

# European Multiple Sclerosis Platform

## MS Barometer & Voice of MS patients' survey – data collection for better outcomes

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# Better understanding of MS patients' needs and perceptions



**Make YOUR VOICE count!**

**emsp** EUROPEAN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS PLATFORM

**THE VOICE OF MS PATIENTS**  
Only 10 minutes!

**If you are a person with MS, we invite you to complete this survey and tell us about your situation.**

The survey is open until the 30th September and available in 28 languages.

**Not just another survey: Help us better understand MS**

EMSP's aim with this survey is to find new solutions for the challenges facing people with multiple sclerosis (MS) in Europe.

This is not just a standard questionnaire. It is meant to help us better understand the specific needs of people with MS.

**We will use the survey results to:**

- 1) Encourage policy-makers and other stakeholders to push for concrete solutions to improve the quality of life for people with MS.
- 2) Identify better ways of managing MS and contribute to the search for a cure.

[www.emsp.org/tools/ms-patient-survey](http://www.emsp.org/tools/ms-patient-survey)

**Data protection**

The survey is anonymous. Your privacy will be respected. The individual data gathered through the survey will be stored and analysed by the Goettingen University (Germany) and will only be accessible to EMSP. Only the results of the survey analysis will be published.

**Transparency**

The survey is funded by TEVA, in accordance with EMSP's Code of Conduct which safeguards the best interest of all individuals.

EMSP represents the voice of 700,000 MS patients in 36 countries and works to achieve its goals of high quality equitable treatment and support for them.

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# Identified areas for improvement

- Access to treatments and therapies (availability, reimbursement limitations)
- Need for MS specialised healthcare centers and professionals
- Lack of adequate financial support
- Limitations to actively participate in society: accessibility/mobility, employment
- Empowerment of patients

# EMSP's action plan to address identified issues

- Definition of focused action strategies to influence policy decision-makers
- Building up collaboration between countries with same socio-economic level or from the same regions to better address identified challenges
- Ensure patient's voice is represented in relevant Health fora

# Current initiatives

- European Register for MS
- MS Nurse PRO
- Employment initiative
- Training of people with MS as patients' advocates/ MS national societies capacity-building

# Next steps

- Publication of the results of the Barometer and Voice of MS patients survey later this year
- Seeking further collaboration from our partners and members to strengthen our policy actions to make our voice heard

**Thank you for your attention!**