



# EURORDIS – RARE DISEASES EUROPE: A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH A RARE DISEASE

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# Our purpose

**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

**72%**  
of rare  
diseases  
are genetic

Affects between

**3.5% -  
5.9%**



of the population  
in the course of  
their lives

**NO  
CURE**   
for the vast  
majority of  
diseases and  
few treatments  
available

**300  
MILLION**  
worldwide



ONSET OF  
**70%**  
of rare  
diseases is  
in childhood

# Our vision

To enable better lives and cures for people living with a rare disease

# Our mission

To work across borders and diseases to improve the lives of people living with a rare disease



# A diverse and wide movement, one voice: members, alliances, federations, advocates

**962**

Member patient  
organisations

**73** countries (27 EU  
countries)

**53** National Alliances  
of rare disease patient  
organisations

Founded in

**1997**

Outreach to over

**2,500**

patient groups

**79** European  
& International Federations  
for specific rare diseases

Over

**470**

volunteers

# Our values

**Professional**

**Patients  
first**

**Innovative**

**Collaborative**

**Courageous**

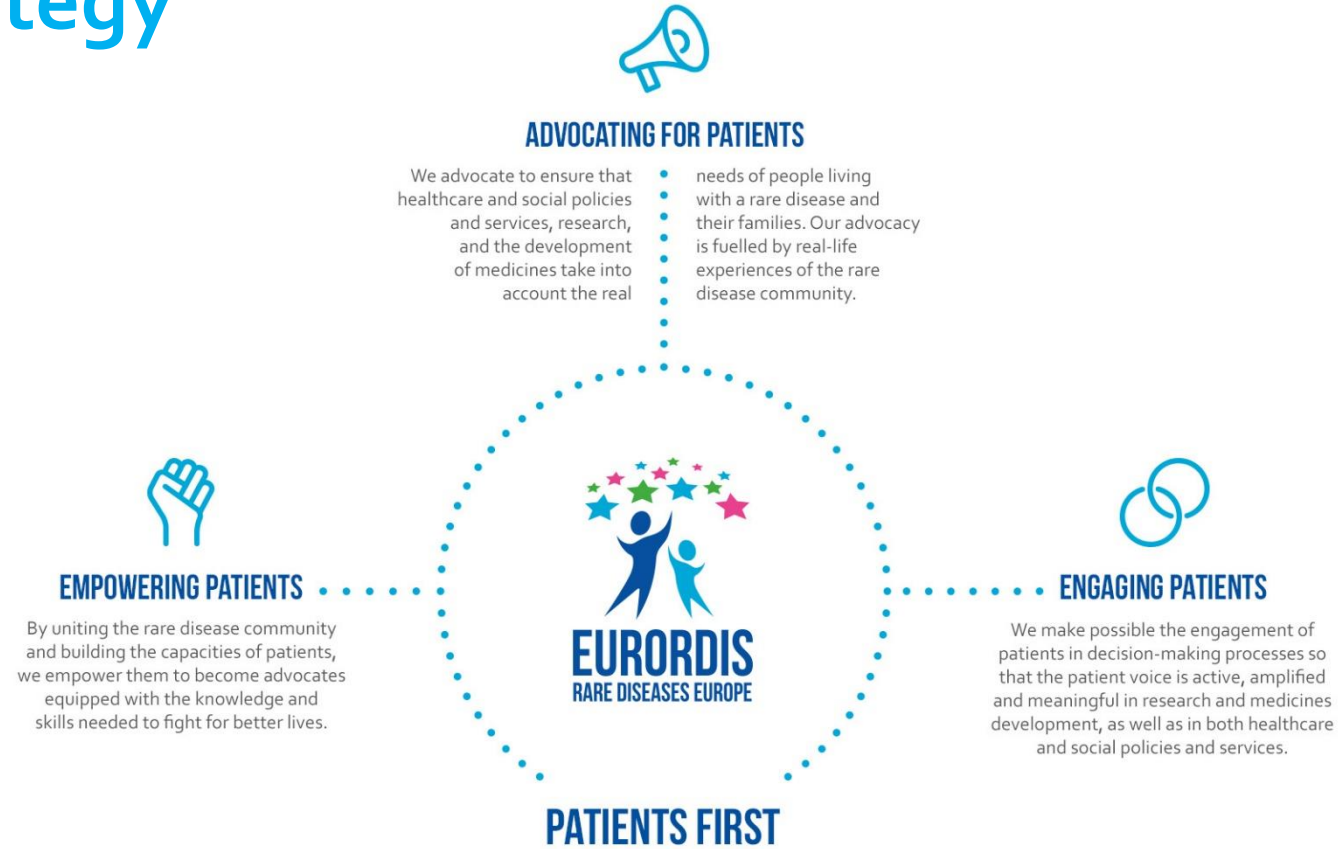
**Authentic**

# Values that guide EURORDIS in all it does

As well as embracing the common European values of **democracy, mutual respect, solidarity, social justice** and **equality** EURORDIS is also guided by the following values:

- **Patients first** – EURORDIS puts patients first and endeavours to do what’s right for patients and their families. In order to maintain its **legitimacy** in representing the needs, concerns and realities of its constituents EURORDIS stays independent from all other stakeholders with an interest in rare diseases.
- **Authentic** – EURORDIS is **credible** in representing the patient voice because its positions are based on contributions from its members and a wide range of PLWRD. EURORDIS’ ensures that its volunteers are people who understand what it is to be affected by a rare disease.
- **Authoritative** – EURORDIS strives for excellence in all that it does and to represent the patient perspective with the **professionalism** it deserves. EURORDIS believes in building its positions on the basis of available evidence drawn both from the scientific literature and the experiences of PLWRD.
