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SOCIETY

every breath counts

Annual Report

2022-2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE ERS PRESIDENT



CARLOS ROBALO CORDEIRO
President

I am very pleased to present you with an overview of the European Respiratory Society's (ERS) achievements during the financial year 2022 to 2023. This year saw the presidential baton handed over to me by my predecessor Prof. Marc Humbert. It has been my great pleasure to lead ERS, working with esteemed colleagues, as we have continued to build on existing projects alongside introducing new and important initiatives. The adaptability of this Society is one of its great strengths and it serves the respiratory community very well, as a touchstone of respiratory science and medicine.

I leave you to review this report, with thanks to our officers, staff, members, supporters and other collaborators and contributors for their commitments during this period."

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



JUDITH GARCIA-AYMERICH
Secretary General

ERS offers membership agreements with partner respiratory societies worldwide, offering ERS resources to a broad spectrum of professionals.

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30,884* members from over 165 countries

*Individuals with full and active membership only



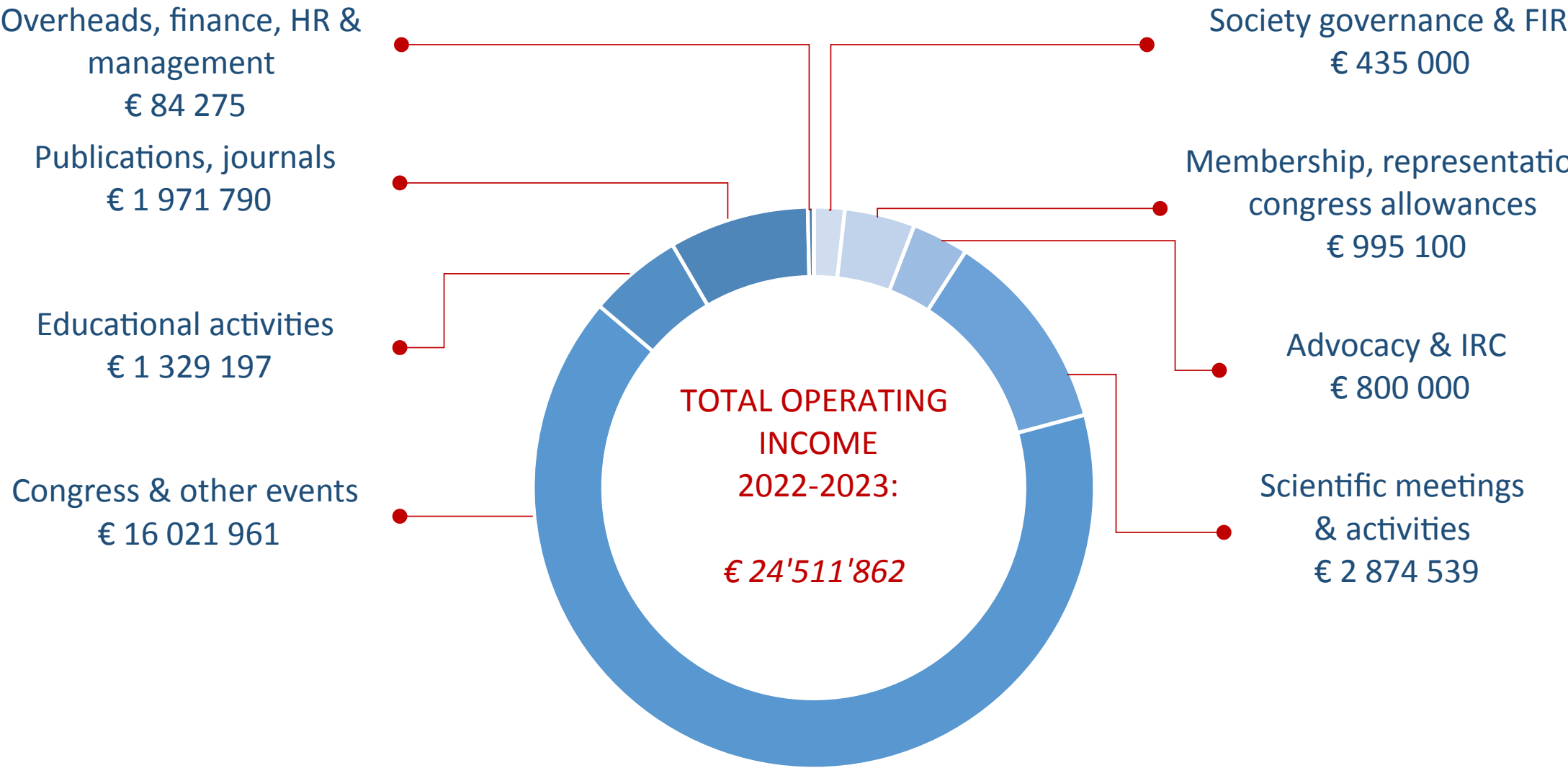
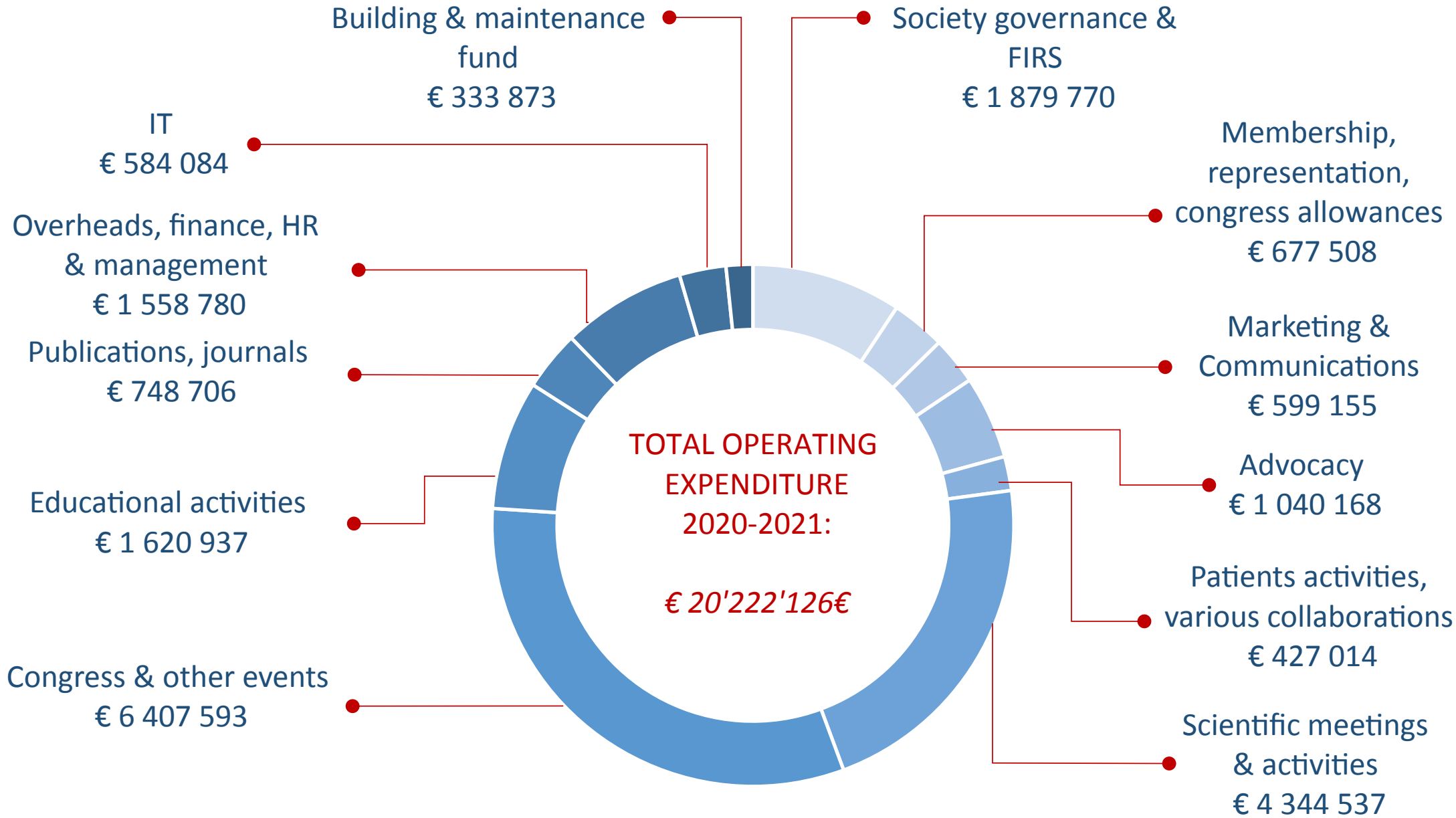
3 new agreements

