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CORRESPONDING ARTICLE



Brussels, 21 January 2026

To: European Commission

Subject: Strengthening Organ Donation and Transplantation Across the European Union

Dear sir/madam

On behalf of the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA), the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT), and 44 other leading organisations across Europe committed to advancing transplantation and kidney health, we are writing with reference to the European Commission and Member States' commitments to advancing organ donation and transplantation in the European Union.

MARCH 2026

The burden of kidney failure requiring kidney replacement therapy explained by estimating biological age from remaining life expectancy

JOURNAL ARTICLE

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MARCH 2026

The impact of chronic kidney disease on patient and caregiver quality of life: A qualitative study in Spain

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Nuria Aresté-Fosalba, Marta Cobo Marcos, Alfonso Segarra Medrano, Alberto Ortiz Arduán, Daniel Gallego Zurro, Juan Carlos Julian Mauro, Fernando Gutiérrez Nicolás, Raúl Rubio Renau, Maie Khalil, Carlota Solà Marsiñach ✉, Simona Gradari, Unai Aranda, Miren Sequera Mutiozabal

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MAY 2026

Management of inherited kidney diseases: A practical approach from S.E.N. working groups and RICORS-ISCIII network

Review

Management of inherited kidney diseases: A practical approach from S.E.N. working groups and RICORS-ISCIII network

Manejo de las enfermedades renales hereditarias: un enfoque práctico desde los grupos de trabajo de la S.E.N. y la red RICORS-ISCIII

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**AUGUST-
SEPTEMBER
2026**

**Kidney replacement
therapy as a key
performance indicator for
population health. A call
to action by REDYT,
ALCER, EKPF, S.E.N. and
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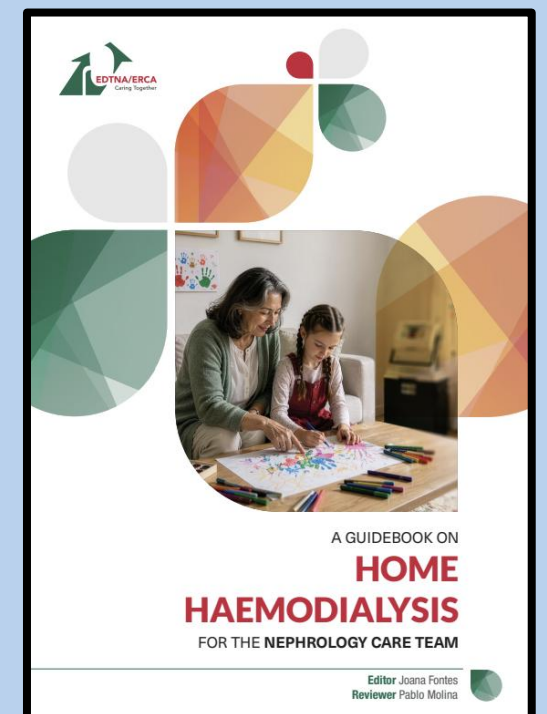
**Kidney replacement therapy as a key performance
indicator for population health. A call to action by
REDYT, ALCER, EKPF, S.E.N. and RICORS2040-renal**

La terapia renal sustitutiva como indicador clave de desempeño en la salud
poblacional. Un llamado a la acción por parte de REDYT, ALCER, EKPF, la S.E.N. y
RICORS240-renal

Alberto Ortiz^a, Emilio Sánchez^b, Juan Carlos Julián^c, Daniel Gallego^d, Borja Quiroga^e

