

An aerial photograph of a city street with several pedestrians. The text "ADVANCING MS COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE FOR MEANINGFUL CHANGE" is painted in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the asphalt. The pedestrians are seen from above, some walking and some standing. The scene is captured from a high angle, showing the layout of the street and the movement of the people.

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Annual Report

2022

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About MS

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is one of the most common long-term conditions affecting the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord) and the main cause of non-traumatic disability among young adults. There are 1.2 million people living with MS in Europe.



Our Vision

A world without MS, achieved in partnership with people living with MS, their communities across Europe, and their allies.



Our Mission

EMSP brings together the unique expertise of our members and partners in Europe to drive critical, state-of-the-art research and advance MS-relevant policies and treatments and possible cure. Our platform offers our members, EU decision-makers and opinion-leaders, and the wider MS community, valuable evidence-based resources and tools to improve the lives of every individual living with MS in Europe.

Foreword from the President and the interim CEO

Dear Friends, Members and Partners,

Welcome to the EMSP Annual Report 2022, the year that brought us together again in person after 2 long years of global pandemic, heavily impacting the health-care systems, and a year marked by the Russian invasion in Ukraine bringing war back to Europe.

In these challenging times, we're grateful to our members and partners for their immediate support in emerging activities as well as their continuous involvement in our projects.

In 2022, our Membership Capacity Building Programme has strengthened the MS community through workshops focusing on advocacy & fundraising activities. The Membership Communication Network provided a space to coordinate the response in support for people with MS living in or fleeing Ukraine.

We started working on the IMSS Survey with 25 member organisations on board. We created new educational tools and launched a new fellowship program in the MS Data Alliance. What's more, the creation of the first MS Community Advisory Board was another major step in involving MS patients in research and innovation.

Last year was also marked by the launch of our Recommendations for Caregivers of Paediatric MS. The Young People's Network focused on advocacy in expert workshops and a face-to-face meet-up in the Baltic Region. Our Annual Conference was co-organized with AEDEM and EME under the theme of „A holistic approach to Personalized MS Care”. Lastly, MS Nurse PRO launched its new research module supported by ECTRIMS and started a collaboration with the Birmingham City University.

We would like to thank our members for their commitment to the European movement. We welcome our new Board and thank the former Board members for navigating EMSP during these unprecedented times. We would also like to acknowledge the commitment of EMSP partners and thanks the Brussels-based team who carried forward the work in good spirit during times of tremendous changes.

