

**European Alliance for
Vision Research and Ophthalmology**

EU EYE Member Services & Benefits

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This e-leaflet lays out the role of EU EYE and the benefits membership of our alliance can bring your own organisation.

Please contact the EU EYE Secretariat for an application form to be considered for membership:

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OUR MEMBERS

Our members are subspecialty ophthalmology societies, study groups, networks and consortia of projects with each one independent from but affiliated to their respective national societies (wherever this is applicable).

THE ORGANISATION

EU EYE was founded in 2015 as an international non-profit association, registered in Belgium with registration number 0643482261 and in the EU Transparency Register under the ID: 221589017973-8.

The EU EYE is ruled by Book 10 of the Belgian Code of Companies and Associations of 23 March 2019 ((BCCA; original term in Dutch: [Boek 10 van het Belgisch Wetboek van vennootschappen en verenigingen](#)), as well as the laws and decrees relating to international non-profit associations not-for-profit membership organisation. The organisation is legally controlled by the natural person(s) registered as Unique Beneficial Owners (UBO) under Belgian law and who exercise control through the Annual General Meeting.

The board of directors consists of the representatives of member organisation who run the organisation in the best interests of member organisations, who are the first tier of government. Representatives are appointed by their individual societies according to their internal rules and processes. Funding is obtained through annual membership subscriptions as outlined in [EU EYE Code of Conduct](#).

DECISION MAKING

The sovereign body of the Alliance is the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM appoints the governing body from among the directors - President, Secretary and Treasurer. The governing body is responsible for the governance of the Alliance. The board holds up to 2 meetings per year and ad hoc meetings for emerging matters. The board regularly reviews financial performance and approves budgets and key expenditures; it is accountable to the membership via the annual AGM where financial statements and reports are presented to members for approval. The Alliance is “owned” by its UBOs and operates in their interests.

The Alliance applies internal controls such as budget oversight, segregation of duties, and financial approvals to prevent errors or misuse of funds.

VISION STATEMENT

The European Alliance for Vision Research and ophthalmology is to support its members in their efforts to promote eye health at national and EU level, grow the network of the ophthalmology community at EU level and be their collective voice at all levels of government at national and EU level (EU institutions, bodies and agencies).

The European Alliance for Vision Research and Ophthalmology (EU EYE) acts as the coordinated European representative of ophthalmology and vision research in matters of EU health, research, and regulatory policy.

EU EYE's vision is that eye health and vision research are fully integrated into European public health, research, and innovation strategies, recognising vision as a determinant of health, social inclusion, productivity, and sustainability of healthcare systems.

EU EYE supports its member organisations by:

- Contributing scientific, clinical, and technical expertise to EU policymaking
- Facilitating evidence-based dialogue between the ophthalmology community and EU institutions, bodies and agencies
- Promoting patient-centred, sustainable, and equitable access to prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of eye diseases across Europe
- Strengthening coordination among European ophthalmology stakeholders to ensure coherent and effective advocacy

EU EYE operates in accordance with principles of transparency, proportionality, independence, and ethical engagement, and contributes constructively to the EU legislative and regulatory process in the public interest.

COMPLIANCE & ETHICAL STANDARDS

For policies on the conduct of the organization, please see:

[Code of Conduct](#);

[Financial and Disclosure Policy Document](#)

EU STATUS

The EU EYE has gained visibility, legitimacy and credibility as a point of contact for matters in eye health and research at EU level having been selected as a member of:

- the [Healthcare Professionals Working Party \(HCPWP\)](#), for the EMA mandate 2025-2028;
- the Policy Officers Group of the Healthcare Professional organisations for the EMA mandate 2025-2028.
- the [Multistakeholder Platform advisory group of ACT EU, European Commission, European Medicines Agency & Heads of Medicines Agencies](#)
- the [Health Technology Assessment Stakeholder Network of the European Commission](#).

MEMBER SERVICES & BENEFITS

ADVICE & SUPPORT

EU EYE provides members with non-remunerated, impartial strategic advice related to EU policy, legislation, and regulatory frameworks relevant to ophthalmology and vision research. This includes:

- Interpretation of EU legislative and regulatory initiatives (e.g. pharmaceuticals, medical devices, AI, data governance, HTA)
- Guidance on engagement with EU institutions, bodies, and agencies
- Support for multi-country coordination, consortium building, and participation in EU initiatives
- Access to policy briefings, position papers, templates, and monitoring notes

REPRESENTATION

EU EYE represents the collective interests of its members through structured, transparent, and lawful interest representation activities at EU level through:

- Engagement with the European Commission, European Parliament, Council of the EU, EMA, and other EU bodies and agencies
- Contribution to consultations, expert groups, and stakeholder platforms
- Coordination of joint policy positions reflecting consensus among members
- Facilitation of dialogue between members and EU decision-makers
- Representation of ophthalmology through EU EYE-appointed experts in EU agencies and initiatives (EMA, HTA, ACT EU)
- Collaborating on innovative projects with other European societies and associations, national and international governments, (inter)governmental and other institutions and organizations;

EU EYE promotes a coordinated approach to policy priorities, including but not limited to:

- Research, innovation, and clinical trials
- Equity of access and patient outcomes in eye care
- Digital health, AI, and data governance
- Safe and quality medicinal products and technologies
- Sustainability and resilience of healthcare systems

OTHER

Members can benefit from in-house expertise in strategy, policy and ethical practices in Communications, Health, Research and Security across Europe through:

- * support when applying to funding calls; the experts database of the European Commission and the agencies of the European Union;
- * Support to access free online training sessions and resources on current and relevant subjects as offered by EU institutions, bodies and agencies (conditional)
- * recommendations to showcase innovative practices and expertise to the relevant political circle
- * rigorous assessment regarding potential for timely action, feasibility and chances of success including recommendations for appropriate actions for any topic of interest identified proactively by Members;
- * amplification of individual messages about concerns and needs of subspecialty societies through joint papers, targeted messages to policymakers at EU and national levels.