# **EKHA**

General Assembly
Hybrid
June 23, 2025
10.00 – 13.00 CET



#### Introduction speeches

- Valérie Luyckx EKHA President
- Michel Jadoul EKHA Vice-President
- Amanda Harvey-Dehaye EKHA General Manager

(please use only this mail address as of now: general.manager@ekha.eu)

# New EKHA affiliated partners



# Danish Society of Nephrology



EKHA General Assembly
May 23, 2025
Henrik Birn, Chairman, Danish Society of Nephrology



# Danish Society of Nephrology

Founded in 1966. First chairman: Claus Brunn

Approx. 320 members, 3 of which are company memberships

Danish Society of Nephrology - young nephrologist: Approx. 110 members'

The Danish Society of Nephrology Research Foundation awarding approx. 30,000 Euro per year for research, travel grants and educational activities

Two-day annual meeting in May/June

Two one-day scientific meeting per year

Partnership with the Nordic renal associations arranging biannual Nordic congresses

Renal registry (DNSL) administered and funded by the Danish Healthcare Quality Institute

Regular leadership meetings with the Danish Kidney Association (kidney patient association)

Ad-hoc activities: Guideline, Advisory function for health authorities



# Danish Society of Nephrology

#### Board members:

Henrik Birn, MD, DMSc, Chairman (until May 2026), professor, consultant nephrologist, Aarhus hb@clin.au.dk



Dorthe Mørck Mortensen, MD, PhD, secretary, nephrology specialist, Aarhus secretary@nephrology.dk



Bo Broberg, MD, consultant nephrologist, Herlev



Nicholas Carlson, MD, PhD, nephrology specialist, Copenhagen



My Svensson, MD, PhD, professor, consultant nephrologist, Aalborg



Line Aas Mortensen, MD, PhD, nephrology specialist, Odense



Samuel Levi Svendsen, MD, PhD, renal trainee (young nephrologist representative), Gødstrup

#### **Austrian Society of Nephrology**

Michael Rudnicki president of Austrian Society of Nephrology



#### **Finnish Society of Nephrology**

Pekka Arikoski president of the Finnish Society of Nephrology



#### Norwegian Society of Nephrology

Ivar Anders Eide president of the Norwegian Society of Nephrology



## **Our Society**

Liam Plant

Chair of the Board of INS

https://www.linkedin.com/in/liam-plant-59a1503a/?originalSubdomain=ie

Established >50 years ago

Most recent Constitution 2023

Company Limited by Guarantee
Charity registered with Charities Regulator

#### **Our Mission Statement**

Our mission is to ensure a high quality care for patients with kidney disease by promoting the highest standard of medical practice. We have an integral role in the education and training of medical practitioners and advise government, the public and the profession on health care issues relating to kidney disease.



https://irishnephrology.ie/

info@irishnephrology.ie

# Structure & Membership

#### **Officers**

President (Prof. Donal Reddan)

Two Executive Secretaries

#### **Board**

#### **Domain Leads**

Research & Innovation

Clinical Care & Service Development

Training, Education & Continued Professional Development

Advocacy & External Relations



#### **Core Membership:**

All Island Society (Rol & NI)

Consultant Nephrologists
Trainee Nephrologists
Scientists in Nephrology Domains

Other Nephrology Professions

100 - 250



## Academic Meetings

Annual Scientific Meeting (2 days)
Winter Scientific Meeting (1 day)
Nephrology Trainee Meetings
Awards & Bursaries

Best Medical Student Moderated Display Poster:
THE IMPACT OF COPY NUMBER VARIANTS IN DIAGNOSIS
AND SEVERITY OF POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE
Sophie Heneghan, RCSI

Best Moderated Display Poster:
TRANSLATING THE OUTCOMES OF DAPA-CKD: IMPLICATIONS
FOR HEALTHCARE UTILIZATION AND COST-OFFSET IN IRELAND
Niamh Corcoran, UL

Best Basic Science Oral Presentation:

VARIANT HAPLOTYPE LANDSCAPE OF AUTOSOMAL DOMINANT

POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE IN IRELAND

Dr Ashwini Shanmugam, RCSI

Best Clinical Science Oral Presentation:
WORKING TOWARDS A NATIONAL END STAGE KIDNEY
DISEASE DATA SYSTEM IN IRELAND

Dr Shane McCarthy, CUH

#### Medical Independent

https://www.medicalindependent.ie > in-the-news > conference > ins-the-past-thepresent-and-th...