**SEPTEMBER
2026**

**A guidebook on Home
Haemodialysis for the
nephrology care team**





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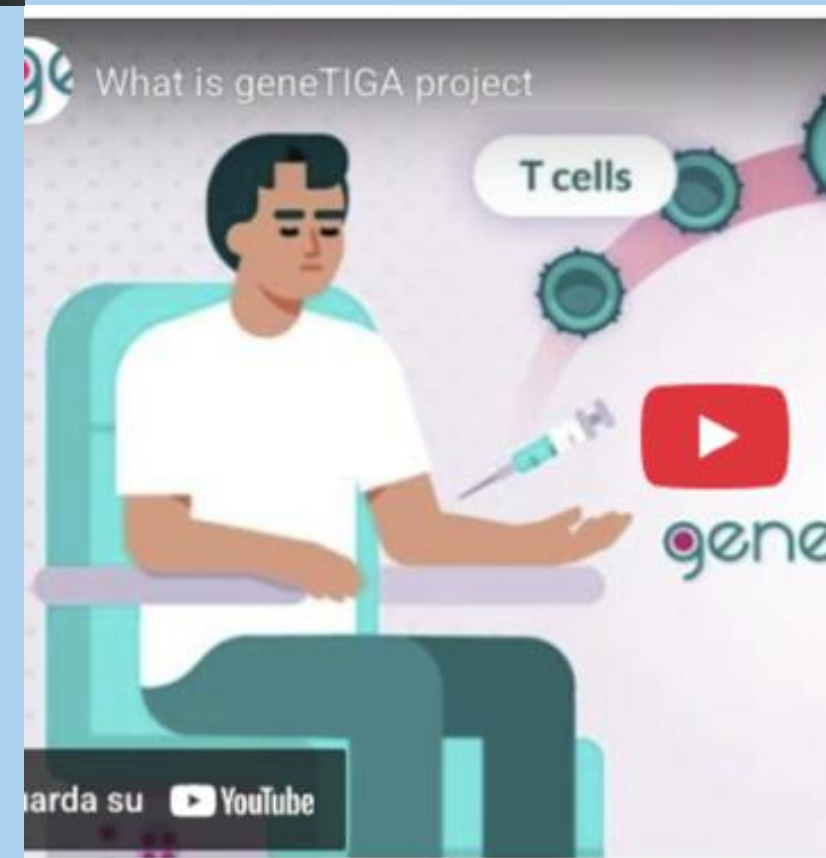
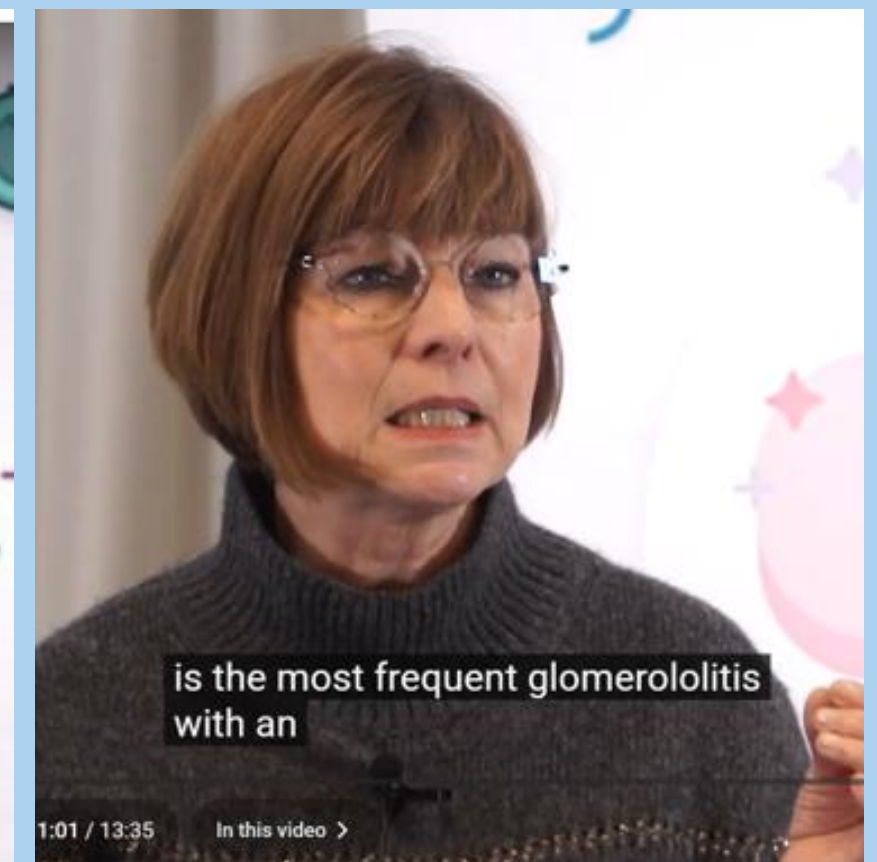