We hope you will enjoy reading our annual report,



**Herbert
Temmes**

EMSP President



**Jana
Hlaváčová**

EMSP interim-CEO

Membership

Full Members

 **Multiple Sklerose Gesellschaft Österreich**
<http://www.oemsg.at/>

 **MS Society Belarus**
<http://msbelarus.com/>

 **Ligue Nationale Belge de la Sclérose en Plaques**
<http://www.ms-sep.be/>

 **MS Foundation Bulgaria**
<http://www.msobg.org/>

 **Savez Udruženja oboljelih od Multiple Skleroze Bosne i Hercegovine**

 **Savez drustava multiple skleroze Hrvatske**
<http://sdmsh.hr/>

 **Unie Roska**
<https://www.roska.eu/>

 **Scleroseforeningen**
www.scleroseforeningen.dk

 **Estonian Multiple Sclerosis Society**
<http://smk.ee/>

 **The Finnish MS Society**
<https://neuoliitto.fi/>

 **Ligue Francaise contre la Sclérose en Plaques**
<http://www.ligue-sclerose.fr/>

 **Deutsche Multiple Sklerose Gesellschaft**
<https://www.dmsg.de/>

 **Greek MS Society**
<https://gmss.gr/>

 **MS Felag Islands**
<https://www.msfelag.is/>

 **MS Society of Ireland**
<https://www.ms-society.ie/>

 **Associazione Italiana Sclerosi Multipla**
<https://www.aism.it/>

 **Latvijas Multiplas Sklerozes Asociacija**
<http://www.mslapa.lv/>

 **Lithuanian Multiple Sclerosis Union**
<http://www.liss.lt/>

 **Ligue Luxembourgeoise de la Sclérose en Plaques**
<http://www.msweb.lu/>

 **Multiple Sclerosis Society of Malta**
<http://www.msmlta.org.mt/>

 **Multiple Sclerose Vereniging Nederland**
<https://msvereniging.nl/>

 **National Association of Persons with MS in North Macedonia**
<https://msmakedonija.eu.org/>

 **Multipel Sklerose Forbundet i Norge**
<https://www.ms.no/>

 **Polskie Towarzystwo Stwardnienia Rozsianego**
<https://www.ptsr.org.pl/>

 **Asociatia Pacientilor cu Afectiuni Neurodegenerative din Romania**
www.afectiunineurodegenerative.ro/

 **Sociedade Portuguesa de Esclerose Multipla**
<https://spem.pt/>

 **All Russian Public Organization (RPO) of Disabled People with MS**
<http://www.ms2002.ru/>

 **Društvo Multiple Skleroze Srbije**
<http://multiplaskleroza.org.rs/>

 **Slovensky Zvaz Sclerosis Multiplex**
<https://www.szsm.sk/>

 **Združenje Multiple Skleroze Slovenija (ZMSS)**
<http://www.zdruzenje-ms.si/>

 **Neuro Sweden**
<https://neuro.se/>

 **Asociación Española de Esclerosis Multiple (AEDEM-COCEMFE)**
<https://aedem.org/>

 **Schweizerische Multiple Sklerose Gesellschaft (MSG)**
<https://multiplesklerose.ch/>

 **The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**
<https://www.mssociety.org.uk/>

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Associate Members



**Udruženja Multiple Skleroze
Republike Srpske**
www.uomsrs.org



**Union de lutte contre la
Sclerose en Plaques (UNISEP)**
www.unisep.org



**The Hellenic Federation
of Persons with Multiple
Sclerosis (HfoPwMS)**
www.poamskp.gr



MS Platforma Srbije
<https://msplatforma.org.rs/>



MS Society of Moldova



**MS Association 'Hope'
Združenie Sclerosis Multiplex
Nádej (ZSMN)**
<https://sclerosis-multiplex.sk/>



**Esclerosis Multiple España
(EME)**
www.esclerosismultiple.com



**Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Association of Turkey**
www.turkiyemsdemegi.org



**Ukrainian Community of people
with Multiple Sclerosis (UCMS)**
<https://ucms-help.org/en/>

Our Executive Committee



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GERMAN MS SOCIETY



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Vice-President

MS SOCIETY OF ITALY



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Board Member

CROATIAN MS SOCIETY



Susanna van Tonder

Board Member

MS SOCIETY OF LUXEMBOURG



Margarida Piçarra Navalhinhas

Young People's Representative



Peer Baneke

Observer

MS INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION



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Former President



Jana Hlaváčová

Former Vice-President



Claude Mekies

Former Board Member



Dimitra Kalogianni

Former Board Member



Jonathan Blades

Former Board Member



Klaus Høm

Former Board Member



Dominika Czarnota-Szałkowska

Former Board Member



Tanja Malbaša

Former Board Member



Patrik Puljić

Former Young People's Representative

THANK YOU!

Our Team



Debianka Mukherjee

Fundraising and Development Manager



Emma Rogan

Campaigning and External Engagement Officer



Katarzyna Gorszewska

Office Manager



Mokhsharif Nasrulloeva

Project Coordinator



Simina Peterfi

Community Manager



Joeri Wullens

(Bebotax), Accountant



Elisabeth Kasilingam

CEO



Jana Hlaváčová

Interim-CEO



Máté Tagaj László

Senior Communications and Membership Coordinator



Patricia Moghames

Programme Coordinator



Žilvinas Gavėnas

ICT Coordinator



Elena Kelly

MS Nurse PRO Scientific Project Coordinator



Stefaan De Corte

MS Nurse PRO Project Manager



Krystalenia Ampreou
Former Office Manager

THANK YOU!



Unlocking the Potential of The European MS Community

EMSP's priority is to create a strong platform for capacity building to engage, educate, and encourage people living with MS and their advocates to be a powerful voice in Europe. We are aiming to empower our member organisations and MS patients to be the driving force for positive change by developing our capacity building initiatives.

EMSP Membership Capacity Building Programme

The Membership Capacity Building (MCB) Programme is one of the major programs that EMSP has been spearheading since 2018 aiming to empower national MS Societies across Europe using a regional approach to provide tailored support to the organisations. In 2022 we organized both face-to-face and online workshops for the Western Mediterranean, Balkans and Western European regions.



