

EMA REGULATORY SCIENCE TO 2025

The point of view of patients

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IN THE NEXT 10 MINUTES



OUR VIEW IN A NUTSHELL

“If a medicine is approved but does not reach those who need it, it is a failure of its primary purpose. We need to close the gap between innovation and access.”

THE CORE OF THE MATTER



A EURORDIS INITIATIVE

Rare Barometer Voices survey on access to treatment
(February 2017 – 1350 respondents)

24% of rare disease
patients surveyed
could not get the medical
treatment they needed in 2016
because **the treatment was not
available where they live**



VS. 7% in the
general
population

THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY



The EMA should become an active enabler to address public health challenges and medical needs

IN PRACTICE, WHAT WOULD IT MEAN?

Upstream



Downstream



IN SUMMARY: A LOOK AT THE FUTURE – WHAT WE COLLECTIVELY NEED TO DO

1. **Access** - Bring the right treatment to patients at the right time
2. **Sustainability** – being able to afford the treatment and budget impact
3. **Horizon shaping** - Focus on unmet needs & curative treatments
4. **Investment** – Europe must continue to be attractive for R&D



THANK YOU

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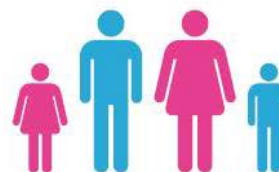
RARE DISEASES AT A GLANCE

**OVER
6000**

distinct rare
diseases

Each one affects
fewer than

**1 IN
2000
PEOPLE**



All together, an
estimated

**30
MILLION PEOPLE**

are living with a rare
disease in Europe and

**300
MILLION**

worldwide

Affects between

6 % AND

8%



of the population
in the course of
their lives

**NO
CURE**



for the vast
majority of
diseases and
few treatments
available

EURORDIS AT A GLANCE

810

member patient
organisations



70

countries
(28 EU countries)

41

National Alliances of RD
Patients Organisations

58

European Federations of
specific rare diseases



Founded in

1997



40+

Staff members,
with offices in
Paris, Brussels,
Barcelona

Outreach to over

1800

patient groups



Over

440

Volunteers

+80

patient
advocates

+250

moderators

WHAT WE DO



ADVOCATING FOR PATIENTS

We advocate to ensure that healthcare and social policies and services, research, and the development of medicines take into account the real

needs of people living with a rare disease and their families. Our advocacy is fuelled by real-life experiences of the rare disease community.



EMPOWERING PATIENTS

By uniting the rare disease community and building the capacities of patients, we empower them to become advocates equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to fight for better lives.



ENGAGING PATIENTS

We make possible the engagement of patients in decision-making processes so that the patient voice is active, amplified and meaningful in research and medicines development, as well as in both healthcare and social policies and services.



PATIENTS FIRST