The ultimate goal of the project is to develop a safe and efficient cell therapy based on genomically edited T cells with redirected specificity to sustainably combat IgA nephropathy (IgAN), the most common glomerulonephritis and one of the most frequent causes of end-stage renal disease with unmet medical needs. Our role is in communication and dissemination of project results.

GENETIGA 2022 – 2026

Some videos introducing the geneTIGA project and the people behind it is available on YouTube and the project website.

Website:
WWW.GENETIGA-HORIZON.EU





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KitNewCare is working on a sustainable healthcare model, focusing on kidney care due to its significant impact. The project involves mapping sustainability, developing workflows, piloting innovations, and creating guidelines.

It aims to inform decision-makers and establish a Sustainability Network for long-term impact beyond EU funding, with stakeholder involvement throughout the process. We are In charge of the Patient and Public Involvement Program.



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2023-2027



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MOMENTUM 2026-2030

Momentum is a research project exploring the link between mild cognitive impairment and chronic kidney disease, with a particular focus on uremic toxins. Bringing together 13 partners from 10 countries, the project aims to better understand the mechanisms behind cognitive decline, identify biomarkers for early detection and develop potential preventive and personalised interventions, while ensuring meaningful patient involvement throughout the research.

The EKPF will contribute the patient perspective, helping ensure that the research responds to the experiences and needs of people living with kidney disease by developing active and in-depth tools and questionnaires to measure the specific quality of life challenges and perceived experience specific for MCI-CKD.