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Young People's Network

The EMSP [Young People's Network \(YPN\)](#) is dedicated to the empowerment and involvement of young people living with MS (Aged 18-35) in the work of the organisation and the wider MS Community. In 2022 we organized the first Annual YPN Meetup in Lithuania and several advocacy trainings to equip young advocates with the tools to achieve a broader impact.

#EMSP2022 Annual Conference: A holistic approach to personalised MS care - My MS, my choice

The EMSP Annual Conference 2022 – held from 29-30 April in Madrid, Spain and virtually – built on the success of the preceding virtual events and the global outreach they achieved. The event was co-organized with EME and AEDEM under the theme of “A holistic approach to personalised MS care”.



Exploring the Needs and Challenges of People Living with MS

For years, EMSP has been an important player in the field of collecting reliable health and socio-economic data from patients and MS societies in order to monitor patients' disease management and highlight existing discrepancies in the access to appropriate healthcare, health professionals and social support for people with MS and their carers across the continent. 2022 was an incredibly important year for EMSP, as we launched the [Impact of Multiple Sclerosis Symptoms \(IMSS\) project](#) and achieved major milestones in the [MS Data Alliance](#) and the [Recommendations for Paediatric MS Caregivers projects](#).

Impact of Multiple Sclerosis Symptoms

In 2020, EMSP's [MS Barometer](#) revealed substantial disparities in the way health and social systems across Europe are providing quality symptomatic care to people with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The Barometer uncovered that symptom management is not given priority, leading to a lack of availability and poor reimbursement of symptomatic treatments such as medication and rehabilitation, and no attention being given to lifestyle changes.

In 2022, EMSP, 25 national MS Societies, and MS experts from all over Europe began intensive preparations for a research project called Impact of Multiple Sclerosis Symptoms (IMSS). This project aims to provide insight on the prevalence, severity, and management of MS symptoms across Europe. These countries include Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, and Switzerland.



You can read more about the objectives of the project, as well as about what we achieved in 2022 and previous years.



Recommendations for Caregivers of Paediatric MS

The [“Recommendations for Caregivers of Paediatric MS”](#) project aims to identify existing resources and unmet needs for caregivers of paediatric MS patients.

On 22 July, during World Brain Day 2022, we published the updated version of the recommendations developed in 2019 and reviewed in 2021. We launched the new report online with promotional video, as well as in person at the ECTRIMS Congress 2022 inviting affected people to take action to raise the issues with their public representatives and the wider public.

MS Data Alliance

The [MS Data Alliance](#) is a collaborative effort to speed up the process of research and innovation for treatments and care for those with MS. In 2022 the MSDA held its 2nd Stakeholder Engagement Meeting on “The use of Great Data and AI to reveal progression in MS” and launched its first Fellowship Programme in order support someone to set up a data initiative in Central and Eastern European or the Balkan Region.



MS Nurse PRO Establishing the Benchmark for MS Nursing Care in Europe



MS Nurse PROfessional (MS Nurse PRO) offers the first European online foundation education programme for nurses working in the field of multiple sclerosis (MS). It is led by the EMSP in collaboration with the International Organisation of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses (IOMSN) and Rehabilitation in MS (RIMS).

In 2022, we launched a Research e-learning module supported by the European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ECTRIMS), and we have also developed a flexible work-based learning programme in collaboration with Birmingham City University. In addition, MS Nurse PRO was also launched in Hungary and is now available in the Hungarian language.

Securing a Positive Outlook for MS Care

Nurses are essential in providing knowledgeable and consistent information, support, and guidance for those with MS. From diagnosis to managing the disease, they make sure that care is provided in a shared and organized way. Unfortunately, the role, capabilities, and professional growth of nurses caring for people with MS, vary throughout Europe, resulting in unequal access to experienced nursing care and advice, and an unfair care experience for the patients. EMSP aspires to ensure that adequate numbers of nurses are trained and employed to provide appropriate support to all people with MS.

More than

8k

Users on the platform

More than

800

Completed eLearning courses annually

More than

1300

Active users on the platform per year



97% of nurses that considers the training as relevant for their day-to-day job



91% of nurses that confirmed the training has positively changed their MS nursing practice



Involving MS Patients Meaningfully in Research and Innovation

EMSP is strongly advocating for the meaningful involvement of people living with MS in research and healthcare innovation that directly affects their daily lives. To ensure their effective involvement, we are representing their voice in EU-funded research projects and engaging and training patients. This patient-centred approach to medicine is allowing more MS patients to become involved in their own medical decisions.