#### The past, the present, and the future of nephrology - Medical I...

8 Jun 2023 · Primary themes throughout the meeting included education and scientific research; the value of patient registries; evidence-based medicine; and future developments in the field of **nephrology**, as well as a heavy emphasis on the patient journey.

#### Medical Independent

https://www.medicalindependent.ie > in-the-news > conference > the-importance-of-sustainabilit...

#### The importance of sustainability emphasised at the Irish Nephr...

18 Feb 2024 · The issue of climate change and conservation was discussed at the recent Irish Nephrology Society Winter Meeting... Categories Clinical journal for healthcare specialists

#### Medical Independent

https://www.medicalindependent.ie > in-the-news > conference > ckd-under-the-spotlight-at-nep...

#### CKD under the spotlight at nephrology meeting - Medical Inde...

13 Jan 2025 · Chronic kidney disease (CKD) features strongly in the programme for the Irish

Nephrology Society (INS) Winter Meeting, which will take place in Galway on 24-25 January. INS

President Prof Donal Reddan told the Medical Independent (MI) that epidemiology, research and...

#### Medical Independent

https://www.medicalindependent.ie > societies > ins > marking-a-milestone-in-paediatric-renal-tr...

#### Marking a milestone in paediatric renal transplantation - Medic...

6 Jun 2024 · The upcoming Annual Scientific Meeting of the Irish Nephrology Society will mark 21 years of the paediatric renal transplantation programme. The Medical Independent previews the varied and stimulating agenda.

#### Medical Independent

https://www.medicalindependent.ie > in-the-news > conference > restructuring-the-ins-for-the-fut...

#### Restructuring the INS for the future - Medical Independent

In its 50th year of existence, the Irish Nephrology Society (INS) is examining how the Society can be restructured. The INS Winter Meeting took place on Saturday, 28 January in the RCSI in Dublin.

## **Key Partners**

Health Service Executive (HSE) -National Renal Office (NRO)

Institute of Medicine
Royal College of Physicians of Ireland Higher Specialist Training in Nephrology

Irish Nephrology Nurses' Association (INNA)

Renal Interest Group (RIG) –

Irish Nutrition & Dietetic Institute (INDI)

Irish Kidney Association (IKA)



The Third Report of the

Structured Chronic
Disease Management
Treatment Programme

in General Practice



Medical Discipline	Specialty	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024			
	Anaesthesiology	479	501	5%			
Anaesthesiology & ICM	Intensive Care Medicine	44	47	7%			
	Sub-Total	523	548	5%			
Emergency Medicine	Emergency Medicine	191	215	13%			
Madicina	Cardiology	126	134	6%			
	Clinical Genetics	8	9	13%			
	Clinical Pharmacology	6	7	17%			
	Dermatology	56	64	14%			
	Endocrinology & Diabetes Mellitus	95	107	13%			
	Gastroenterology	113	126	12%			
	General Medicine	32	37	16%			
	Genito-Urinary Medicine	9	10	11%			
	Geriatric Medicine	183	203	11%			
	Infectious Diseases	47	53	13%			
	Medical Oncology	70	78	11%			
	Nephrology	68	77	13%			
	Neurology	67	74	10%			
	Neurophysiology	15	17	13%			
	Palliative Medicine	58	66	14%			
	Rehabilitation Medicine	18	18	0%			
	Respiratory Medicine	130	146	12%			
	Rheumatology	58	64	10%			
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#### Learn more about Nephrology in Ireland

Liam Plant. Nephrology in Ireland. In 'Nephrology Worldwide' Ed. Moura-Neto JA, Divino-Filho JC, Ronco C.

