed of patients, and they are all proud to be involved in this venture, which aims to give the thousands of patients suffering from IgG4-RD in

Europe a voice. A voice which will help find improved diagnosis, treatment and outlook regarding this incurable and often debilitating disease.

The aim of the federation is to support patients in the wider European region in understanding their disease and obtain best proactive medical care whilst simultaneously acting as a bridge towards the industry and academic world.

The Federation will be able to assist patients in all European countries to set up national associations with the help of a specific toolkit which will include financial help, assistance in legal and banking matters, provide ready-made national websites for rapid deployment as well as support for social media presence and other form of support.

Whilst the federation is intended to gather the various igG4-RD patient associations it will meanwhile accept individual members of countries where no such association yet exists.

The Federation is keen to engage with all organisations that wish to support the patient advocacy initiative whilst continuing to put the interests of patients at its core.

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