

## Who we are

Agora is a Federation representing associations for people with Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal diseases in Southern Europe.

The main aims of Agora are:

Encourage and assist in the foundation and development towards user-led organizations of people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases in Southern Europe.

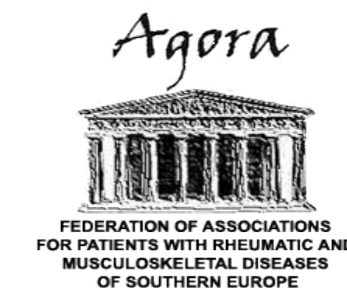
Provide member organizations representing people with Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases (RMDs)

both in Southern Europe and borders and other peer user-led organizations that fall outside the Southern area with a stronger voice at a national and European level. The character of AGORA remains the same and focuses on working towards creating better conditions for people with RMDs in Southern European countries, despite giving the opportunity to countries that fall outside this geographical area to join the organization.

Promote supportive attitudes towards rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases and enable patients to live independent and participate fully in society.

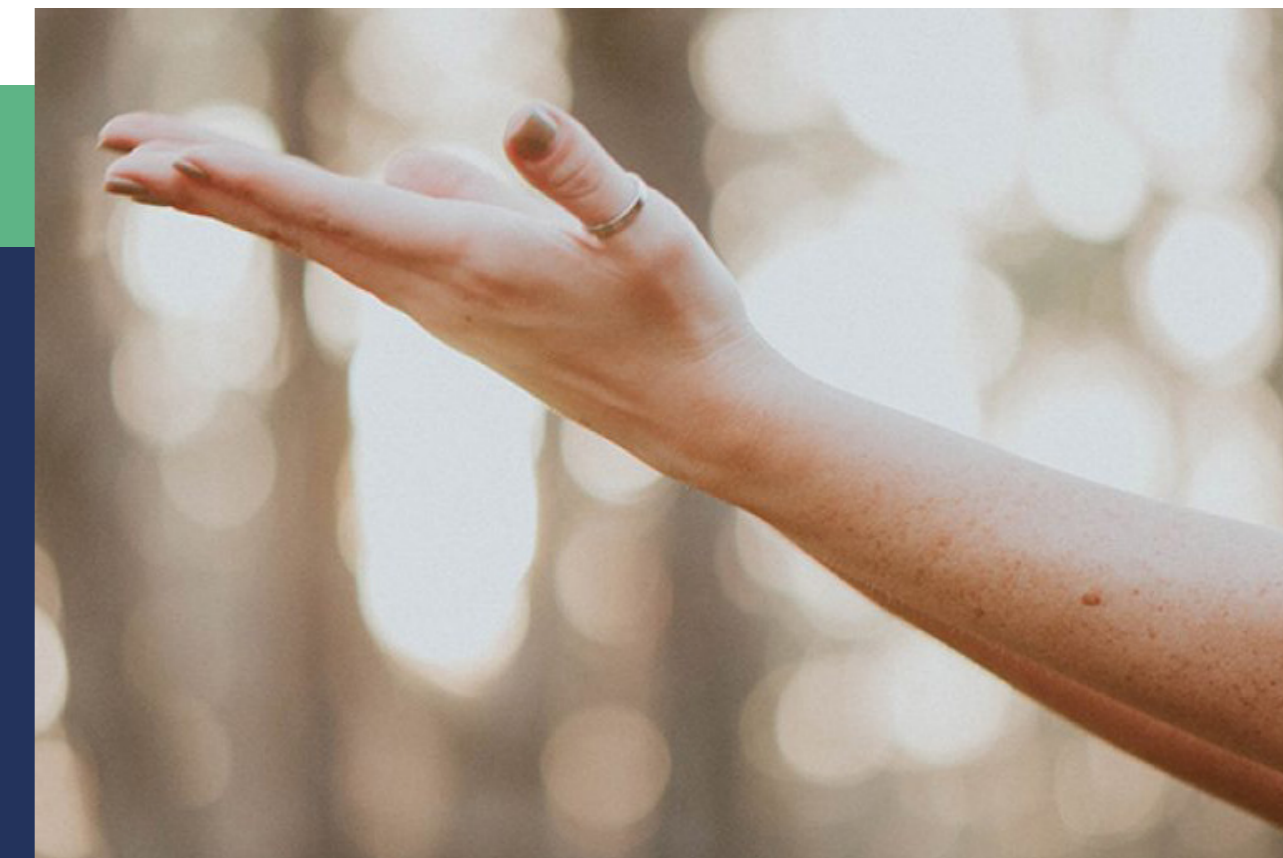
## What we do

- ✓ Assist in improving the knowledge of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases among members of the health, welfare and medical professions, governmental bodies and the general public.
- ✓ Encourage and undertake research projects including surveys and clinical trials related to rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases and dissemination of the results of any such research.
- ✓ Foster innovation and excellence in education and research with the aim to improve treatment and patient care.
- ✓ Collect and distribute information on all aspects of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases, both in the medical and sociological areas of the disease.
- ✓ Establish and promote a common agenda for health and advocacy for people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases in Southern Europe.



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we move together to improve

## Why is it Worth Supporting us

To meet the demand for our help from patients... we need your help

Agora has members from various Southern European countries. Currently Agora has 20 full member associations and another 1 association currently on trial to become new member. Agora is a family is constantly expanding and new members are always welcome!

As of 2016, Agora has also opened its membership, in the form of a co-opted membership, to countries that fall outside the geographical boundaries of Southern Europe, however special criteria apply to these patient organisations.

