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Improving life for people
with IBD in Europe



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European Federation of Crohn's &
Ulcerative Colitis Associations

What is IBD?

Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis (collectively known as inflammatory bowel diseases or IBD) are two serious, chronic digestive diseases that affect over 2.2 million people in Europe. In most cases the illness can be kept under control with medication, but despite extensive research there is currently no known cause or cure for IBD.

What is EFCCA?

The European Federation of Crohn's & Ulcerative Colitis Associations is an umbrella organisation representing national patients' associations from 26 European countries.

EFCCA aims to work to improve life for people with IBD and give them a louder voice and higher visibility across Europe by:

- » Encouraging and facilitating the exchange of information and the promotion of cross-frontier activities
- » Raising public awareness both of IBD, the European patients' concerns and EFCCA with the European Commission, the European Parliament and the WHO
- » Encouraging scientific, social and other research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of inflam-

matory bowel disease

- » Ensuring that health policy and healthcare issues are included within the wider spectrum of social, economic, cultural and environmental policies under the WHO and EC label "Health in all policies"
- » Promoting health equalities for all
- » Empowering patients' associations and including them in the decision making processes both at national and EU level



Patients' roles and the importance of a coordinated strategy for reducing health inequalities throughout Europe, is placing EFCCA in a privileged position within the European arena, referencing the European Commission Health Programme "Together for Health 2008-2013". Additionally, IBD is included within the group of "rare diseases" acknowledged by the European Commission.

EFCCA is therefore not only a set of 27 national IBD patients' associations but an important and well-known interlocutor whose mission goes well beyond its support to National Associations in facilitating exchanges and cross-frontier activities.

Our activities:

We provide a forum for exchange of ideas and experiences between member associations and bring together a wide range of delegates from 27 different member associations, cultures and languages to work for the benefit of all IBD patients.

We have helped and strive to help with the establishment of new national associations by offering support and advice in countries where they do not yet exist.

We have established an EFCCA Youth Group, which provides opportunities to bring together active youth groups to work collaboratively about issues specific to their age groups.

We are also working with EFCCA medical patrons, gastroenterologists, health professionals and other IBD and health related organisations such as the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation, and the United European Gastroenterology Federation.