signed with national/regional respiratory societies – making 106 in total.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



PETER WIJKSTRA
ERS Treasurer



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CONGRESS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

LUNG SCIENCE CONFERENCE

The Lung Science Conference (LSC) is an annual event. It primarily targets early career professionals and aims to showcase all the latest research and its translation into clinical solutions. There is also a unique emphasis on mentoring for younger delegates. The 21st Lung Science Conference offered both in person and online attendance – attracting its largest audience to date with 328 delegates. Entitled “Post-viral lung diseases – from basic immunology to clinical phenotypes and therapy”, the 2023 conference took place on 9-12 March. 10 awards were given including the William MacNee Award (young investigator), the Geoffrey Laurent Award (oral presentation) and eight Distinguished Poster Awards.

RESPIRATORY FAILURE AND MECHANICAL VENTILATION CONFERENCE (RFMV)

The RFMV conference takes place every two years, bringing together professionals from both acute and chronic care. The June 2022 conference united more than 360 participants and faculty in Berlin and online, coming from over 50 countries. The next edition is planned for February 2024 in Berlin, Germany.

RESEARCH SEMINARS

Research seminars are scientific research-oriented events, the programme of which includes cutting-edge and basic science, unpublished data and research in progress. The main aim of these seminars is to gather a limited number of well-established and young investigators, with a view to addressing scientific topics in depth and breaking new ground. 4 onsite and 2 online seminars were organised in the 2022/2023 financial period.

ENDORSED EVENTS

ERS is frequently asked to endorse educational and scientific meetings that fulfil standards of performance and scientific quality. In 2022–2023, 14 requests were received, and 9 event programmes were endorsed.

ERS CONGRESS

The ERS International Congress is a highly anticipated event on the respiratory calendar, attracting a global audience for its scientific and educational programme. Following two years of an exclusively online event, the 2022 Congress saw a return to in-person activities, retaining the option for delegates to join online. The hybrid Congress attracted more than 20,709. The programme was designed to address the needs of researchers, clinicians, allied health professionals and patients.



20,709
registered
delegates



360 scientific
and educational
sessions



4316 submitted
and 3540 accepted
abstracts



84 sponsored
delegates and 19 grants
and awards offered



1 NEXT programme to
support the professional
development of 50
early career members

● Hybrid event

The 2022 event in Barcelona was the first hybrid Congress – supporting both onsite and online attendance. It took place from Sunday to Tuesday, offering 5 live-streamed rooms, 4 recorded rooms, 2 skills workshop rooms and the thematic poster area onsite, as well as 1 channel with online studio sessions.

● Online networking opportunities

A more personalised congress platform experience was introduced allowing participants to interact directly with colleagues and faculty via My messages, create a personal event schedule in My Congress, and interactively participate in live-streamed sessions via Q&A/comments section.

● Accreditation

Pre-congress content, live sessions and session replay were all accredited.

