



## European Cancer Patient Coalition

### ECPC Board post General Assembly Communication

Dear ECPC Members, Partners and Friends,

Since its election in 2019, the Board has been committed to modernising the organisation and ensuring our governance structures are fit for purpose and lawful, in line with the central goal of ensuring that ECPC remains the voice of cancer patients in Europe.

We have been working to grow our capacity to ensure that ECPC members are able to deliver for the patients they represent, while reinforcing ECPC's ongoing activities and strengthening the collaboration between new and current members, the Scientific Committee and European stakeholders.

These activities have all been conducted with the recognition that the coming years will see wholesale changes to the European cancer policy landscape. ECPC will be a crucial stakeholder in the roll out of the Commission's Cancer Plan, with this being a once-in-a-generation opportunity to ensure the interests of the European cancer community are represented. At this critical time, the Board recognised that a focus on ECPC's external advocacy activities was more important than ever.

Ahead of the 2021 General Assembly in June, the Board took the difficult decision to postpone the meeting. As you know, the General Assembly took place on 27 November 2021, with the clear willingness from ECPC's leadership to promote constructive discussions and decisions.

At the meeting on 27 November, the majority of ECPC members with voting rights attending the General Assembly decided to:

- Reinstate the decisions of the General Assembly of 2020, providing for an amendment of the General Regulations of the Association, as well as approving the introduction of a membership fee; and

In light of these events, the ECPC Board is evaluating the next steps that need to be taken with regard to:

- Implementing a membership fee, as decided at the General Assembly.
- A limited role for ECPC's Director, with increased powers for the President, as per the amendments approved at the General Assembly.
- The non-approval of ECPC's accounts.

On the latter, it is worth stressing that this was the first year since 2014 that a balance sheet was prepared and was ready to be submitted into the Belgian National Bank portal, as required by law. The consequences of the non-motivated refusal to approve the accounts of 2020, prepared by the external accountant of the association, will need to be assessed.

The ECPC Board is aware of the serious challenges the organisation is facing, as well as the barriers the latest actions pose to ECPC's functioning and to ensuring our organisation continues to contribute to the European policy debate.

We will keep you updated with further information as it becomes available.

Kind regards,

The ECPC Board



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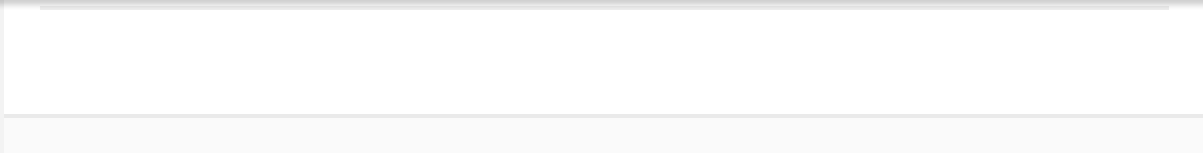
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