Multiple Sclerosis Community Advisory Board (MS CAB)

EMSP launched the [Multiple Sclerosis Community Advisory Board \(MS CAB\)](#) in December 2021 to become a beneficial partner in the research and development of treatments for MS that are safe, effective, and tolerable. In 2022, the MS CAB members had several meetings with EMSP project and industry partners.



MS CAB

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HTx Project

EMSP has partnered with [EURORDIS](#) and other stakeholders of the [HTx project](#), which seeks to establish a framework for the Next Generation Health Technology Assessment (HTA). The primary goal of HTx is to advance patient-centred, socially conscious, and timely decisions on access and reimbursement for health technologies throughout Europe.



Advocacy and Campaigning: One Million Minds Campaign

The goal of EMSP campaigns is to keep their supporters motivated and engaged, gain more supporters to stand up for people with MS, and to encourage allies from all walks of life to join our cause.

As part of the “One Million Minds” campaign, EMSP will be leading two main awareness-raising activities in the upcoming two years before the next European Parliamentary elections:



Amplifying the information provided by the MS Barometer, as well as



Running a campaign to promote greater social inclusion of people with disabilities.

Maximizing Outcomes: Reinforcing Strategic Partnerships

In 2022 our multi-stakeholder collaboration enabled us to effectively reach out and engage MS patients and carers, ultimately providing impactful recommendations to decision-makers.

EMSP is a member of the [European Patients' Forum \(EPF\)](#), the [European Disability Forum \(EDF\)](#) and the [European Federation of Neurological Associations \(EFNA\)](#).



EMSP collaborates closely with the [European Brain Council \(EBC\)](#) and the Multiple [Sclerosis International Federation \(MSIF\)](#).

EMSP regularly collaborates with healthcare professionals and the scientific community, such as [Rehabilitation in MS \(RiMS\)](#), the [European Committee for Treatment and Research in MS \(ECTRIMS\)](#) or the [European Charcot Foundation](#).

EMSP has also a Memorandum of Understanding with [Caritas Norway](#) and EMSP is also a member of the EFPIA Patient Think Tank.



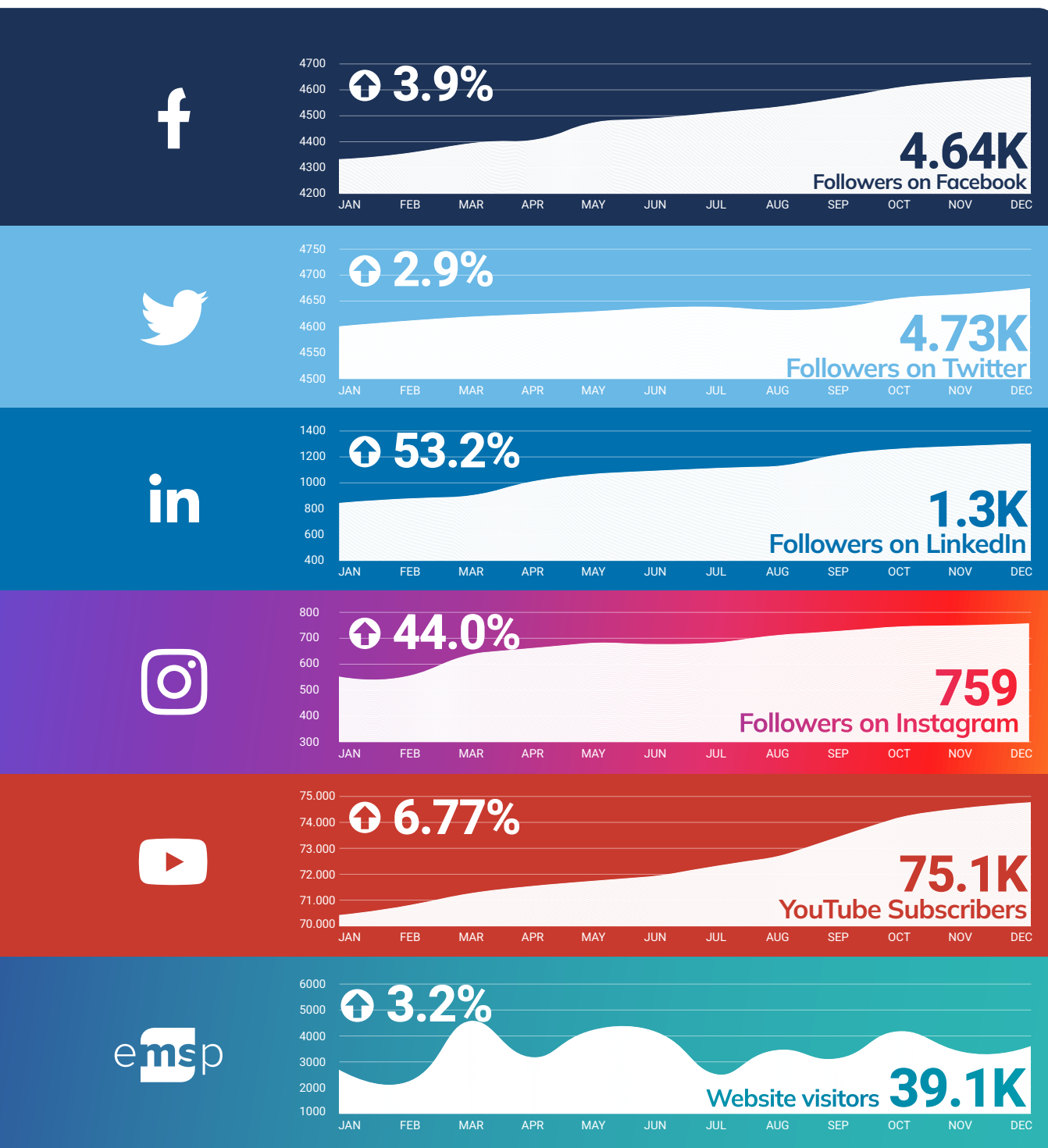
As a member of the [Patient and Consumer Working Party](#) and the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use of the [European Medicines Agency \(EMA\)](#), EMSP is dedicated to enhancing the collaboration between MS patients and the EMA. EMSP is devoted to including patients in all processes of the EMA, especially those related to pharmacovigilance—including reporting of adverse drug reactions and implementation of the Pharmacovigilance Directive by national authorities. Additionally, EMSP is engaged in the matter of risk/benefit assessment and communicating this information to patients.

