

The Association Toolkit

Everything we provide to new IgG4-RD national associations — legal, financial, website and brand support, included with Federation membership.

Available to all newly founded IgG4-RD country associations affiliated with the European Federation

What you get

This toolkit, including assistance on legal, financial, website and social media support — including picture rights — is made available to all newly founded IgG4-RD country associations. Membership of the Federation is available as soon as you have a formal legal statute and gives you voting rights to jointly decide our policies and objectives.

Statutes for your association

We provide examples of statutes from existing national associations and support you in drafting your own.

Financial contribution to start

If needed, an initial financial contribution to start the legal setup process can be provided. It is subject to a simple agreement, must be appropriately justified in writing, and the funds will be wired to an appropriate bank account. Expenses must be documented afterwards.

Medical Board guidance

We help you establish your association's Medical Board and connect you with IgG4-RD experts in your country who can support you throughout the process.

Your own website

- Your own empty website (yourcountry.igg4.eu), free of development costs, within the European Federation portal — ready for your contact details, board, objectives, events and country-specific medical information.
- Manage your content through a simple-to-use multilingual CRM.
- Free to add appropriate redirect domain names using local terms for IgG4-RD.
- Authoritative medical content prepared and approved by our Federation medical board in collaboration with national medical boards — ensuring a single, reputable voice.
- Use of your country's flag and colours alongside the agreed Federation palette to enhance your identity.
- For countries with their own existing website, yourcountry.igg4.eu becomes a redirect, provided the agreed pan-European house style is applied.

Logo design

Design your logo in collaboration with our branding toolkit creator, ensuring it is consistent with other associations to maximise visibility within the European IgG4-RD patient community.

Brand bible

The brand bible includes the logo, colour palette and typography. Adhering to this international brand across our network means each association benefits from the visibility of partner associations and the Federation — maximising the reach of our quest. We are in this together, and as a rare disease, having uniform recognisability is essential.

Templates

Ready-made templates for presentations, banners, posters, leaflets, business cards, social media and more — all carrying your association logo within our joint brand.

Canva subscription

A Canva subscription, pre-loaded with your logo and all our brand components (fonts, colour palettes, patterns, icons), is provided free of charge for the first year.

Database of real patient photography

Access to a database of real IgG4-RD patients and doctors for free-of-rights use on your website — we stay away from AI-generated or stock illustrations. We will invite you to contribute good-quality, free-of-rights photography from your country, with Federation financial support.

Photography contribution for board members

A contribution of €600 per association is provided for board members' photography. Rights are shared between the model, the association and the Federation.

Initial requirements

- No known IgG4-RD patient association in your country is already affiliated with our Federation.
- You adhere to the values and mission of the EF-IgG4-RD.
- You meet the criteria for registration as a patient association in your country.
- A clear Federation membership badge is displayed on your website's front page and in all relevant documents.
- Only IgG4-RD members have voting rights within the association (carers and others may be members).
- Statutes do not harm IgG4-RD patients, other federative associations, or the Federation.

Membership fees for associations

- €1 for year one
- €250 per year thereafter if membership is 10 patients or fewer
- €500 per year thereafter if membership is more than 10 patients
- €25 per year for individual members in countries without an association — full Federation membership without toolkit access
- The Federation may waive the membership fee in cases of hardship

Operating principles

Members agree to the “single voice and single look” across Europe to maximise the impact of our joint activities.

- **Single voice** — all medical content is published in accordance with the medical board's rules.
- **Single look** — the agreed brand book guidelines are followed, with local logo and colour adaptations allowed where they strengthen recognition.
- Contact with pharmaceutical companies must be transparent and associations must remain independent.
- Strict adherence to GDPR and the handling of patient data.

Contract enforcement and expulsion. Decisions are taken by the European board. Expulsion is the last resort for serious, unremedied misconduct — primarily dangerous medical advice or improper relationships with medical companies.