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**The European MS Platform –  
a short introduction**

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# What you can expect to hear within today's presentations?

- 1) **European Multiple Sclerosis Platform - A short historic introduction**
- 2) **Two case studies on the situation of PwMS today**
- 3) **European MS Barometer as monitoring and comparison tool**
- 4) **Two encouraging European projects trying to offer tools & solutions for the current lack of patient data**
- 5) **UNDER PRESSURE – the photo journalistic view on the situation of PwMS today**

# Founded in 1989 EMSP – the European MS Platform...

- Austria
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France (x2)
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary (x2)
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain (x2)
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- UK



*...is the umbrella organisation of now 38 national MS-Societies in currently 34 European countries and represents more than half a million people affected by MS.*

## Milestones:

### Conferences / Workshops and its follow up

- Bucharest (2005) on **“Young People with MS”**
- Manchester (2006) on **“Fundraising & Marketing of Services”**
- Brussels (2007) on **“Multiple Sclerosis Information Dividend”**
- Reykjavik (2008) on **“Living Independently with MS ”**
- Brussels (2009) on **“Opportunities for Healthcare Infrastructure by Structural Funds and other examples of EU impact on the life of PwMS”**
- Stuttgart (2010) on **“Current Challenges and Opportunities in Europe in the Work for PwMS”** & YOUTH event
- Brussels (2011) on **“Medical devices and assistive technology”**

### To come:

- Barcelona (2012) on **“What’s up in the field of MS – Medical and other news being relevant for people with MS in Europe”**

# Milestones:

## Major EMSP projects with private funding

- 1) EMSP WEBSITE as major communication tool
- 2) European CODE of Good Practice in MS and the European Therapy Guidelines
- 3) European MS Barometer as monitoring and comparison tool (for campaigning in NHLRTs) \*
- 4) UNDER PRESSURE = European MS Photo campaign \*
- 5) European MS Nurses Survey and campaign for their empowerment (MS NEED) = better services for PwMS

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\* *...more details on these will be given later this morning*

# Milestones:

## Major EMSP projects with public funding

- 1) **Cybercafés in MS clinics, run by international young volunteers for PwMS to overcome isolation and boredom**
- 2) **Multiple Sclerosis Information Dividend – a feasibility study for patient data collection**
- 3) **2 x Operating Grants by DG SANCO**
- 4) **European Register for Multiple Sclerosis**

# End of Introduction

