



CALL TO ACTION!!!

The “SPAEN Advocacy in Action Award 2021” for best projects in sarcoma patient advocacy

Dear SPAEN Member Groups!

In 2017, we announced the “SPAEN Advocacy in Action Award” for the first time and were amazed to receive such high-quality, outstanding and interesting submissions during the last years. Reason enough for us to continue to make some noise about the projects and initiatives that are being implemented each day, each month or each year in various countries.

However, we acknowledge that we all face a different situation due to the coronavirus pandemic. This confronts all of us with new challenges, but also creates room for new and innovative ideas and solutions.

Giving credit to this new situation, we decided to award two prizes for the “SPAEN Advocacy in Action Award 2021”:

- One prize for one for traditional patient advocacy projects and
- one for innovative COVID-19 related projects

We therefore invite you to participate in the “SPAEN Advocacy in Action Award 2021”!

The winning projects in the respective categories (traditional / innovative COVID-19-related) will receive

2.000 € each!

A jury of 8 representatives – patient advocates and healthcare professionals – will assess the submissions and select the winners.

We are looking forward to celebrate and honour outstanding and innovative practices, projects, initiatives or campaigns and the creators working behind these activities!

Basic Conditions

We are looking for projects, initiatives, campaigns fulfilling the following eligibility criteria:

- Participants: All SPAEN member groups
- Type of projects: Should be sarcoma specific (Soft Tissue, Bone, GIST, Desmoid, Chordoma)
- For a single entity or for several diseases
 - Already completed or ongoing projects
(Please: Not just ideas or planned projects!)



Thematic areas:	Patient information & education Patient support Improving the quality of life Social media and digital communications Generating “real world evidence” (registries, survey, data mining etc.) Advocacy & lobbying the healthcare system Being involved or driving sarcoma research
Categories:	Traditional advocacy projects / Innovative COVID-19 related projects

Application Process

Complete the attached form and send it with attachments by email to info@sarcoma-patients.eu
Deadline for submission is **December, 23 2021**
Award Ceremony: During the 12th SPAEN Annual Conference, Milan

Assessment Criteria

Success may come in many shapes, sizes and stories. Recognizing this, we have merely set up some guidelines in order to make projects comparable. Please be mindful when you are making your nomination to provide clear examples of success and avoid general statements.

Relevant for the assessment of projects:

- Impact on or for patients, caregivers and community (regionally, nationally, internationally)
- Patients reached
- Potential of adaption / reproducibility by other PAGs
- Sustainability
- Cost / Funding
- Grade of innovation

Please note: Not all criteria have to be fulfilled!

We are very much looking forward to receiving your applications and hearing about your successes in advocacy, because: [“Together we can make a difference for those affected by sarcomas”](#).

With kind regards

The SPAEN Board of Directors

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