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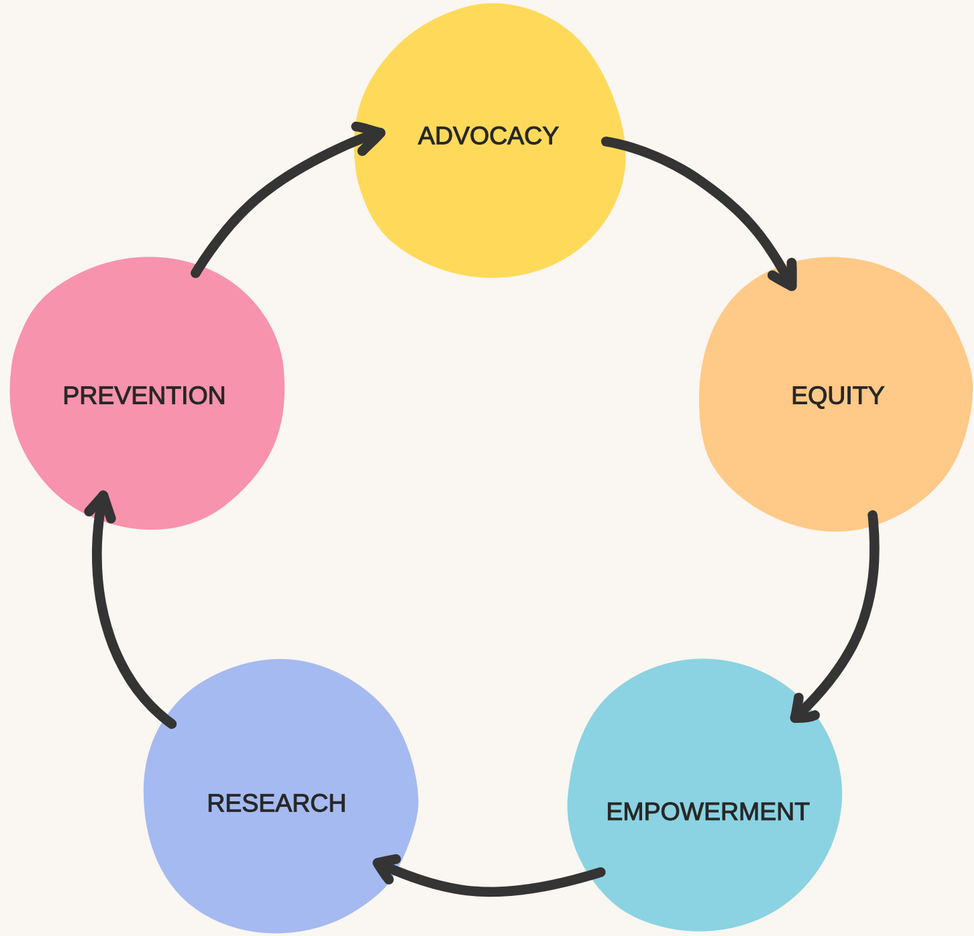
ABOUT EKPF

The European Kidney Patients' Federation (EKPF) represents over 85 million people living with kidney health conditions across Europe.

We work to strengthen advocacy, promote prevention, and ensure that the voice of patients is heard in all decisions that affect kidney health and chronic disease management.

Building upon five years of continuous projects — UNFOLD, KEEP ON, BUILD UP, REACH, SHAPE — **CONNECT** brings the European kidney community together to share, collaborate and create impact.

Its mission is simple: to connect advocacy, prevention, and research through stronger alliances and meaningful participation.





OUR TEAM

EKPF is governed by an international Board of kidney patient representatives and supported by an operational team working across Europe. Together, they lead strategic projects, partnerships, and educational initiatives to strengthen the kidney patient voice.



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TIMELINE

2021
UNFOLD
Detection Unmet Needs, Facilitate the Organization knowledge and Lead kidney patients aDvocacy

2022
KEEP ON
Kidn ey patients Empowerment and Education Program Oriented towards meeting their Needs

2023
BUILD UP
Broadening, Uniting and Interconnecting to Learn, Develop and edUcate People with kidney conditions

2024
REACH
Renal Education, Advocacy, Collaboration and Kidney Health

2025
SHAPE
Supporting Health, Advocacy, Prevention, and Empowerment in Kidney Care

From UNFOLD to CONNECT

Over the past five years, EKPF has developed a series of interconnected projects addressing key areas of kidney health.

