



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF PATIENTS' ASSOCIATIONS FOR ANTHROPOSOPHIC MEDICINE





EFPAM IN BRIEF

- **Aim** : To represent the choices and the interests of patients who want to use anthroposophic medicine in all its forms, (remedies, art therapies, massages, etc.)
- **Foundation** : 3rd October 2000
- **Membership** : 11 countries
- **Statutory seat** : Strasbourg (France)



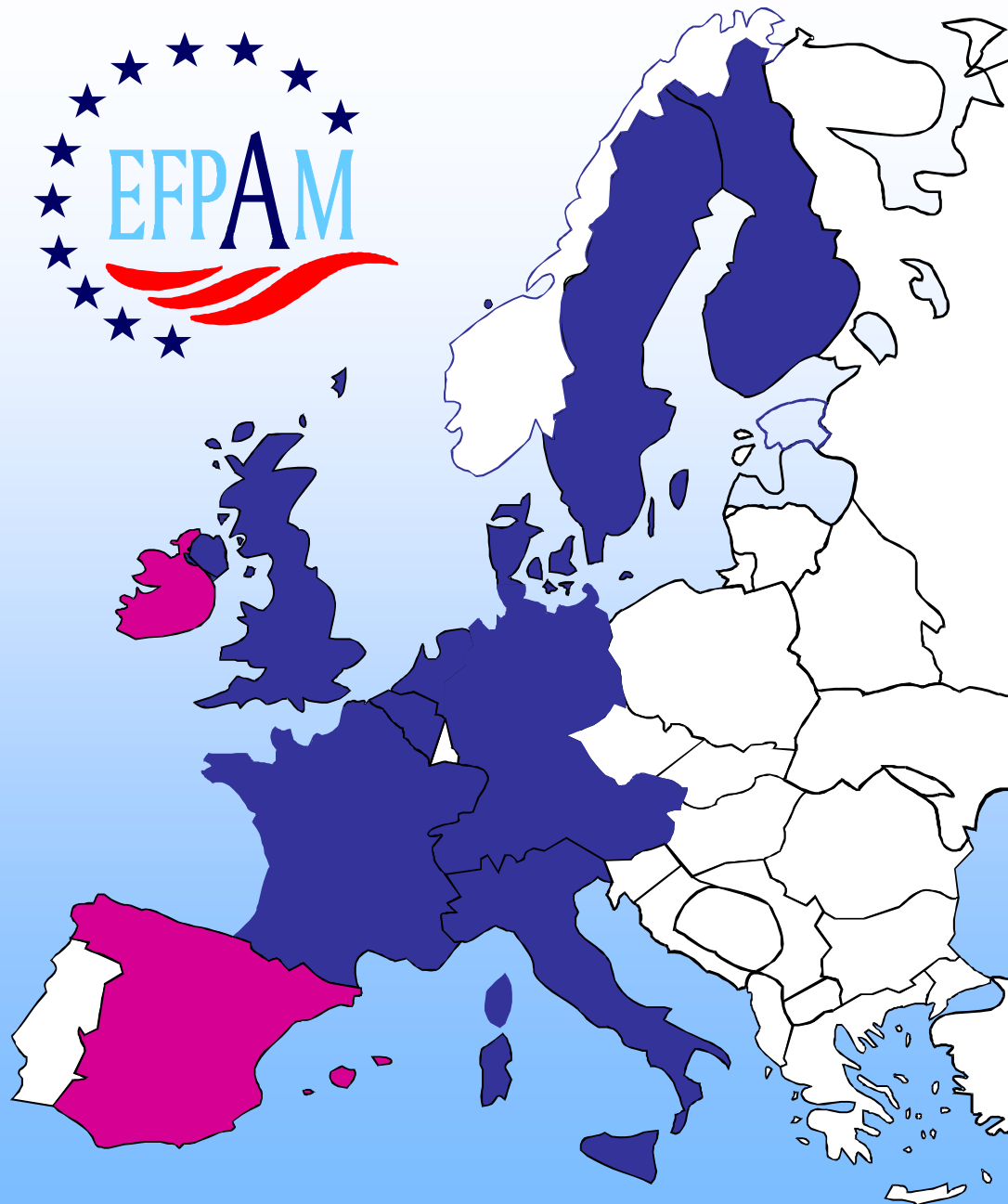
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EFPAM Members in Europe





EUROPEAN LEGAL BASES

- Resolution A4-758/97 of the European Parliament on the **legal status of alternative medicines** (29.05.97).
- European Council resolution n°1206 in "**A European approach to alternative medicines**" (04. 11. 99).
- Council resolution of 2 December 2003 on pharmaceuticals and public Health challenges - **focusing on the patients**.
- Since 1992, anthroposophic homeopathy is ruled by the **EU Directives on Homeopathy** (92/73/CEE and 2004/27/CE).



ANTHROPOSOPHIC MEDICINE WITHIN THE EU CONTEXT

- AM is practised by **30000 doctors**.
- **4 million patients** use its remedies.
- AM is classified as **MnC or CAM**.
- AM includes **homeopathy, phytotherapy and specific remedies**.
- AM stands along with medicines (CAM) quoted by the two first european resolutions.



EFPAM objectives

- Registration of all anthroposophic remedies
- Registration of health care professionals
- Real harmonization of health legislation in Europe

EFPAM stands for
freedom of therapy choice
on the basis of
information and responsibility of patients
for their own health and prevention of disease



EFPAM SPEARHEADS

The three A's

- **Access** : legal issues, freedom of choice, freedom of movement
- **Availability** : health care supply and demand ; medicines available through chemists
- **Affordability** : reimbursement



EFPAM PARTNERS

Periodic common actions with :

- Other patients or consumers associations defending freedom of therapy choice :

EFHPA (December 03)

EFPAM is member of **EPHA** (February 05)

EFPAM is co-founder of **EFCAM** (December 04)

- Professional associations defending AM :

ECHAMP, IVAA, ECPM.



EFPAM ACTIONS

- Intervention for freedom of therapy choice in the European Constitution.
- **Support of amendments** to European directive on Homeopathy (2001 to 2003) : meeting MePs and different contacts.
- **EU Health Forum Open Day** (04 05 17) : stressing discrimination against CAM.
- Contribution to the EU reflection process for **a new EU Health Strategy** : asking for a salutogenic view point and research in AM.