The European Multiple Sclerosis Platform (EMSP) is also a collaborating partner of [EUnetHTA](#), an initiative set up by the European Commission to build an effective and sustainable network for Health Technology Assessment (HTA) across Europe. EMSP works to enhance the effectiveness of HTA models and to improve the involvement of patients in decisions about access to MS treatments.



EMSP's Digital Communication in 2022: A Year in Numbers

Throughout the year, EMSP saw a growth in visibility and outreach through digital channels. The highlight of the year was when, in March, our overall online traffic was boosted by our rapid response providing important information for Ukrainian refugees living with Multiple Sclerosis. We have seen a steady growth in our online followership and engagement, closing a successful year in terms of communication.



Finances 2022

Treasurer's report

Dear EMSP Members,

I am thrilled to present to you the Treasurer's report for the fiscal year 2022. It has been a successful year for our organisation and I am proud to report that we have achieved many milestones and accomplishments.

Firstly, I am pleased to announce that our team is nearly complete. We owe the dedication and hard work of all members of the team for our success.

Secondly, I am happy to report that expenses were still less than budgeted despite an increase from 2021. This was possible due to the efficient management of our resources and efforts in optimizing expenses.

Thirdly, I am thrilled to report that we experienced an increase in private funds by 15% on average. This increase is attributed to the generosity of our donors and the hard work of our fundraiser. On the other hand, we have concerns about the decreasing industry income. However, our fundraiser has set ambitious goals to increase non-industry income for 2023 and beyond. We are optimistic about the potential for growth in this area and are committed to achieving these goals.

Fourthly, I am pleased to inform you that membership fees were under budget. This is thanks to a new membership policy that we implemented this year. This allowed us to come to an agreement with one of the members, which resulted in a reduction of their debts.

Lastly, I am delighted to close the year on a balanced balance sheet. This is a result of the collective efforts of our CEO, our Interim CEO and the team. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your support and contributions to our organisation's success.

In conclusion, I am proud of what we have achieved this year, and I am confident that we will continue to make progress towards our goals.