Each one built foundations for the next.

In 2026, **CONNECT** unites them all to strengthen collaboration and continuit.

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2026: CONNECT

Connect organisations

foster collaboration and peer learning among national associations.

Connect stakeholders

engage policymakers, researchers, and industry for shared goals.

Connect patients and research

promote early, active involvement of patients (PPI)

Connect knowledge and prevention

support early detection and the Kidney Health Code.

Connect knowledge and prevention

integrate kidney health into European public health strategies.

FOCUS AREAS





Advocacy & Awareness

Raise visibility of kidney health and promote policy recognition across Europe

Patient Empowerment & Education

Equip patients with the knowledge and tools to manage their condition and take part in decisions about their care.

Access to Treatment & Innovation

Ensure fair and equitable access to kidney replacement therapies and promote innovation in care models

Prevention & Early Detection

Encourage early diagnosis, screening, and healthy lifestyle interventions to reduce CKD progression

Mental Health & Quality of Life

Address emotional wellbeing and social challenges faced by people with kidney conditions

Environmental Responsibility

Promote sustainable practices and reduce the environmental footprint of kidney care and dialysis



FROM VISION TO ACTION

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Through these focus areas, CONNECT aims to:

- Strengthen the voice and representation of kidney patients at all levels.
- Promote education and self-management for patients and families.
- Support prevention, early detection, and awareness across Europe.
- Encourage innovation and fair access to treatment.
- Integrate mental health and wellbeing into kidney care.
- Promote sustainability and responsibility in kidney health initiatives



Read our full Strategic Plan HERE!

PROJECT ACTIONS





KREW CAMP

International youth camp empowering young kidney patients

Annual EKPF Summit

International youth camp empowering young kidney patients

Training & Education

webinars, reports and online materials on advocacy, prevention, and PPI

Rare & Genetic Kidney Disease

awareness, cross-collaboration, and policy representation

Advocacy & Policy Influence

meetings, position papers and engagement with EU decision-makers

European Kidney Week

coordinated awareness and prevention campaign with member associations

KREW CAMP

Kidney **R**ecreation and **E**ducational **W**eek

The KREW Camp is EKPF's international youth programme designed to empower young kidney patients through shared experiences, education, and recreation.

Every summer, adolescents aged 13 to 17 from different European countries come together to learn, connect, and grow as part of a strong and supportive community.

The programme is coordinated by EKPF with the participation of member organisations, and supervised by health professionals and national representatives to ensure safety and inclusion.

- Develop autonomy and confidence in managing their condition.
- Build friendships and reduce the feeling of isolation through shared experiences.