Heidelberg, Springer International Publishing, 2021. Ch.42. Pps 569-580.

#### **HSE National Renal Office (NRO)**

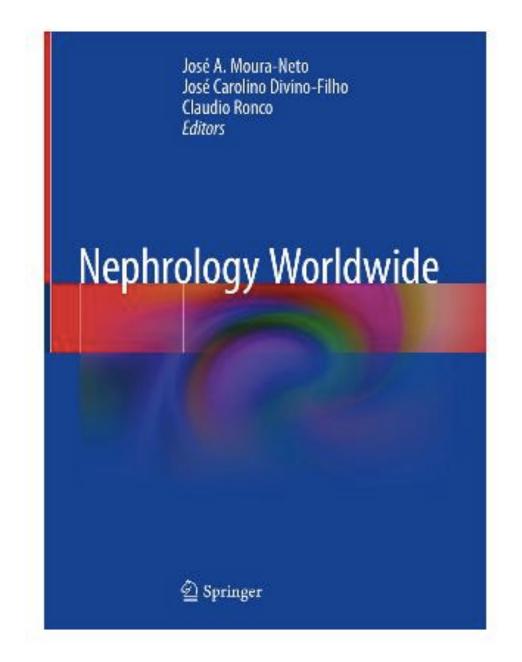
https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/renal/

#### **HSE Organ Donation Transplant Ireland (ODTI)**

https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/acute-hospitals-division/organdonation-transplant-ireland/

#### **HSE Structured Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Treatment Programme, Third Report**

https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/primary/third-chronic-diseasereport.pdf







# Integrating Kidney Health into EU Research and Policy

EKHA General Assembly June 23, 2025



#### We should keep the momentum!

#### **WHA78** resolution adoption



Together, we can shape EU priorities and drive research aligned with kidney health.

# Horizon Europe 2025 calls open for submission (Sept 19, 2025)



# **EU4Health 2025 currently drafted** (expected in Nov 2025)





#### Horizon Europe 2025: Relevant calls (deadline: Sept 19, 2025)

#### Two promising calls for kidney health-focused proposals

- HLTH-01-DISEASE-06: Implementation research addressing strategies to strengthen health systems for equitable high-quality care and health outcomes in the context of non-communicable diseases (GACD)
- HLTH-01-DISEASE-07: Tackling high-burden for patients and under-researched medical conditions.

#### Proposed idea for HLTH-01-DISEASE-06

"Integrating Chronic Kidney Disease Early Detection and Prevention into Primary Care Pathways Across Europe" (to be discussed).

#### **Proposed idea for HLTH-01-DISEASE-07**

"Advancing Diagnosis, Research and Equity in Rare Kidney Diseases" (to be discussed).

"Increasing access to kidney transplant" (to be discussed).

#### Open to more/other suggestions!



We need partners
to co-design research projects
and identify a potential coordinator
with EU funding experience



#### **EU4Health: Ensuring CKD is No Longer Overlooked**

#### What's at stake

- Kidney health has been so far absent from EU4Health priorities.
- Strong momentum from the WHA resolution can help shift this.

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- Join forces to draft a unified advocacy message to the Commission.
- Use EKHA's and members' networks to disseminate and advocate.
- Push for CKD prevention, screening, and innovation, including xenotransplant, to be listed as priority areas.
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#### **Prevention**





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#### **Innovation**







Thank you!



# News from the EKHA full partners



# Dutch kidney 23/06/20 Toundation



# Living Kidney Donation (NDbL) & Prevention Strategy

#### **Key Message NDbl:**

1 in 10 Dutch people has irreversible kidney damage. This can become so severe that a kidney transplant is necessary to survive. The number of kidney transplants has increased due to the new donor law, but there is still a shortage of donor kidneys. The waiting time for a kidney donation is nearly 2.5 years. Living kidney donation can save a patient's life.

