

## Q & A: OneNeurology Partnership

### What is the OneNeurology Partnership?

The [OneNeurology Partnership](#) gathers international neurological organisations and regional umbrellas; united to make neurology a global public health priority. It is a patient-focused and multi-stakeholder partnership. Part of the wider [OneNeurology Initiative](#), it unites and strengthens neurology related groups to stimulate collaborative advocacy, action and accountability for the prevention, treatment and management of neurological disorders worldwide.

### What is the Partnership's aim?

The OneNeurology Partnership aims to:

- Make neurology a global public health priority, and
- Contribute to building and implementing an integrated response to neurology across the life course and within healthcare systems.

### What are the objectives?

1. Unite the neurology community to address fragmentation in the field and stimulate collaboration in areas of mutual interest – centralizing the patient voice in a multi-stakeholder partnership.
2. Lead global advocacy by pooling resources and expertise to optimise efficiency and effectiveness in our joint and individual actions.
3. Create a favourable policy environment for action on neurology, providing a platform for disease specific advocacy efforts.
4. Position neurology as a focus area within broader efforts on brain health, NCDs and other thematic policy initiatives of relevance.
5. Hold policy makers accountable for implementation of political commitments, resourcing and results.
6. Strengthen the advocacy capacity of neurology organisations and alliances at all levels.
7. Share knowledge on evidence-based interventions in neurology; supporting the scaling up of solutions and best practice in the field.
8. Carry out any activity in support of its mission including programmes, projects, initiatives, campaigns, training, publications, events and others.

### How is it organized?

The OneNeurology Partnership is composed of [Partners](#), Supporters and Endorsers.

The Partnership has an Operational Steering Group which is composed of Partners and Supporters.

All Partners are invited to join the Steering Group, although this not mandatory.

Tier 1 supporters (see below) are also invited to join.

The group is co-chaired by the founding partners – the European Federation of Neurological Associations [EFNA] and the European Academy of Neurology [EAN].

It is responsible for monitoring the ongoing operations of the Partnership - as well as providing strategic advice/recommendations.

However, it is the Partners who, by consensus, drive the strategic agenda and arising activities.

EFNA and EAN also form an internal coordination group which is responsible for the ongoing administration of the Partnership.

### How is it governed?

Currently, the OneNeurology Partnership is not an officially registered entity, and is housed within EFNA as a project.

EFNA also provides the secretariat to the partnership and is responsible for the funding, financial agreements, etc.

Thus, EFNA's internal policies and procedures apply in 2021.

In Q4 2021, a Partnership Meeting will be convened to discuss the future of the OneNeurology Partnership. A small advisory group will be formed to advance these discussions; before making a recommendation EFNA and EAN (as founding partners) in terms of its future direction – including governance, financing and strategy.

Currently a consensus decision-making process is in place, as the Partnership has been set up to look at cross-cutting topics of common interest/concern from a multi-stakeholder perspective. A 2/3 majority vote amongst Partners will be taken if consensus cannot be reached – with a casting vote to the founding partners.

Although the Steering Group can provide advice/recommendations, the Partners are responsible for the final approval of Partnership statements, responses to consultations, updates to the strategic direction, etc.

### **How is it funded?**

As there are currently no membership fees, EFNA has fundraised to cover the costs of the OneNeurology Initiative – including the Partnership – through grants and sponsorship from supporters. In 2021, these are four pharmaceutical companies, displayed on the website.

EAN has also provided additional funding to support the roll-out of the Initiative in Year 1, and EFNA will cover any remaining costs.

Tier 1 supporters (over 40,000euros annual contribution) can join the Operational Steering Group to be kept updated on project progress. Their involvement is governed by EFNA's funding statement and financial policies/procedures.

For other Partnership Meetings, supporters may be asked to play an observer role only.

EFNA will publish the OneNeurology accounts in its annual report at year end.

### **Who can be part of it?**

Any organisation, network or entity substantially engaged in neurology advocacy can join the OneNeurology Partnership, either as a Partner or an Endorser. However, partners must be international groups or regional neurology umbrellas.

**Partners** are actively involved in the Partnership.

Partners' benefits are:

- ✓ Shaping the strategic agenda
- ✓ Contribution to/endorsement of common positions/messages
- ✓ Social-media profiling/visibility
- ✓ Guaranteed participation in meetings
- ✓ Access to sharepoint/peer to peer learning
- ✓ Option to nominate speakers for high-level events, etc.
- ✓ Each partner can have a representative on the Steering Group of the Partnership.

To become a partner of the Partnership, the organisation shall:

- ✓ Support the values, mission, objectives of the Partnership
- ✓ Be an organisation, network or entity substantially engaged in neurology advocacy
- ✓ Focus on a global disease specific group or regional umbrella
- ✓ Represent one or more key stakeholders (patients, doctors, researchers)

The **Endorsers** of the Partnership do not participate in the internal activities, but they can join external events, subscribe to the mailing list and be displayed on the website.

To become an Endorser, the organisation, network or entity shall share and endorse the objectives of the Partnership.

Note: Individuals cannot become endorsers.

## What added-value does the Partnership bring for Partners and Endorsers?

An opportunity to:

- ✓ Join a unique, multi-stakeholder, global partnership – with a strong patient voice.
- ✓ Prominently position neurology and focus on synergies – creating a favourable policy environment to focus on disease specific challenges.
- ✓ Forge new alliances to work collaboratively on topics of mutual interest via partnership working groups and on an ad hoc basis.
- ✓ Amplify and integrate messaging into a global platform with extended reach and networks.
- ✓ Gain visibility and position disease areas prominently through our channels – internal meetings, external events, campaigns, consultations and more.
- ✓ Optimize resources and increase external representation in important forums/events.
- ✓ Disseminate and share work/initiatives, whilst also accessing peer to peer support and learning.
- ✓ Speak with one voice – a coordinated message from multiple organisations is more powerful than a fragmented lobby.
- ✓ Leverage the global advocacy, awareness raising and capacity building at regional, national and local levels.

## How does this align with disease specific advocacy work?

The Partnership acts as an amplifier by creating a favourable policy environment for disease specific efforts and a tailored approach to patient care at all levels. The Partnership complements single-disease initiatives with a stronger, global alliance – able to drive political change at the highest level. It also enables sharing common resources in order to translate knowledge into action and support the scaling of solutions and best practice at regional and national levels.

## Which activities the Partnership will take on?

The Partnership will focus on:

- 1) Representation and advocacy.
- 2) Capacity-building and knowledge-sharing.

All activities should be complementary and add value to disease specific advocacy, focusing on the identified areas of mutual interest.

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