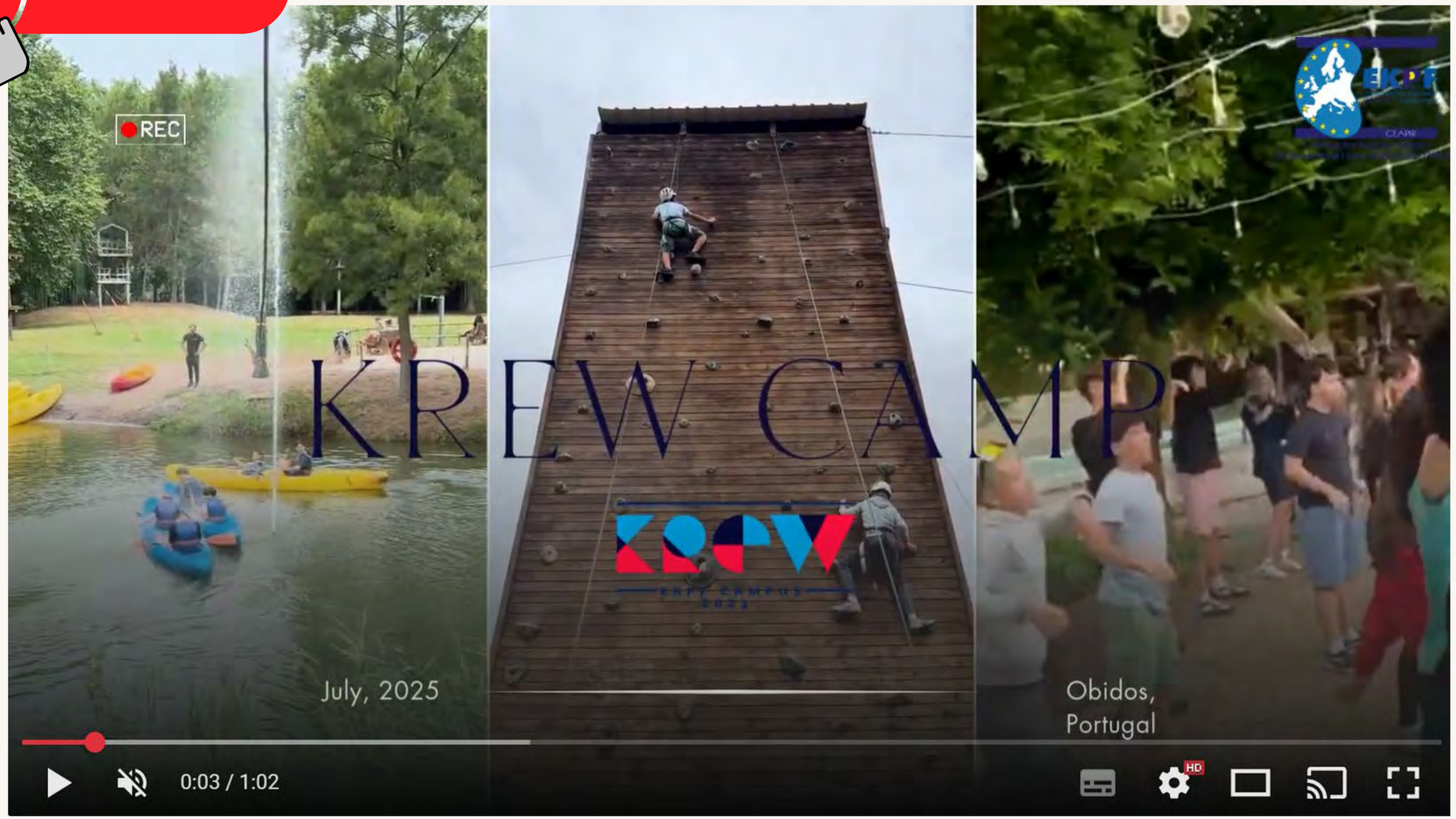
- Learn about kidney health, treatment, and self - advocacy in a fun and inclusive setting.
- Exchange ideas and best practices with peers and mentors from different countries.

EKPF CAMPUS

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RESEARCH

EKPF promotes the active participation of kidney patients in research and innovation processes across Europe .

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) means that patients are not only participants in studies but contributors to their design, development, and evaluation . By including the patient perspective, research becomes more relevant, inclusive, and impactful for real life .

Through CONNECT, EKPF aims to:



- Promote and learn more about **Patient and Public Involvement (PPI)** practices, helping patient organisations understand how to participate meaningfully in research projects
- Participate in **European consortia and advisory boards**, bringing the kidney patient perspective into Horizon Europe and EU4Health initiatives
- Share **patient experiences** through different qualitative and quantitative methods — including focus groups, interviews, PROMs (Patient-Reported Outcome Measures) and PREMs (Patient-Reported Experience Measures)
- Contribute to research on **rare and genetic kidney diseases**, identifying unmet needs and supporting cross-border collaboration

EKPF MANIFESTO

The EKPF Manifesto on Kidney Health and Quality of Life is the cornerstone of our advocacy work .

It defines the key priorities, rights and needs of kidney patients in Europe, and guides all EKPF initiatives and partnerships .

The Manifesto is reaffirmed and ratified at every General Assembly, ensuring that it remains a living, collective document that truly reflects the evolving voice of the kidney community .