#### **Objectives:**

- Raise awareness, knowledge, and perceived importance of living kidney donation, aiming to dispel myths and increase willingness to donate.
- Reduce the number of kidney patients on the waiting list / shorten average waiting time for a donor kidney.
- Ensure maximum involvement of the relevant audiences
- Provide clear information on Donation & Transplantation, specifically Living Kidney Donation.

#### **Dutch Integrated Prevention Strategy:**

The Netherlands has launched a new national prevention strategy aimed at fostering a healthier population by 2040. Rather than imposing restrictions, the strategy focuses on making healthy choices easier and more attractive, especially for youth, across all environments where people live, learn, work, and play.

#### **Objectives:**

- The Dutch government is preparing legislation to restrict marketing of unhealthy foods to children, due to the failure of self-regulation.
- Early detection via urine tests, BP monitoring, and integration with broader screening.
- Dutch cabinet is demissionary future implementation remains uncertain.
- Supermarkets at the table with strong lobbying against health measures



#### Other Strategic Themes

- Integration with NVN: strengthening patient voice and collaboration
- New brand strategy: unified identity for greater impact
- NextKidney and wearable dialysis technologies
- Kidney Check for targeting early detection of chronic kidney disease
- European collaboration through EKHA and DCVA















## European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/ European Renal Care Association

Dr. Ilaria de Barbieri, RN, PhD EDTNA/ERCA President Ad Interim



#### **MISSION**

- Be the leading, recognised multi-disciplinary kidney care Association in Europe.
- Achieve a high level of quality care for people with kidney disease and their families.
- Develop and continually update kidney care standards.
- Promote the advancement of kidney care through education, clinical research and continuous professional development.



### It all started 1971

- The European Dialysis and Transplant
   Nurses Association/European Renal Care
   Association was established in 1971.
- The Association was and still is driven by volunteers.





#### **Global Association**



EDTNA/ERCA is a multi-disciplinary organisation, open to nurses, technicians, social workers, dieticians, unit managers, transplant co-ordinators, and any other professionals working with renal patients.



Vascular Access Cannulation and Care

– A Nursing Best Practice Guide for
Arteriovenous Fistula
English, Italian, Spanish, French, Russian,

Bosnian, Slovenian, Latino, Croatian, Hungarian

Maria Teresa Parisotto & Jitka Pancirova

**BOOKS** 

Chronic Kidney Disease (stages 1-3)

– A Guide to Clinical Practice
Czech, English, Hebrew, Greek, Italian, Spanish,
Turkish, Portuguese
Althea Mahon & Karen Jenkins

Chronic Kidney Disease (stages 4-5)

– A Guide to Clinical Practice
English, Greek, Spanish, Italian, Hebrew
Althea Mahon & Karen Jenkins

Environmental Guidelines for Dialysis

 A Practical Guide to Reduce the
 Environmental Burden of Dialysis

 Czech, English, Italian, Russian, Spanish,

 Portuguese, French, Turkish, Greek
 Jürgen Kastl & Jitka Pancirova

Peritoneal Dialysis— A Guide to Clinical Practice English, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Czech, Slovenian Aase Rieman & María Cruz Casal



















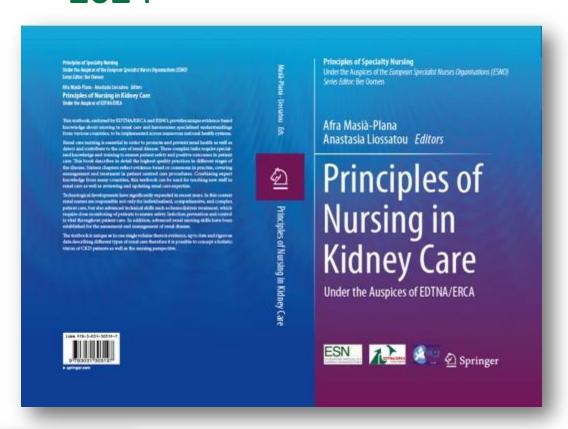
European Core Curriculum for Post-Basic Course in Nephrology Nursing (Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian and Spanish)



# PRINCIPLES OF NURSING IN KIDNEY CARE 2024

Editors: Dr Afra Masia Plana & Anastasia Liossatou

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Renal Care Association









# EDTNA/ERCA – The Leading Multidisciplinary Renal Care Association



European Kidney Patients' Federation 2025





## **EU projects**

#### • geneTIGA



#### KitNewCare

Project to make kidney healthcare more environmentally sustainable. EKPF is in charge of the Patient and Public Engagement

#### Protect-Child

Enhance treatment and follow-up for transplanted children using data from ERN TransplantChild. EKPF is in the Bioethics Advisory Board.

