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More than 150 million Europeans are affected by chronic allergic disease and asthma. Join us to achieve better policies for people living with these diseases through your parliamentary work and beyond.

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on **Allergy and Asthma**

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Committed
to prevent and ease
Allergy and Asthma
in Europe

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WHO WE ARE

The European Parliament Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma is an informal group of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) **committed to address unmet needs of allergy and asthma** at EU level and improve prevention, care and research to the benefit of people living with allergy and asthma in Europe.

OUR GOALS

The Interest Group promotes an empowered Europe that protects citizens from allergy and asthma and effectively supports those living with the diseases by:

- Reflecting the **needs of people** living with allergy and asthma in EU policies with actions to better prevent these diseases
- Improving EU policies against **outdoor pollution** and promoting action to tackle **indoor pollution**
- Closing gaps in **environmental health research**, with a special focus on unmet needs in allergy and asthma
- Drawing attention to the need for **labelling of chemicals and allergens** in consumer products
- Supporting the **exchange of best practices** and the **recognition of allergology** as a full medical specialty across the EU to enable access to care for allergy and asthma patients

OUR VISION

Our Interest Group serves as a parliamentary **forum to share expertise and best practices** on allergy and asthma. Through our activities, we engage with relevant EU policymakers and stakeholders to align interests on allergy and asthma health. Our purpose is to be the **leading source of reliable data** for evidence-based policy making.

SHARED SECRETARIAT



The European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) is the largest medical association in the field of allergy and clinical immunology, uniting over 10,000 academics, researchers and clinicians from 121 countries.



The European Federation of Allergies and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA) is the united patient voice representing more than 40 allergy, asthma and COPD patients' organisations, representing over 400,000 patients in more than 25 countries.

FACTS & FIGURES

Allergy and asthma have increased to alarming proportions, becoming a major public health concern. The environment we live in and the limits of care and medical research are drivers behind this.

Allergy

150 MILLION EUROPEANS live with allergic disease

17 MILLION EUROPEANS live with a food allergy

100 MILLION EUROPEANS live with allergic rhinitis

HALF OF ALL EUROPEANS will suffer from allergy by 2025

Asthma

IN CHILDREN Asthma is the most common chronic disease

10 MILLION EUROPEANS younger than 45 live with asthma

70 MILLION EUROPEANS live with asthma

Burden on daily living and productivity



Lost workdays and missed school days every year due to asthma and allergic rhinitis



Of annual cost savings if patients would receive appropriate treatment