I want to express my gratitude to the board members and the entire team for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the financial stability of EMSP.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

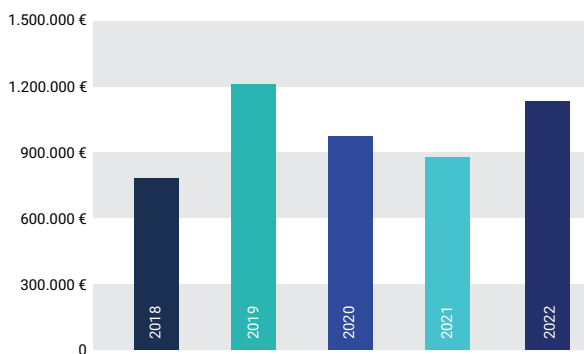


Klaus Knops
Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

(EUR €)

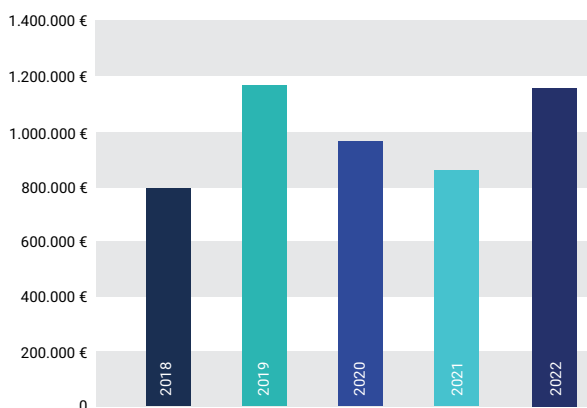
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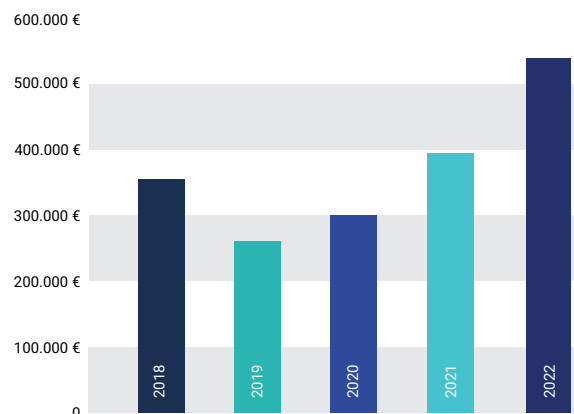
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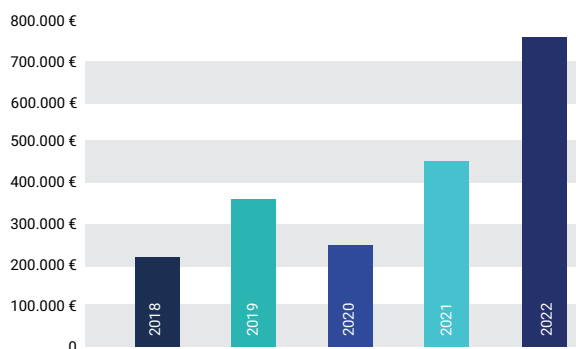
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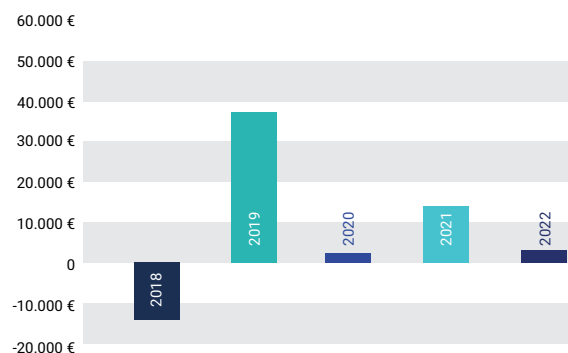
Staff



Projects



Profit/loss



Financial Statements 2021-2022

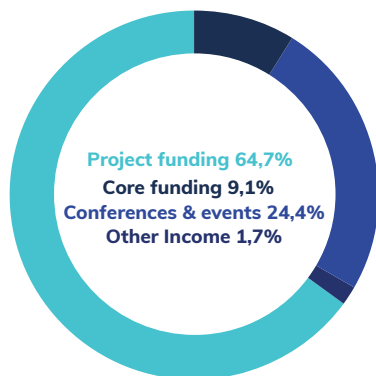
(EUR €)

Income	2022	2021
Core funding	105.534	180.842
Conferences & events	283.500	205.002
Other Income	20.117	43.419
Project funding	751.036	446.703
Total Income	1.160.187	875.966