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Actions:

Disseminate the Manifesto among policymakers, institutions and partners

Align all awareness and advocacy actions with its principles

Encourage national associations to adapt and use it within their own contexts





COMMUNICATION

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Visibility and communication are core to EKPF's impact.

Some actions on our social media:

- **European Kidney Week**, aligned with World Kidney Day, as the main awareness and prevention campaign of 2026 — featuring posts with patient stories and prevention messages in cooperation with national associations.
- **Bimonthly newsletter**, sharing updates from members, EU projects, and advocacy actions.
- **Strengthen EKPF's social media presence** across Europe to reach wider audiences and promote dialogue around kidney health and patient rights.

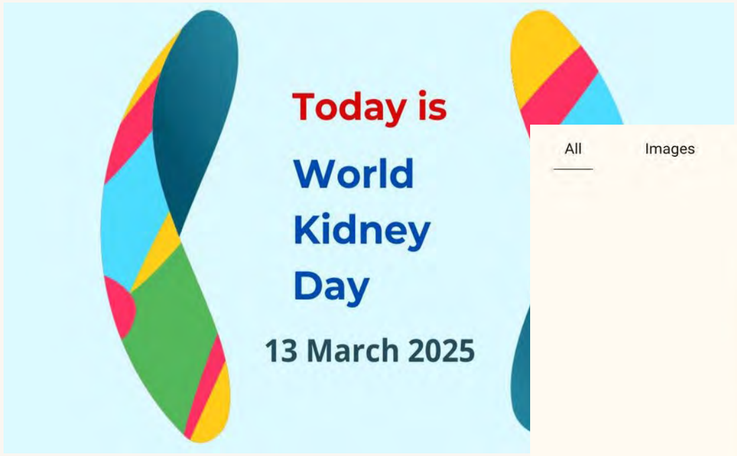
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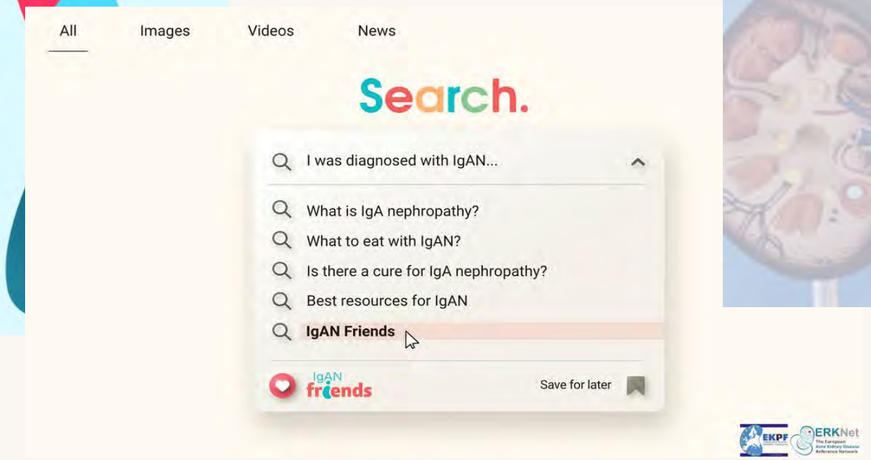
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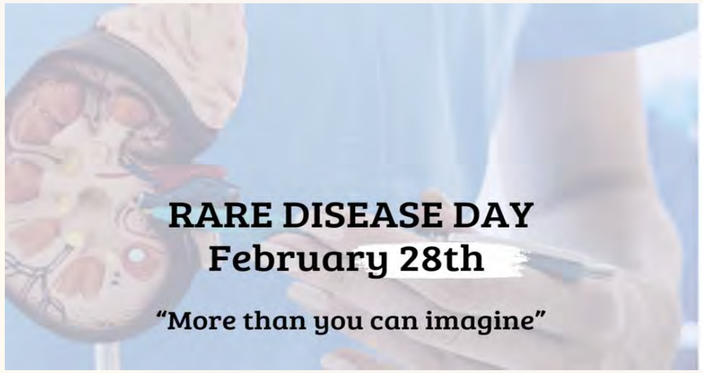
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World Kidney Day
13 March 2025