- **Courageous** – EURORDIS has a strong sense of integrity and is **straightforward** in representing the needs, concerns and desires of PLWRD.
- **Collaborative** – EURORDIS recognises that common problems are often solved more effectively by finding synergies and promoting collective action. EURORDIS is **respectful** of the fact that many stakeholders can help improve the lives of PLWRD and therefore is open to collaboration with like-minded organisations that share its vision and goals.
- **Innovative** – EURORDIS is a **visionary** organisation that is highly entrepreneurial in seeking out and implementing new ways to serve PLWRD.

# Our Strategy



**Research  
Policy &  
Activities**

**Development  
& Access to  
Therapies**

**Healthcare  
Policy &  
Services**

**Social  
Policy &  
Services**

# Our Strategic Objectives 2015-2020

1

EURORDIS in 2020 **has consolidated its position as the organisation of reference** for rare diseases both in EU and in Europe for its legitimate membership base and its credible European patient voice.



# 2

EURORDIS in 2020 is facilitating the effective **implementation of European legislations** (regulations such as those on orphan medicines, paediatric use of medicines, advanced therapies, transparency; directives such as Patient's Right to Cross Border Health Care, Clinical Trials, Data Protection) **and policy strategies** (e.g. Commission Communication & Council Recommendation on Action in Rare Diseases, Commission Communication on Orphan Medicines, Communication on Cancer Control) at **European and national levels** (e.g. National Plans on Rare Diseases) in more **policy areas – research, public health, healthcare, social, digital, rights** - for the benefit of patients and families.

# 3

EURORDIS in 2020 is **empowering its member patient organisations and volunteers** through more and enriched information, education and capacity building, all working to reinforce their autonomy.

# 4

EURORDIS in 2020 is **more sustainable** in terms of **governance and of human, financial and organisational resources**; EURORDIS' resources have grown through a **diversification of public and private funding** (corporate, foundations, events, donors, fee-based services); EURORDIS has reinforced its **volunteer base** and **long-term leadership capacities**; EURORDIS has consolidated its **multi-cultural multi-skilled staff** and established a **human resource management**; EURORDIS is innovating advanced quality governance.