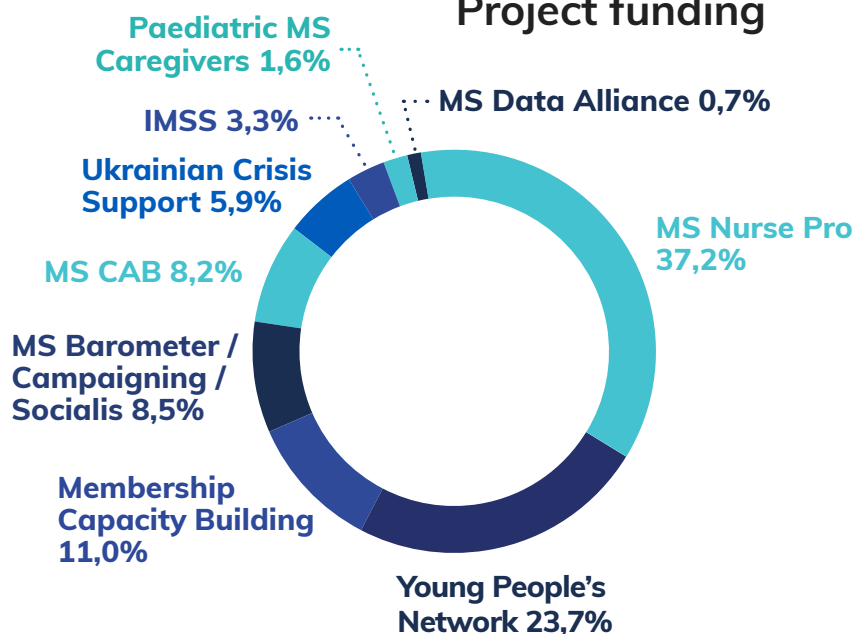
Expenditure

Staff salaries	522.680	398.027
Outsourcing	14.878	1.027
Administrative costs	98.831	71.655
Direct costs	521.188	391.330
Total Expenditure	1.157.577	862.039
Profit/loss for the period	2.610	13.927

Income



Project funding



Balance Sheet 2021-2022

(EUR €)

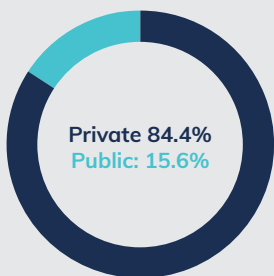
Assets/Liabilities		2022	2021
Fixed Assets		54.348	43.686
Current Assets	Accounts Receivable - Pharma	142.377	102.749
	Accounts Receivable - Members	27.445	30.299
	Prepayments	18.350	22.316
	Other receivables	19.377	2.651
Total Current Assets		207.549	158.015
Bank Current Account		813.191	725.947
Total Assets		1.075.088	927.648
Funds		2022	2021
Capital		13.585	13.585
Reserves B/fwd		358.025	344.098
2021 - 2020 Profit		2.610	13.927
Total Funds		374.221	371.610
Current Liabilities		2022	2021
Accounts payable		95.529	64.658
Prepayments		29.813	76
Deferred Income		480.431	410.831
Accruals & other creditors		0	15.884
Taxes & Social Security		41.227	27.761
Provision holiday pay		53.867	36.827
Total Current Liabilities		700.867	556.037
Total Liabilities		1.075.088	927.648

EMSP income 2022

(EUR €)

Industry Income	Percentage	Amount
Alexion	2,1%	25.000
Almirall	3,3%	40.000
Biogen	11,1%	135.000
Bristol Myers Squibb	7,0%	85.000
Coloplast	2,5%	30.000
Horizon Therapeutics	2,5%	30.000
Icometrix	0,1%	1.000
Janssen	13,4%	162.960
Merck	8,2%	100.000
Novartis	15,1%	184.171
Roche	12,7%	155.000
Sanofi-Genzyme	4,1%	50.000
Viartis	2,5%	30.000
Total Industry Income & Percentage	84,1%	

Overall proportion of Industry and non-industry income



Non-Industry Income	Percentage	Amount
ECTRIMS	4,2%	51.000
EURODIS – HTX (EU Grant)	1,6%	19.173
Membership	7,1%	86.894
Other Income	1,9%	26.088
Annual Conference	0,9%	10.500
Total Non-Industry Income & Percentage	15,9%	



AUDITOR'S REPORT

STATUTORY AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION
EUROPEAN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS PLATFORM
RUE AUGUSTE LAMBIOTTE 144/8
1030 BRUXELLES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2022
RPM BRUSSELS nr. 0473.317.141
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In the context of the statutory audit of the annual accounts of "EUROPEAN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS PLATFORM" (the Organisation), we hereby present our statutory auditor's report. It includes our opinion on the audit of the annual accounts as well as our report on the other legal and regulatory requirements. These reports form part of an integrated whole and are indivisible.