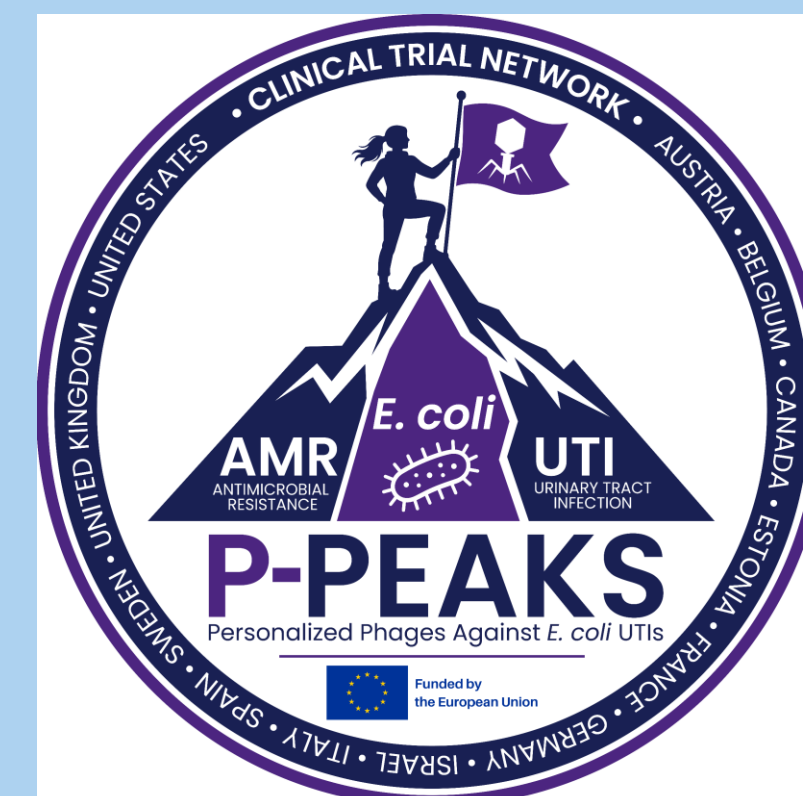


P-Peaks

2026-2030

P-PEAKS UTI is an EU-funded research project investigating personalised bacteriophage therapy as an alternative or complement to antibiotics for preventing recurrent urinary tract infections caused by *E. coli* in women. Through a multinational clinical trial involving 216 participants, including high-risk kidney transplant recipients, the project aims to assess the safety and effectiveness of phage therapy, reduce antibiotic use and contribute to tackling antimicrobial resistance, with patient involvement integrated throughout the research.

EKPF is in charge of creating a Patient Advisory Board to review the clinical trial protocol and advise on everything related to the clinical trial (enrollment, socioeconomic issues, patient barriers) and to carry out focus groups on these topics.



REPAIR-CKD

2026-2030

REPAIR-CKD INTRODUCES KOSEC (KIDNEY ORGANSPHERE SECRETOME), A FIRST-IN-CLASS KIDNEY-DERIVED THERAPY. IT IS DESIGNED TO COUNTERACT FIBROSIS, OXIDATIVE STRESS, AND IMPAIRED TUBULAR REPAIR - CORE MECHANISMS DRIVING CKD PROGRESSION. KOSEC IS DERIVED FROM RENEWABLE, NON-INVASIVELY OBTAINED HUMAN CELLS AND INTEGRATES ADVANCED CELL BIOLOGY, PROTEOMICS, AND TRANSLATIONAL PHARMACOLOGY TO RESTORE RENAL FUNCTION.



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PCIKD

Polycystic kidney disease: a gene therapy for PKHD1, PKD 1 and 2 pathogenic variants

AVF-TWIN

An arteriovenous fistula digital twin for personalised management and improved clinical outcome of patients on hemodialysis

CARE

Characterizing Adult and child Renal Endotypes

PROSPER

Utilize unique access points to simplify customer experience

EPPerMed

HORIZON

ELASTIK

Kidney AI for Better Research, Implementation, Decisions, Guidelines, and Equity

ALLO ESCAPE

Off-the-shelf Allogeneic T Regulatory cells for Adoptive Therapy to sustainably rebalance the immune system

HAPI

deciphering Host-CMV interaction After solid organ transplantation for better long-term condition Post-Infection





