



**THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
INTEREST GROUP
ON ALLERGY AND ASTHMA**



**Committed to prevent and ease allergy
and asthma in Europe**

WHAT is it?

The EP Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma is a common effort by European allergy and asthma patients, health professionals and Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) committed to address what likely constitutes the most prevalent chronic diseases in Europe.

The prevalence of allergy and asthma has increased to alarming proportions in the past decades in conjunction with rising environmental challenges, such as pollution and climate change. Unmet needs of allergy and asthma are many, and Europe needs to take urgent action to overcome them.

What do we want to **ACHIEVE**?

- Contribute to EU policies on chronic diseases to reflect the needs of allergy and asthma patients and better prevent these diseases
- Improve EU policies against outdoor pollution and promote action to tackle indoor pollution
- Foster European research in environmental health, with an emphasis on unmet needs of allergy and asthma research
- Inform on needed action on labelling of chemicals and allergens in consumer products
- Facilitate the exchange of best healthcare practices and recognition of allergology as a full medical speciality across the EU

WHO runs the Secretariat of the Interest Group?



The European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI): the largest medical association in the field of allergy and clinical immunology, uniting more than 9,000 academicians, research investigators and clinicians from 121 different countries.



The European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA): a non-profit network of 38 allergy, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) patients' organisations, representing over 400,000 patients in 24 countries.

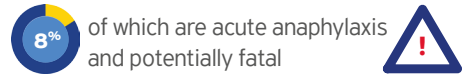
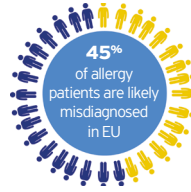
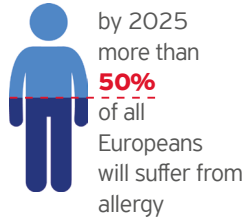


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Our PHILOSOPHY

We believe in evidence-based and patient-centred policies. The EP Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma serves as a forum to share expertise and best practices, and align interests engaging with relevant EU policy-makers and stakeholders on allergy and asthma health. It thrives to be a source of good data for evidence-based policy making.

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ASTHMA



Asthma is the **most common chronic** disease in children



10 million Europeans younger than 45 have asthma



The total cost of asthma in Europe is **17.7 billion** per year

BURDEN ON DAILY LIVING AND PRODUCTIVITY

Asthma and allergic rhinitis alone are estimated to result in more than



lost workdays and missed school days in Europe every year

If patients were treated appropriately with available cost-effective treatments, an average savings of



per annum could be reached



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Our group of **COMMITTED MEPs** includes

The Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma is a cross-cutting group, that brings together MEPs from different political parties and various stakeholders: almost everybody is affected in one way or another by allergies and asthma. We are committed to fight them together.



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Show **YOU** care

If you or someone close to you suffer from allergy and/or asthma, you treat them or research on them, or you are simply interested...please join us and follow the activities of the Group!

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[EAACI website dedicated to the Interest Group](#)

[EFA website dedicated to the Interest Group](#)

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