*We work in partnership with pharma companies, delivering clear business benefits and raising vital funds to support people affected by RMDs. In our relations with industry, we rely on the EFPIA Codes of Practice on relationships between the Pharmaceutical industry and patient organisations / healthcare professionals.*



### Enhance communication

Enhance communication between the patients, whose interests we represent, and your company whose decisions will affect the provision of health services or treatments for patients.



### Increase Company's Recognition & Strengthen Positioning

Your company will also be seen as a change leader in health education, research, and advocacy, and will set your company apart as a positive corporate citizen within your stakeholder group.

## We have already been trusted by many.

### Affiliations

Agora is:

- Scientific Affiliate of EULAR
- Member of EPF while we co-operate with
- ASIF
- ENCA
- EURORDIS
- FESCA
- GAfPA and
- LUPUS EUROPE
- SJOGREN EUROPE

### Members

We currently represent 18 patient organisations representing 12 countries and an estimated 25 million patients across Europe.. Our members are:

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| <b>Bulgaria</b>   | BOPRD   |
| <b>Cyprus</b>     | CEPLAR  |
| <b>Croatia</b>    | Croatian League Against Rheumatism  |
| <b>Greece</b>     | •Hellenic League Against Rheumatism<br>•AKESO<br>•The Arthritis Foundation of Crete |
| <b>Israel</b>     | •INBAR<br>•Mifrakim Tzeirim   |
| <b>Italy</b>      | APMAR   |
| <b>Malta</b>      | ARAM  |
| <b>Montenegro</b> | NVO RAM   |
| <b>Portugal</b>   | LPCDR   |
| <b>Serbia</b>     | •ORS<br>•Liga Reumatologica Gallega   |
| <b>Spain</b>      | •Conartritis<br>•Lliga Reumatologica Catalana<br>•LIRE (Federation)                 |
| <b>Turkey</b>     | •Romaturka  |

### Supporters

AGORA gratefully acknowledges the generous support of pharmaceutical companies and other organisations

- BIOGEN
- NOVARTIS
- PFIZER
- GLOBAL HEALTH LIVING FOUNDATION

## Get to Know Our Services



### Educational Center

The development of any kind of informative, educational and recreational activity such as the organization and coordination of lectures, workshops, discussions, seminars, etc.



### Research programs

The preparation and support for the development of research programs.



### Advocacy

The undertaking of interventions, representations or démarches to the competent international or national bodies, scientific associations, universities, social and private bodies which have the ability or the will to contribute to the achievement of the Federation's objectives.



### Organization of the Annual Conference

The Agora Annual is a AGORA -only network event and takes place once a year in or near a European city location.