COLLABORATORS



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MEETINGS



GENETIGA Annual meeting

Berlin, Germany
11 - 12 February 2026



High-level event at the European Parliament

Brussels, Belgium
3rd March 2026



Euronews Health Summit

Brussels, Belgium
31st March 2026



KitNewCare Annual meeting

Bucharest, Romania
14th and 15th April, 2026



d. Holiday Conference

sopot, Poland
13th May, 2026



Euronews Health Summit

Geneva, Switzerland
18th May 2026



ERA Congress 2026

Glasgow, Scotland, UK
2nd - 5th June 2026



IgA Nephropathy session at ERA Conference

Glasgow, Scotland, UK
2nd - 5th June 2026



First in-person IgAN Friends meeting

Brussels, Belgium
9th June, 2026



EKPF Executive Board in-person meeting

Brussels, Belgium
10th June, 2026



MOMENTUM Kick-off meeting

Bergamo, Italy
22nd and 23rd June, 2026



Personalise DKD Annual meeting

Riga, Latvia
1st July, 2026



PKD International meeting

Lovaina, Belgium
3rd and 4th September, 2026



Viral Infections in Immunocompromised Patients International Congress

Varese, Italy
9th September, 2026



P-Peaks kick off meeting

Paris, France
13th - 15th September, 2026



EDTNA International Conference

Gdansk, Poland
26th – 29th September, 2026



IKCC Global Kidney Cancer Summit

Prague, Czechia
10th and 11th October



EKHA Kidney Forum 2026

Brussels, Belgium
13th October, 2026



AWARENESS



#RARE
DISEASE
DAY

MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE

28 FEB
2026

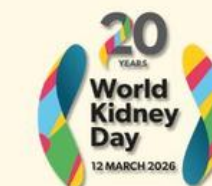


Prevention and good habits

8 Golden Rules of Prevention:

- Keep fit, be active
- Eat a healthy diet
- Check and control your blood sugar
- Check and control your blood pressure
- Take appropriate fluid intake
- Don't smoke
- Don't take over-the-counter medication pills regularly
- Get your kidney function checked if you have one or more of the 'high risk' factors

Promoting prevention supports more sustainable healthcare systems!



Voices of people
living with IgAN



The impact of IgAN

For more information, go to iganfriends.org



The importance
of IgAN awareness

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We need to talk about
emotional wellbeing



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Emotional Wellbeing Global Symposium

For patients, caregivers and health professionals

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Cancer Day
18 June 2026



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WORLD DAY TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT

June 17, 2026



KitNewCare
Sustainable Care. Lasting Impact

World Kidney Day 2026: Turning Sustainability into Action

Sustainable Kidney Care: Listening to Patients in Times of Climate Change

This session will explore how kidney disease, dialysis and transplantation intersect with environmental challenges, highlighting the role of energy policy, environmental research and patient advocacy in building more sustainable healthcare systems — with the patient voice at the centre.



Rajmund Michalski

Professor at Institute of Environmental Engineering, Polish Academy of Sciences

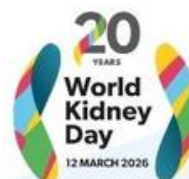
Paulo Zoio

Policy Officer, Portuguese Directorate General for Energy and Geology



Thursday, 19th March

Time: 16:00 CET



February 25, 2026
16:00 CET, online



World Kidney Day webinar

Kidney Health for All: Caring for People, Protecting the Planet

Our speakers



Dr. Raymond Vanholder



Dr. Dina Abdellatif



Dr. Joachim Beige



Daniel Gallego

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RACING AGAINST TIME: EUROPE'S RARE KIDNEY DISEASE CHALLENGE

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Daniel Gallego
President, European Kidney
Patients Federation



Professor Michel Jadoul
Co-President,
European Kidney Health Alliance



Nikos Papandreou
MEP, S&D



From care to cure: an EU-wide Network Advancing Rare Kidney Disease Healthcare and Research

- **High-level webinar with Members of the European Parliament**
- **8 speakers representing leading EU organizations and patients**

> June 24, 2026 11:30 CET, online



SOCIAL MEDIA



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4 meses • 

EKPF was pleased to take part in the 3rd General Assembly of the [KitNewCare](#) Horizon project in Bucharest.

Over the past days, partners shared key updates across all work packages and engaged in highly interactive workshops, fostering collaboration and progress.

At EKPF, we led a workshop on Patient and Public Involvement (PPI), focusing on how clinical sites can better integrate the patient perspective into their work and decision-making processes.

A valuable and energising meeting — looking forward to the next steps of the project!

[#KitNewCare](#)
Mónica Suengas Juan Carlos Julián Mauro

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**European Kidney Patients' Federation**
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The EKPF is pleased to be represented at the 8th VIIP – Viral Infections in Immunocompromised Patients – International Congress, taking place from 9–11 September in Varese, Italy.

Daniel Gallego Zurro, President of the EKPF, is participating as a speaker in the session on ethical and communicative aspects of organ transplantation, presenting “Communication critical aspect for the quality and safety of organ transplantation: patient’s perspective”.