# Board of Directors



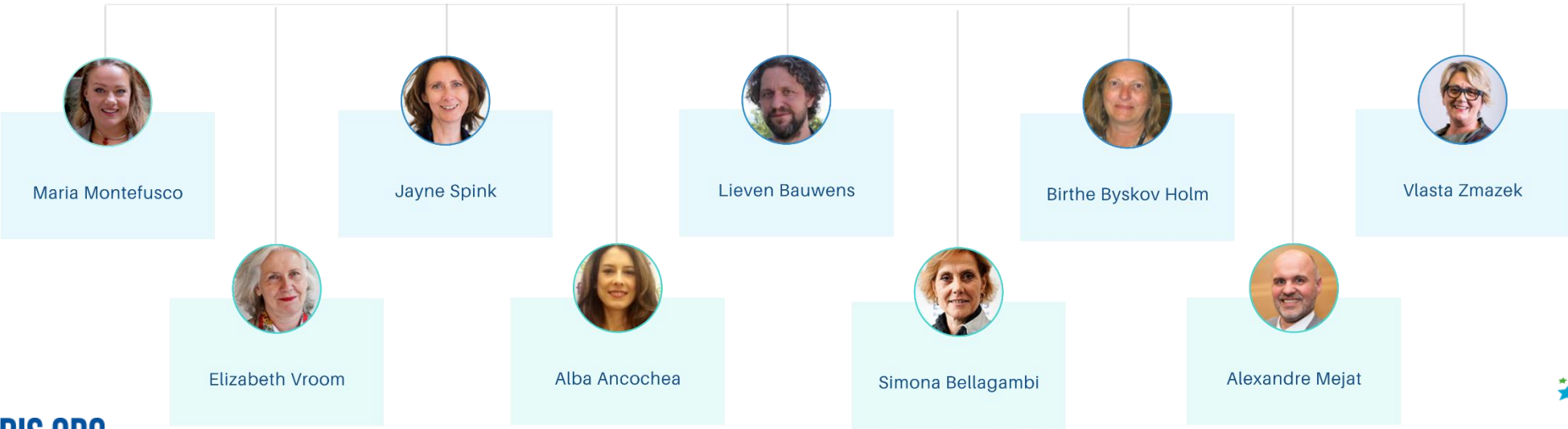
- 12 members; expanding to 15; 14 today
- Presented by their PO member; elected as individuals, trustees of EURORDIS
- Diversity of countries and diseases
- Diversity of disease specific patient organisation, national alliances and European federations
- Mix of duration of tenure, for stability, shared vision and culture, renewal
- Long term leadership
- Direct contact: Who we Are?/Board/each profile

# EURODIS Board of Directors

## Board of Officers



## Directors



# Staff



- **47 full time or part time + self employed and interns.**
- **Based across Europe.** Offices Paris, Brussels, Barcelona + working from home in Germany, Romania, Serbia, France and the UK.
- **Wide diversity** of nationality, languages, culture, age; High level educational background and experience, multi-lingual; Share common functions.
- **Direct contact:** Who we are? / Staff / email address under each profile which presents the background, function, priority areas of work

# Staff Members

 Yann Le Cam Chief Executive Officer	 Clara Hervás Public Affairs Manager	 Ariane Weinman Public Affairs Senior Manager	 Erwan Berjonneau Research Executive Rare Barometer	 Matteo Scarabelli Patient Engagement Manager - HTA	 Marta Campabadal Patient Engagement Manager
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 Sandra Courbier Social Research Director - Rare Barometer	 Rob Camp Patient Engagement Senior Manager - CABS	 Tamara Kovazh Open Academy Manager	 Jo Marshall Corporate and Donor Relations Assistant	 Corina Puls Office Manager	

# Volunteers

EURORDIS Volunteers are playing a crucial role in shaping healthcare policy that benefits people with rare diseases

Who are they?

What is their role?

How do they contribute?







14, 2019  
Chief, EURODIS  
Ad Policy Director, EURODIS  
Senior Director, EURODIS

**How can you make the most  
of our networks,  
information, and training?**



# Thank you!

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