We have been appointed as statutory auditor by the general meeting of members of "EUROPEAN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS PLATFORM", following the proposal by the board of directors. Our statutory auditor's mandate will expire on the date of the general meeting of members which will deliberate on the annual accounts closed on 31/12/2022. We have performed the statutory audit of the annual accounts of "EUROPEAN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS PLATFORM" for 11 consecutive years.

Report on the audit of the annual accounts

Unqualified opinion

We have audited the annual accounts of the Organisation, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31/12/2022, the profit and loss account for the year then ended and the notes to the annual accounts, characterised by a balance sheet total of 1.075.088,23 EUR and a profit and loss account showing a profit for the year of 2.610,08 EUR.

In our opinion, the annual accounts give a true and fair view of the Organisation's net equity and financial position as at 31/12/2022, as well as of its results for the year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting framework applicable in Belgium.



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Basis for unqualified opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) (as applicable in Belgium). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Statutory auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the annual accounts' section in this report. We have complied with all the ethical requirements that are relevant to the audit of annual accounts in Belgium, including those concerning independence.

We have obtained from the board of directors and the officials of the Organisation the explanations and information necessary for performing our audit.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the board of directors for the annual accounts

The board of directors is responsible for the preparation of annual accounts that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework applicable in Belgium, and for such internal control as the board of directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of annual accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual accounts, the board of directors is responsible for assessing the Organisation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the board of directors either intends to liquidate the Organisation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



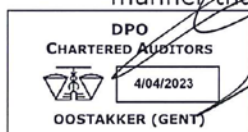
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Statutory auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the annual accounts

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a statutory auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual accounts.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual accounts, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organisation's internal control;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the board of directors;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the board of directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organisation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our statutory auditor's report to the related disclosures in the annual accounts or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our statutory auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organisation to cease to continue as a going concern;
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual accounts and whether the annual accounts represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



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We communicate with the board of directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identified during our audit.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Responsibilities of the board of directors

The board of directors is responsible for the compliance with the legal and regulatory requirements regarding bookkeeping, as well as for compliance with the Company and Associations Code and with the Organisation's by-laws.

Responsibilities of the statutory auditor

In the context of our mandate and in accordance with the Belgian standard (Revised in 2018) which is complementary to the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Belgium, it is our responsibility to verify, in all material aspects, compliance with certain provisions of the Company and Associations Code and with the by-laws, as well as to report on these elements.

Statement related to independence

- Our audit firm did not provide services which are incompatible with the statutory audit of annual accounts, and we remained independent of the Organisation throughout the course of our mandate.
- No additional work services which implicated fees and which are compatible with the statutory audit of annual accounts as referred to the Company and Associations Code, has been carried out.



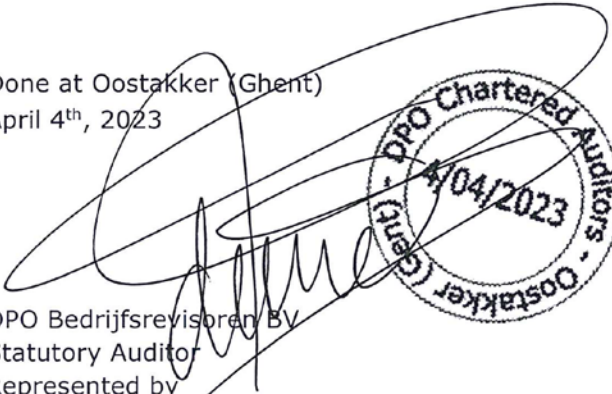
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Other statements

- Without prejudice to certain formal aspects of minor importance, the accounting records are maintained in accordance with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium.
- There are no transactions undertaken or decisions taken in breach of the by-laws or the Company and Associations Code that we have to report to you.

Done at Oostakker (Ghent)
April 4th, 2023


DPO Bedrijfsrevisoren BV
Statutory Auditor
Represented by
Ulrich De Poortere
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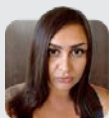
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