#### TTVguideTX

Enhance kidney transplant care through innovative, personalized medicine by leveraging the Torque Teno Virus (TTV) as a biomarker for immune system monitoring.

Personalised SGLT2i treatment in diabetic kidney disease supported by multiparametric renal magnetic resonance imaging.

### **IgAN Friends**



The IgAN Friends community is a pan-European, patient-led initiative dedicated to improving the lives of individuals living with IgA Nephropathy (IgAN) - a rare, progressive kidney disease

### **KREW Camp**



Kidney Recreation and Educational Week for teenagers living with kidney conditions across Europe. It provides a unique space for recreation, education, peer support, and empowerment. This year the camp will be held in Obidos, Portugal, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July.

### FAIR project



Initiative led by EKPF to promote the psychosocial and sociolaboral protection of living organ donors. It advocates for financial neutrality, legal safeguards, and psychological follow-up to ensure donors are fully supported.

#### **EKPF Annual**



Summit
The EKPF Annual Summit brings together kidney patient representatives from across Europe who are members of EKPF, along with collaborators and partners, to share updates and discuss the latest developments in the kidney community. The event includes the EKPF General Assembly and will take place on November 4–5 in









## **ERA** activities

By Federico Torres

## Protect Your Kidneys – Protect Your Future

- Launched in February 2025.
- Awareness raising on kidney health.
- Targetted to general public, healthcare community and policy makers.
- In collaboration with National Societies & Patient organisations, and supported by other organisations.
- Main resources:
  - > Articles in NDT & The Lancet
  - > ABCDE leaflet.
  - Infographics, posters and videos translated in different languages.
  - Social media ambassador toolkit for healthcare community.
  - > Patient Information and Conversation Guide.
  - CKD Clinical Information and Conversation Guide.
  - > Dedicated social media channels (Instagram & Facebook)









## Legacy-Awareness project



- In collaboration with the Austrian Society of Nephrology
- 3 schools selected in underprivileged area of Vienna (middle school students – 10-13 years of age)
- Echographs on the students
- Short lesson delivered by local nephrology trainees
- Students' drawings of their idea of a kidney
- Drawings displayed on a wall during the ERA Congress. Delegates voted the preferred one that will be the cover of ERA's NDT Journal
- Donation EUR 1.000 for each school for school initiatives

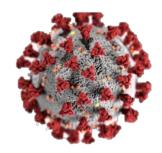


## Disaster Nephrology Manual

- Peer-reviewed, virtual guidebook
- Pragmatic, concise information, easy to read and implement
- Answering the questions of why?, who?, what?, when? and how? in kidney patients in disaster conditions
- How to prepare disaster relief scenarios?
- Flowcharts, figures, tables, algorithms

#### Out of the 53 countries covered by ERA:

- 32 coordinators from 24 countries committed to the project
- 5 National Societies committed to finding a candidate









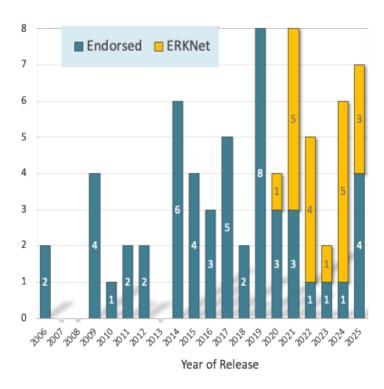


Djalila Mekahli – Franz Schaefer

# Harmonization of Clinical Practice Through Guideline Adoption

#### **Development**

- √ 19 guidance documents published by ERKNet in past 5 years,
- √ 13 more in progress