His participation highlights the importance of bringing the patient voice into scientific and discussions and ensuring that patients’ experiences and needs are considered alongside research and professional perspectives.

We thank the VIIP Congress organisers for the invitation and for providing a valuable space for exchange and collaboration.

👉 Read the full news on our website: <https://ekpf.eu/daniel-gallego-represents-the-ekpf-at-viip>
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ekpf_official After an incredible week, the 2nd edition of [#KrewCamp](#) has come to an end.

Teenagers living with kidney disease from the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, and Spain gathered in France to share experiences, make new friends, and participate in various activities, including a trip to Paris, workshops on nutrition and exercise, and cultural evenings.

More than a camp, Krew Camp is a space for empowerment and friendship, where teenagers are not alone in their journey.

Thank you to everyone who made this week unforgettable! 🌟

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17 de julio

 Añade un comentario...



**EKPF @EKPFpatients · 17 jul**

Join the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare’s upcoming webinar in the context of the KitNewCare project!

 A Website Calculator to Benchmark the Carbon Footprint of Haemodialysis

 Dr. Joachim Beige

 Register and find more information here:
networks.sustainablehealthcare.org.uk/events/webinar...
[#KitNewCare](#)



A Website Calculator to Benchmark the Carbon Footprint of Haemodialysis

Speaker: Dr. Joachim Beige

Nephrologist who specializes in Renal Medicine Disease and Hypertension at Renal Centers, Leipzig, and Finsterwalde, Leipzig, Saxony, Germany, where he is the Medical Director and Chief Physician.

 **Thursday, 23 July 2026**  **14:00–14:50 BST (14:00–14:50 UTC)**  **Online, via Microsoft Teams**



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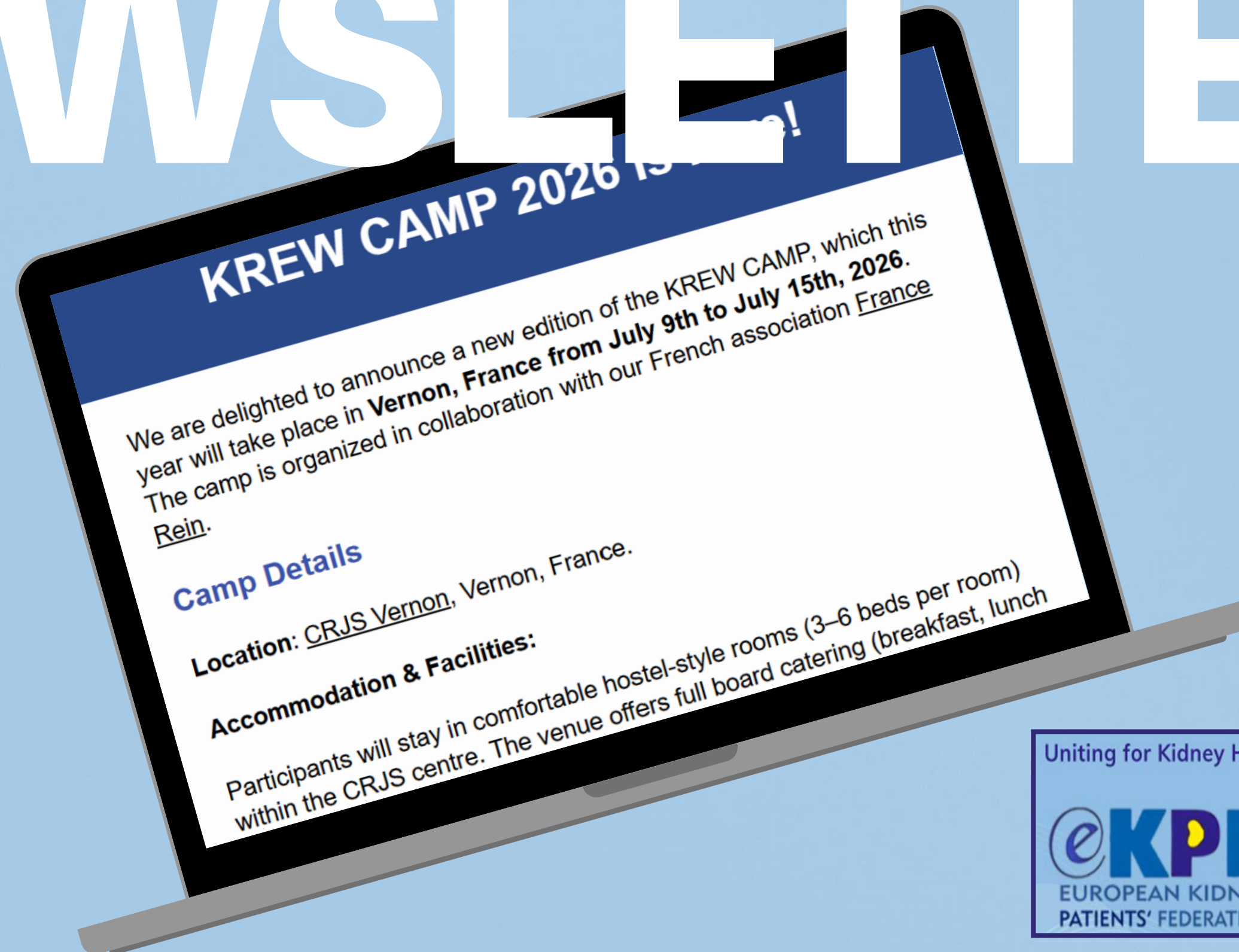
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Uniting for Kidney Health:
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KREW CAMP