● Virtual postgraduate week

An additional 953 participants joined the online postgraduate courses held in mid-November

SCIENCE

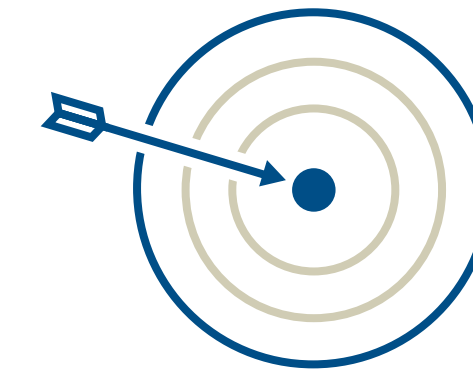


NICOLAS ROCHE
Science Council Chair

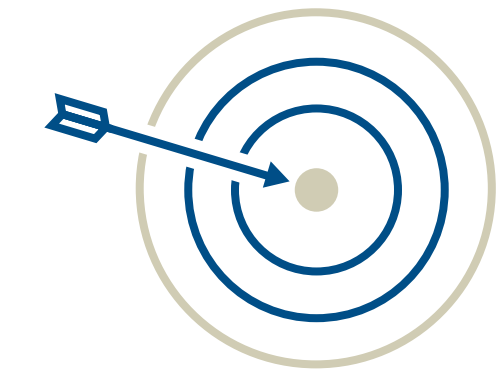
ERS scientific activities put an emphasis on respiratory disease research and strengthening the clinical evidence base. This mission spans a range of activities including: fellowship opportunities; scientific conferences and seminars; publications; endorsement of pragmatic trials; funding for guidelines, statements and technical standards; Clinical Research Collaborations; and the ERS Research Agency, which facilitates respiratory research through the coordination and support of the respiratory research community – assisting its efforts to obtain funding.



ERJ 2022
impact factor is 24.3



ERJ Open Research 2022
impact factor is 4.6



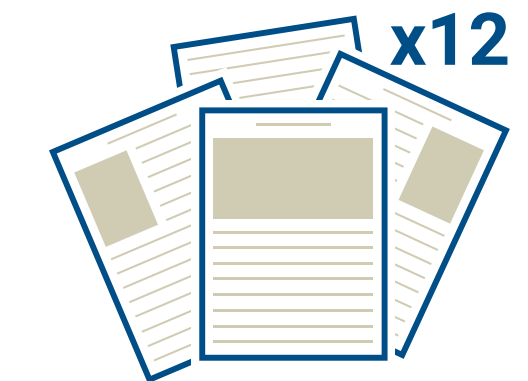
ERR 2022
impact factor is 7.5



19 Fellowships
granted



2 accepted CRC
applications



12 published guidelines, statements
and technical standards



6 research seminars
(4 onsite and 2 virtual)

EDUCATION



RICHARD COSTELLO
Education Council Chair

The mission of ERS Education is to supply medical professionals across Europe with access to high-quality training and educational resources. This covers a range of activities from curriculum development courses, online learning assessments and publications.

During the COVID-19 period, we have made significant changes to the way we deliver our educational resources. We have enhanced our online learning resources and delivered most of our events virtually.



6 virtual schools/academies



2 paediatric bronchoscopy courses



4 virtual ERS HERMES self-assessment courses



3 certified training programmes (ultrasound, EBUS and sleep)



