

CELEBRATING

15

YEARS OF

Kidney Health  
Advocacy



# Our mission

Bring together the Kidney Health community to provide forward-looking solutions to the challenges encountered by Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) patients in Europe. CKD will soon be the 5th cause of death worldwide – There is an urgency to act.



## Our vision

A Europe whose policies and practices contribute to:

- Reduce the incidence of CKD
- Slow the progression of CKD in existing patients
- Provide better therapies and quality of life to all CKD patients



## Our achievements

In 15 years, EKHA has contributed to

- Increasing awareness** of kidney disease in main EU initiatives and policies
- Creating an influential network** of nephrology societies and patients' associations at EU level
- Securing the support of key EU decision makers** including Members of the European Parliament (MEP) Group for Kidney Health, successive presidencies of the Council of the EU and European Commission representatives
- Scaling up funding opportunities** for Chronic Kidney Disease prevention, treatment and care



## Our advocacy priorities

1

Prevention and screening

2

Fair patient access to all treatment options

3

Innovative and green therapies

4

Information and education

## EKHA in numbers

30+

position papers & journal articles

8

European Kidney Forums

30+

meetings with EU officials

4

campaigns



Decade of the Kidney™



Joint Statement on Organ Donation and Transplantation



Gift of Life



World Kidney Day

## 27 SUPPORTING MEMBERS

Full members



Affiliate members



2007-2022

## EKHA's main successes

2007

Creation of EKHA

2015

Policy recommendations

2017

Multi-country Survey on Quality of Patient Information on Choice of Treatment

2019

Thematic Network and Joint Statement on Organ Donation and Transplantation

2021

Creation of EKHA Working Groups:  
• Prevention & Screening  
• Disease Management  
• Ground Breaking Innovation

2021

Call to action: improving prevention, treatment and care of Chronic Kidney Disease in the aftermath of COVID-19

2022

EKHA position papers on protecting kidney patients amid the war in Ukraine

2008

Creation of the MEP Group for Kidney Health

2017

EDITH Project on effect of differing kidney disease treatment modalities and organ donation and transplantation practices on health expenditure and patient outcomes.

2018

Gift of Life Campaign

2019

EKHA becomes a legal entity

2021

Launch of the Decade of the Kidney™ campaign in Europe

2022

EKHA recommendations to the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union: Tackling Chronic Kidney Disease at EU level

2022

European Parliament Plenary Session debate on Chronic Kidney Disease

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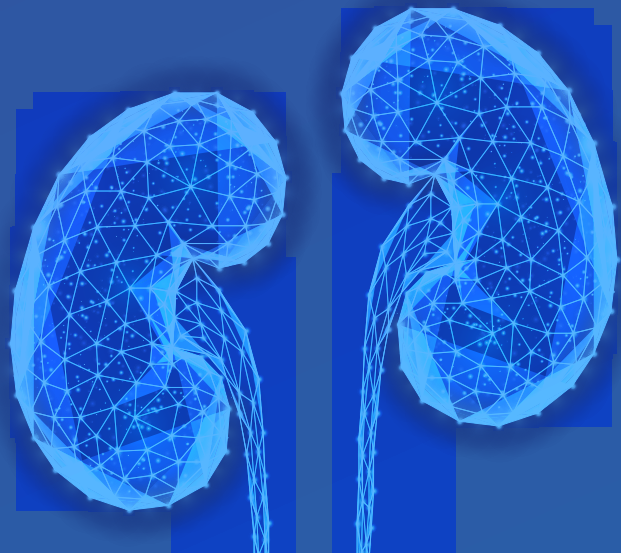


“Looking back at the outstanding work that EKHA accomplished in the past 15 years, I am very proud to be part of this incredible journey whose exclusive mission is to reduce the suffering of kidney disease patients. From an informal alliance between 2 organisations, EKHA has become an impactful legal entity with 27 members across Europe. I trust that EKHA will maintain its role in finding, together with EU decision makers, innovative policy solutions to address patients’ most pressing needs. Kidney disease should be recognised as a public health emergency, and it is my belief that EKHA will help achieve this paradigm shift in the future.”

– **Prof. Em. Raymond Vanholder**, EKHA President

## A brief history

EKHA was created in 2007 as a collaborative effort between the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF). The European Renal Association (ERA) soon joined the Alliance, followed by the European Kidney Patients’ Federation (EKPF), and the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA).



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