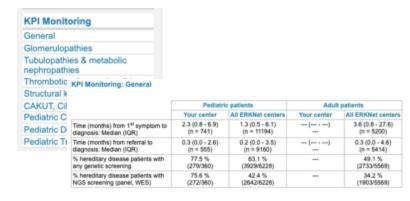
#### Dissemination

- ✓ Website, Webinars, Newsletter, Social Media
- ✓ NEW: ERKNet/Leila Guideline App



#### **Implementation**

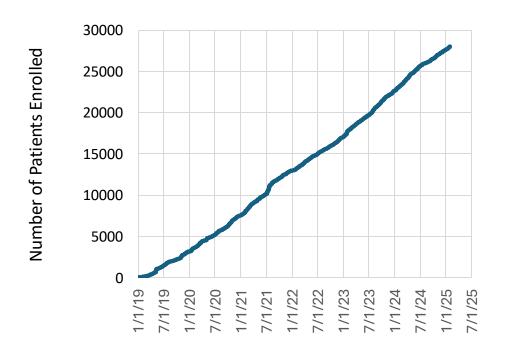
- ✓ Monitoring of guideline adherence via ERKReg KPI Monitoring Tool
- ✓ First adherence intervention projects initiated



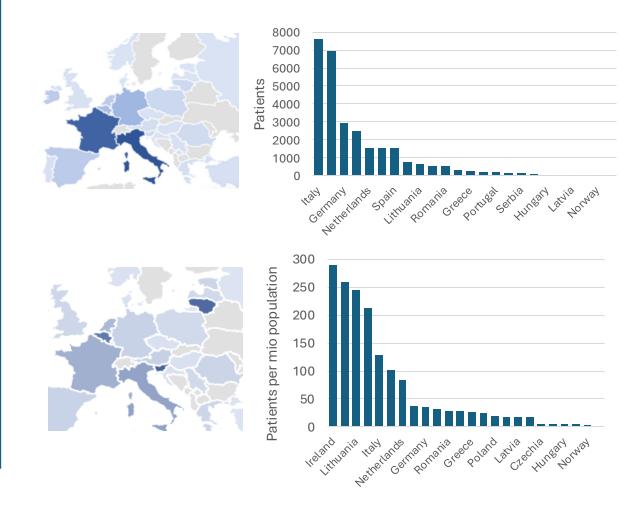
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- ✓ 30,000 patients enrolled at 75 sites, 24 countries
- ✓ Growing number of disease-specific sub-registries
- Increasing academic, commercial and regulatory research interest
- ✓ Efforts started to become regulatory-grade data resource



ERKNet covers 3.5% of EU RKD pts ERKReg covers 41% of ERKNet pts ERKReg covers 1.5% of EU RKD pts





## The European Society for Organ Transplantation

Since 1982 improving outcomes for patients with terminal organ disease by means of transplantation, organ regeneration and substitution

### **Our Vision**

- To promote sustainable scientific advancement through multidisciplinary communities of healthcare professionals
- To deliver first-class education, training and career advancement opportunities to all healthcare professionals, with specific training programs for low-income countries
- To work with partner organizations, professional bodies and competent authorities to improve public and institutional awareness of organ donation and the latest research in the field
- To develop and promote policies for equitable access to transplantation and related therapeutic strategies

## Our strategic plan 2025-2030





ESOT will work with its partners to develop white papers, calls to action, EU Parliament events, awareness initiatives



Strengthen ESOT's influence in driving policy change



The ESOT Policy and Public Affairs strategy focuses on two main goals:

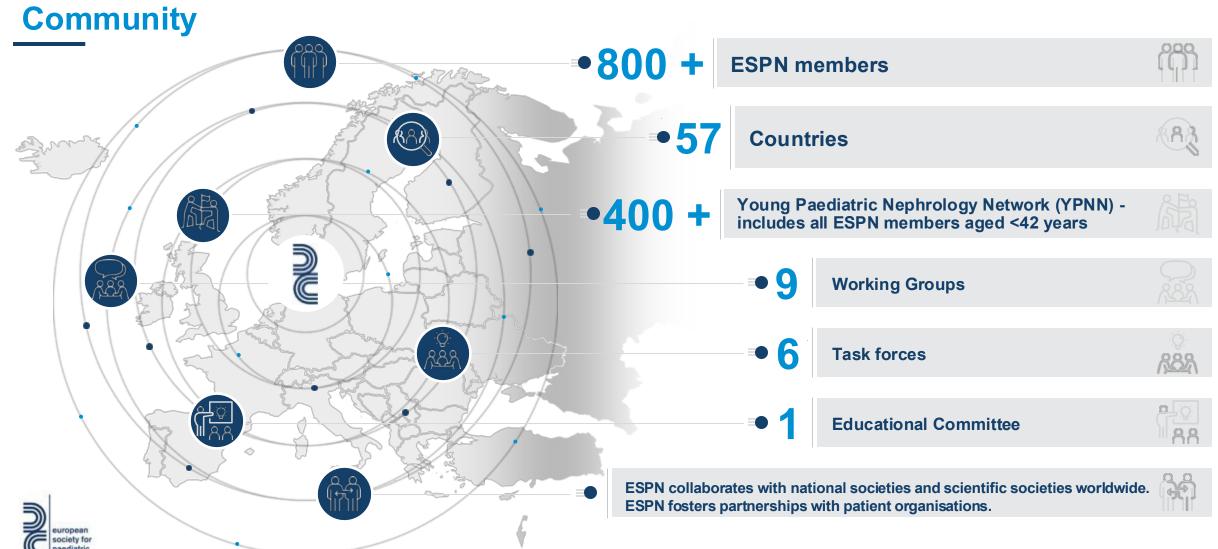
Place organ transplantation at the top of national, European and international agendas



Expand the implementation of effective transplantation policies



**ESPN** 



## Activities

#### **Working groups**

- CAKUT / UTI / bladder dysfunction
- Chronic kidney disease mineral bone disorder (CKD-MBD)
- Dialysis
- Glomerular diseases
- Hypertension
- Inherited kidney disorders
- Meta-Research
- Neonatal Nephrology
- Transplantation

#### Task forces

- Disaster
- Fundraising
- Green Nephrology
- History
- Paediatric Renal Nutrition
- Transition

#### **Educational Committee**

Young Paediatric Nephrology Network (YPNN)





ESPN collaborates with...

### Other societies & networks within Europe

- European Paediaric Association (EPA)
- European Rare Kidney Diseases Network (ERKNet)
- European Renal Association (ERA)
- European Society for Paediatric Urology (ESPU)
- National Paediatric Nephrology Societies

### International/regional societies & networks

- International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA)
- International Pediatric Transplant association (IPTA)
- International Society of Nephrology (ISN)
- Pediatric Nephrology Research Consortium (PNRC)
- African Paediatric Nephrology Association (AFPNA)
- American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN)
- Asian Pediatric Nephrology Association (AsPNA)
- Japanese Society for Pediatric Nephrology (JSPN)
- Korean Society of Pediatric Nephrology (KSPN)

Patient Organizations and Patient Advocates

**ERKNet and IPNA** 

Mentorship program





## ISN's work with the WHO



The ISN is a **non-state actor** (NSA) in official relations with the **World Health Organization** (WHO).

The ISN started its **third Collaboration Plan**, running from <u>2024-2026</u>, with the WHO to deliver **research and advocacy-related projects** addressing the **global burden of kidney diseases** within the context of global, regional, and national noncommunicable disease (**NCD**) strategies.

As an NSA, the ISN works to raise **kidney disease** from neglected NCD to **priority** 

theisn.org/advocacy







## ISN-Global Kidney Health Atlas



Discover how the ISN-Global Kidney Health Atlas (ISN-GKHA) provides essential data to improve kidney care worldwide. Access reports, interactive maps, and regional insights.