3 ERS HERMES exams delivered (online, in India and Egypt) with 604 participants in total.



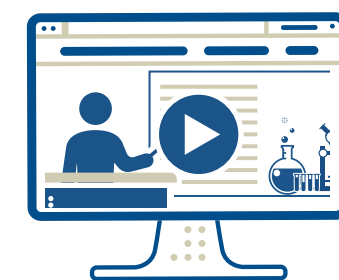
44 webinars
22,649 registrations



2 assembly journal clubs



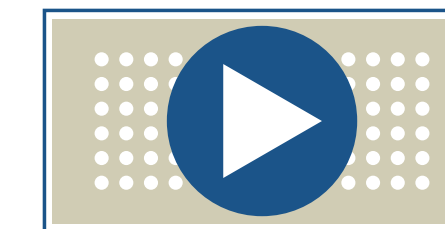
2 courses



1 online state of the art event



4 Respiratory Digest articles with over 540 article views



3 short video discussions and 3 'Time to breathe' videos



5 CME online modules

ADVOCACY



ARZU YORGANCIOĞLU
Advocacy Council Chair

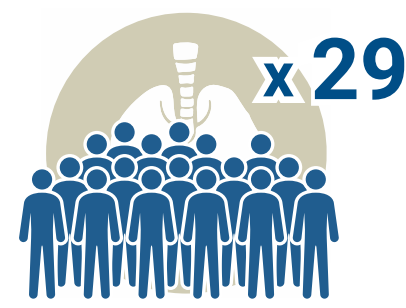
ERS continues to put forward its stance on important issues affecting lung health in as many arenas as possible. Whether it is interacting with the WHO, the European Parliament, or facilitating the MEP Lung Health Group, the desire to promote respiratory health and stand for scientific excellence has never been greater.



More than 32 high-level meetings with governments, agencies and health-related organisations



30 statements and positions launched together with partners and alliances



Increased the number of supporting MEPs and supporting organisations of the MEP Lung Health Group to 29 members

- The MEP Lung Health Group held online and physical events focused on rare diseases, the role of the European Health Data Space, tuberculosis and migration, access to medicines, early prevention, detection and treatment, lung cancer, and respiratory infections and antimicrobial resistance.
- ERS retained its high-level position on the European Medicines Agency and was successful in getting a position on the advisory forum of the new Health Emergency Response Authority.
- ERS and partners organised the first Summit of the International Respiratory Coalition “Transforming respiratory medicine in the post pandemic world” and supported countries in the creation and/or strengthening of national respiratory coalitions to work together towards ambitious respiratory plans.
- The Advocacy Council developed an important statement on the F-gases (climate change) legislation, the Global Health Strategy, Covid-19 pandemic draft report, asbestos regulation, and the European Health Data Space. The Council and its Chair greatly contributed to the development of the ERS sustainability policy.
- ERS campaigned strongly for lung cancer screening and as a result successfully secured lung cancer screening recommendations as part of a new Council Recommendation to the EU Member States.
- ERS recommendations on tackling chronic respiratory diseases were reflected in the EU NCD “Healthier Together” strategy and corresponding funding for respiratory projects across the EU in 2023.
- The revision of the EU Ambient Air Quality Directive (AAQD) has been the key topic for the Environment and Health Committee. The Committee responded to the EU consultations on the AAQD, EURO7 (car emissions) and EU Climate Target for 2040. It submitted amendments for the AAQD legislative proposal and had dedicated meetings with the MEPs. The Committee published position papers and factsheet on climate change, EURO 7 and Canada wildfires.
- The Tobacco Control Committee actively provided scientific and medical evidence for the revision of the EU recommendation on smoke-free environments and the overall evaluation of the legislative framework for tobacco control. The Committee produced a statement on Tobacco 21+ policy calling for increase of age-of-sale of tobacco and nicotine products.
- ERS continued its role as an active key member of the Biomed Alliance, European Chronic Disease Alliance, European Public Health Alliance and the Health and Environment Alliance.

EUROPEAN LUNG FOUNDATION (ELF)



KJELD HANSEN
ELF Chair

The European Lung Foundation (ELF) is dedicated to bringing patients and the public together with respiratory professionals to improve lung health and advance diagnosis, treatment, and care. ELF actively involved patients in healthcare by ensuring the patient voice is incorporated at every level of ERS activities, as well as disseminating the highest quality patient resources and communicating and translating the work of ERS to those outside the respiratory field.

