

PRESS RELEASE

The European response to Covid-19 shows that it is possible to respond better, faster & adapt health and social systems to healthcare crises; however, addressing inequalities remain a priority for many.

Brussels, Belgium (EMSP) 25th April 2022--- My Multiple Sclerosis, My Choice: Experts in brain health, MS, social policy and people with MS from across Europe gather this week in Madrid, Spain (28-30th April, 2022)

The European MS Platform, in partnership with Esclerosis Multiple Espana (EME) and AEDEM-COCEMFE bring experts and patient organisations from across Europe to a hybrid event (online and IRL) to reimagine European MS Care policy in 2022 & beyond.

The theme of this year's conference is **"A Holistic Approach for Personalised MS Care"**. The personalised care model seeks to deliver whole population approaches to support people of all ages and their carers to manage their physical and mental health and well-being, build community resilience, and make informed decisions and choices when their health changes. During the past 2+ years of the Covid pandemic, MS carers, healthcare professionals and organisations developed new methodologies of intervention, trying to bridge gaps in health and social policy. However, there are disparities across Europe when it comes to access to treatments, discrimination in employment and lack of consultation of people with MS, leading people living with MS being left out of policies that directly impact their lives¹

The CEO of EMSP Elisabeth Kasilingam:

"We are delighted to work with our Spanish colleagues from EME and AEDEM-COCEMFE & across Europe to share knowledge and define how we can deal with these challenging issues. Intersectoral collaboration is key to changing our care systems to be patient centered. Policy-makers and decision-makers from the local to the European level must immediately secure sufficient and consistent funding for health and social care systems to provide people with MS with the clinical and practical support that meets their needs".

About EMSP

The European Multiple Sclerosis Platform (EMSP) is a Pan-European umbrella organisation with over 30 years of expertise. We work together with 43 members organisations from 37 countries and our partners to ensure that the more than one million people affected by multiple sclerosis (MS) in Europe, have a real voice in determining their own priorities.

¹ European MS Platform, 2020 MS Barometer <https://msbarometer.eu/2020>

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