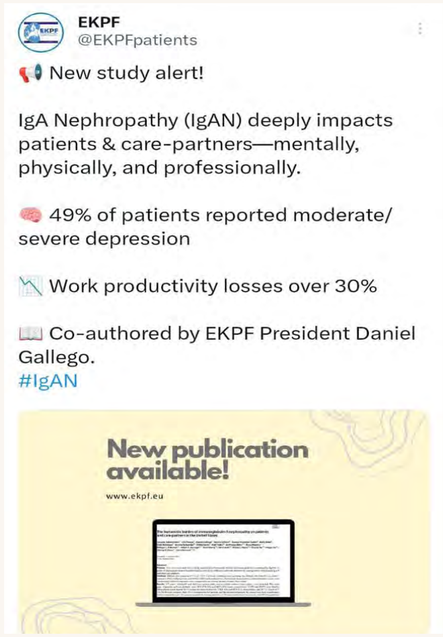

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13 de junio ·
Proud moment!
Last week at the European Renal Association 2025 Congress in Vienna, our colleagues Mónica and Juan Carlos represented EKPF and the patient voice in three major European projects: geneTIGA, KitNewCare, and PreventCKD.
Our dedication in these projects ensures that patient perspectives remain at the heart of innovation in kidney care and research across Europe
Read more about our projects here: https://ekpf.eu/
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Sustainable Care, Lasting Impact


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IgA Nephropathy (IgAN) deeply impacts patients & care-partners—mentally, physically, and professionally.
49% of patients reported moderate/ severe depression
Work productivity losses over 30%
Co-authored by EKPF President Daniel Gallego.
#IgAN
New publication available!
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Show your kidneys some love
World Kidney Cancer Day
19 June 2025
ekpf_oficial Save the date! World Kidney Cancer Day is coming up on June 19th!
This year's theme is 'Show your kidneys some love', with a focus on raising awareness about kidney health affected by kidney cancer.
This is based on findings from the Global Patient Survey, highlighting the need for education and support in this area.
For more information, check the 'IKCC' link in our bio!
#WKCD2025 #kidneyhealth #wkcd2025

POLICY *and* ADVOCACY ACTIONS

Through CONNECT, EKPF reinforces its role as the European voice for kidney patients, ensuring that kidney health remains a visible and prioritised topic within EU and global health agendas. Our lobbying and policy influencing actions focus on three main goals



RECOGNITION OF KIDNEY HEALTH IN EUROPEAN POLICIES

Advocate for kidney health to be integrated into EU and WHO strategies on non-communicable diseases, ensuring policymakers address CKD as a major public health concern .

PROMOTION OF PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION

Strengthen collaboration with European partners to include kidney screening, prevention, and education within national health programmes and public campaigns .

ENGAGEMENT WITH KEY INSTITUTIONS

Deepen cooperation with the European Commission, WHO Europe, and parliamentary networks to promote policy commitments, funding opportunities, and shared initiatives for kidney care.





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PREMIUM

COLLABORATORS

25.000€

- Appear in all official CONNECT campaign documents with their official logo, labelled as “Premium sponsor". This includes webinars, webinar reports, official EKPF website, printed and online documents for the Annual Summit and Awareness Days, and mention at the EKPF General Assembly.
- Participate as a speaker at EKPF 2026 Annual Summit, with a 20 minutes presentation.
- Official sponsor of the KREW Camp and appear in the all dissemination materials about it.
- Include PRINTED INFORMATION in the official documentation of the Annual Summit, General Assembly and the Updated Manifesto.
- Propose topics for WEBINARS or project on common goals with EKPF.
- Propose the organization of FOCUS GROUP with patient representatives on a common goal with EKPF.

OFFICIAL

COLLABORATORS

15.000€

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- Propose the organization of FOCUS GROUP with patient representatives on a common goal with EKPF.
- Propose topics for WEBINARS or project on common goals with EKPF.
- Official sponsor of the KREW Camp and appear in the all dissemination materials about it.
- Participate at EKPF Annual Summit, but not as a speaker.*

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