Uniting for Kidney Health:
Empowering Lives, Enhancing Futures



KREW CAMP 2026 took place from 9th to 15th July in Vernon, for teenagers aged 12 to 16 with kidney disease. The camp was organized by EKPF in collaboration with France Rein.

Participation:

- **Netherlands:** 5 teenagers + 1 nurse + 1 representative
- **Poland:** 5 teenagers + 1 nurse + 1 nephrologist
- **Portugal:** 5 teenagers + 1 nurse + 3 representatives
- **Spain:** 3 teenagers + 1 nurse + 1 representative
- **Greece:** 5 teenagers + 1 nurse + 1 representative
- **Serbia:** 4 teenagers + 1 nurse + 1 representative





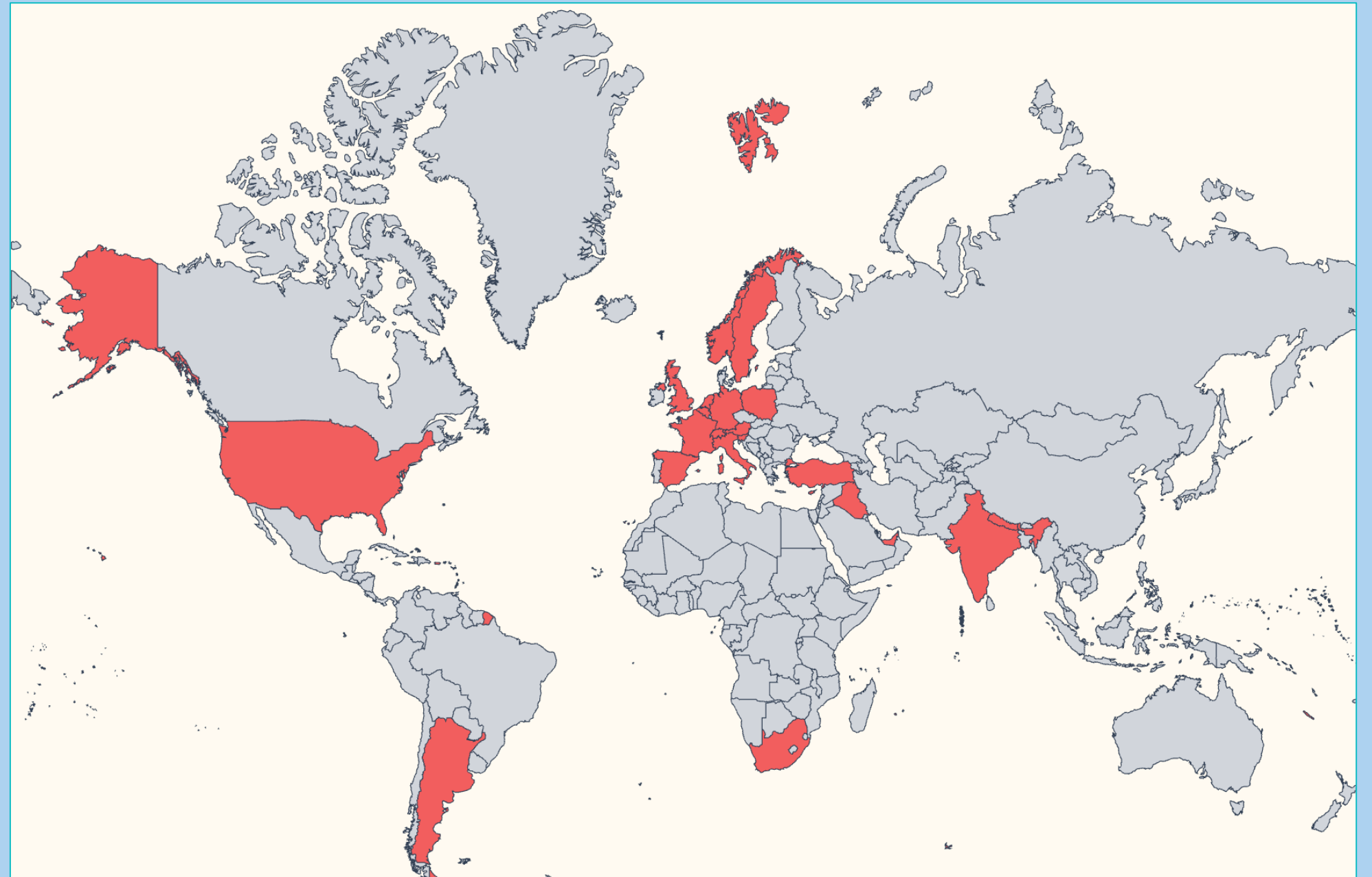
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A growing patient community

- Over 100 members across 20+ countries
- A rapidly growing community of patients, caregivers, and advocates worldwide.
- Members actively contributing lived experience, insight, and feedback across our workstreams
- Regular engagement through discussions, surveys, and collaborative input



An international network of members

A new and easier way to join IgAN Friends...

It takes only two simple steps to join the community, starting with an easy-to-access subscription form – now located on a dedicated page on the website as well as highlighted on the homepage – followed by a confirmation email sent to each new member

A dedicated 'Join us!' on the website

Reach out to IgAN friends – and be part of our community

This is your space, and we'd love for you to join our community. To get started, simply fill out the form below to subscribe. Once you're part of the community, you'll have the opportunity to share your story with us.

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Submit

A personalised confirmation email

IgAN friends

Dear *IFNAME!*,

Welcome to **IgAN Friends**, a community where you can always be yourself! We're excited to have you onboard.

Check out your **Welcome Letter** with details about what you can expect from the community and how to get involved and spread the word.

Your Welcome Letter

Are you prepared to take the first step in shaping our community? If so, please take a moment to complete this [survey](#). It will help us better understand our shared challenges and needs, as well as ways of addressing them as a community.

Thank you for joining us! We're here if you have any questions—don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,
Mónica Suengas
IgAN Friends Community Coordinator
Manager, European Kidney Patients' Federation

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