This year's achievements include:

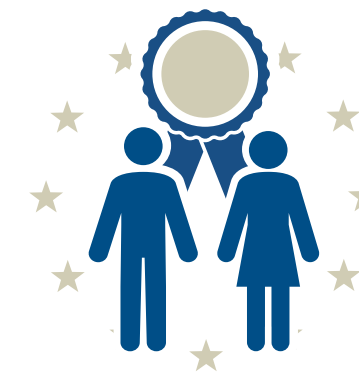
- Growing the range of co-planned and produced patient conferences
- Developing the partnership of ELF and ERS in Brussels via Lungs Europe
- Working more in the field of European advocacy, contributing to more consultations and producing more position statements
- Involvement in new EU projects in strategically important areas such as cancer diagnosis and air quality
- Working on new methods to increase access to guidelines for patients and carers



New resources produced on remote monitoring, data sharing and organ donation – lay guidelines on Diagnosing adult asthma and PAH



Patient conferences held on chronic cough, COVID-19, severe asthma and bronchiectasis with >2,900 registrations



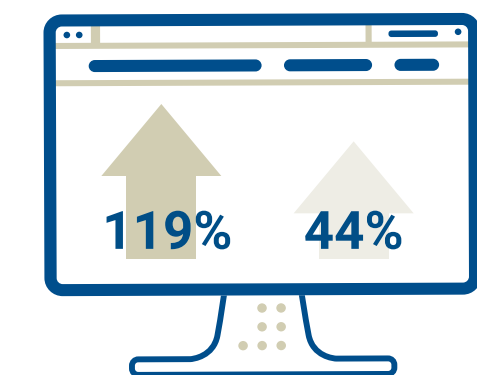
Update and relaunch of the European Patient Ambassador Programme (EPAP)



Patients involved in 23 task forces and 17 Clinical Research Collaborations



100,000 visitors to the ELF website each month



Social media following growth of 119% on LinkedIn and 44% on Instagram

HEALTHY LUNGS FOR LIFE



Healthy Lungs for Life is a lung health campaign raising awareness of the importance of healthy lungs to healthcare professionals, scientists, primary care patients, policymakers and the public through a full range of events, projects and promotional activities.

Highlights include:

- New topic of climate change launched with infographic and new webpage.
- Launch of the Healthy Lungs for Life for Schools initiative – taking the Healthy Lungs for Life messaging to young people in partnership with the ERS CADSET CRC.



Over 300 members of the public had their lungs tested in Barcelona during the ERS Congress



2022 ELF Award presented to Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah for her outstanding work campaigning for everyone's fundamental right to breathe clean air in honour of her daughter Ella



10 international grants awarded for Healthy Lungs for Life events in collaboration with the Forum of International Respiratory Societies – events held in Pakistan, Nepal, Nigeria, UK

ERS RESPIRATORY CHANNEL



The ERS Respiratory Channel is an online resource offered by ERS to members and the wider respiratory community. As an open access platform, it delivers access to live events and a range of video and podcast content to support the professional respiratory community. Originally launched in 2021, the Channel continues to evolve. During this financial period, developments have been:

- The introduction of 4 new high-quality programmes designed to support respiratory clinicians in their day-to-day practice and inform them on topics of interest.
- Making all ERS guidelines available through the platform.
- Preparatory work to include further content such as e-learning and past event resources in the next batch of updates.
- Preparatory work to host events online directly from the platform in future.



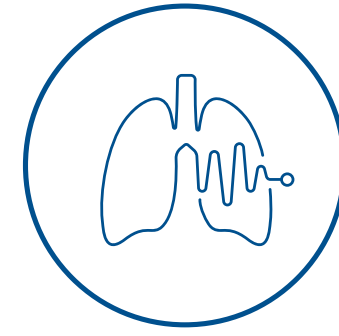
The Institute



Curbside Consult



Coffee Talk



Respiratory Life

ERS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY



ERS is committed to social and environmental sustainability. The Society has instigated activities during this period to help ERS to evaluate its contributions/impact. This includes:

- Measuring the emissions associated with the ERS offices with the goal of reducing them.
- Categorising the work ERS does according to how it feeds into the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. [Find out more](#)



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