### ISN-GKHA interactive map

Your tool for actionable insights and policy-making.

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- Patient perspectives on kidney care
- Global kidney care data & policies
- Scorecards on kidney care capacity

Additional resources include region-specific slides, a paper in *The Lancet Global Health*, 32 associated publications, and a series of webinars.

theisn.org/global-atlas



## WORLD KIDNEY DAY (WKD)

#### THE INITIATIVE

WKD is a global campaign dedicated to raising awareness about kidney health.

Officially observed on the **second Thursday of March each year**, WKD is much more than a one-day event. We are active year-round, using social media to promote key kidney health topics, share valuable resources, and inspire the community to organize awareness activities well beyond March.

#### **GET INVOLVED**

- Engage with WKD social media posts or create your own using the yearly campaign image and the hashtags #WorldKidneyDay #KidneyHealthForAll
- Organizing awareness-raising activities with local communities consult our <u>map</u>
- Become a **WKD Champion** <u>Learn more</u>
- Write a story for our blog

Check out the WKD 2025 impact report!

170M reach
+2500 activities in 85 countries
35 landmarks lit up

Subscribe to our **newsletter** 

Consult our **materials** in our **Knowledge Bank** 

Would like to reach out?
Email us at <a href="mailto:info@worldkidneyday.org">info@worldkidneyday.org</a>

## **EKHA**

EKHA's 5 Year Public Affairs Strategy Highlights and Q& A



## Rationale for the New Strategy

- The strategy aims to better coordinate and focus EKHA's Public Affairs efforts for the next 5 years
- Provides a clear framework to:
  - Define concrete targets and realistic priorities
  - Map policy windows and opportunities where EKHA can act
  - Strengthen internal processes to ensure continuity and efficiency of advocacy
- Adopts a flexible approach to remain responsive to:
  - Evolving EU political priorities
  - Scientific advancements and emerging policy debates
  - Budget and resource considerations
- It is **not a fixed plan** Actions to be further detailed in **annual work plans** with clear timelines and resource planning



## **EKHA** vision for 2029



Kidney health is fully integrated into EU NCD strategies (eg. CVD) and health frameworks



CKD recognised as a policy priority across EU institutions



**EU action plan on organ donation and transplantation plan** is updated with favourable aspects for kidney community



Dedicated CKD funding streams secured under FP10 and EU4Health



**European Kidney Health Code** adopted widely across Member States



Strong, active and visible MEP Group for Kidney Health



EKHA fully recognised as the leading EU advocacy voice for kidney health



## Key Features of the 2025-2030 Strategy

#### • Structured into 3 core elements:

- ✓ SWOT analysis: EKHA's current strengths, gaps & external landscape
- ✓ Strategic objectives & priorities: Clear focus areas for advocacy
- ✓ Means of implementation: Concrete actions, stakeholder targeting & outcome tracking

#### 4 Strategic Objectives:

- ✓ Position kidney health as a public health priority
- ✓ Strengthen EU policies for prevention, detection, and care
- ✓ Boost EU investment in CKD research, care, and innovation
- ✓ Strengthen EKHA leadership, capacity, and partnerships



## **Recommendations for Success**

- Ensure regular review and adjustment of the strategy to remain aligned with evolving EU policy landscape and political windows
- Sustain **policy momentum** to ensure CKD visibility in EU policy debates
- Build stronger partnerships with NCD alliances, patient organisations, industry, and cross-disease stakeholders
- Align messaging with **EU cross-sector priorities** (e.g. resilience, ageing, green healthcare, innovation)
- Better align and mobilise the MEP Group for Kidney
   Health



## **Next Steps: Suggestions**

- Incorporate final feedback
- Finalise and adopt the 2025–2030 Public Affairs Strategy
- Prepare Annual Work Plan for 2026 with specific actions and timelines

## **Q & A**



## **Lunch Break**

until 14.00 CET

### Program after lunch

14.00 – 15.15 CET: 2 parallel sessions

15.30 – 16.45 CET: Inspiration session

16.45 – 18.00 CET: Welcome and Farewell party

