

For the
best
start in
life





Our allies



Dr Angelika Niebler
*Member of the European
Parliament*

Approximately one in ten babies is born too soon. Worldwide. Preterm infants represent Europe's largest child patient group and their number is continuing to grow, yet their voice has still to be heard. These children, together with their parents, experience enormous physical, emotional and financial challenges. They also represent an added burden on our often struggling healthcare systems.

Health is a very important issue for Europe's citizens and thus a priority for European institutions, in particular the European Parliament.

As a Member of the European Parliament, and also as a woman and a mother, I welcome the work of EFCNI. The foundation addresses the needs of preterm and newborn children and turns the spotlight on the various maternal and newborn health policies and practices in place in Europe's Member States. As a patron of EFCNI, I am delighted to be able to actively support the foundation in Brussels to ensure that Europe's children receive the best start in life.



Dr Gert Jan van Steenbrugge
*Director of the Dutch parent organisation
Vereniging Ouders van Couveusekinderen (VOC)*

Through the EFCNI platform, families of preterm infants unite over geographical and cultural boundaries to speak with one strong, growing voice. EFCNI provides parents with the network and empowerment to tackle the necessary changes in their country.



Professor Luc J. I. Zimmermann
*President of the European Society
for Paediatric Research (ESPR)
Professor in Pediatrics and Neonatology,
MUMC, Maastricht, Netherlands*

EFCNI brings together healthcare professionals, parents, and politicians with a single aim: To combine forces to improve standards of care, to nurture the development of needed infrastructure and to guarantee every baby the best start in life. The foundation is our link to other stakeholders in the field and we greatly appreciate their achievements.

Who we are

The European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI) is the first pan-European organisation and network to represent the interests of preterm and newborn infants and their families. It gathers together parents, healthcare experts from different disciplines, and scientists with the common goal of improving long-term health of preterm and newborn children. Our vision is to ensure the best start in life for every baby.

With our activities we want to reduce preterm birth rates, ensure the best possible treatment, care, and support, and to improve the long-term health of preterm infants and newborns with illnesses.

To achieve our aims, we are focusing on the following three areas:



Preconception and maternal care

We want to ensure widely accessible pregnancy information and the provision of effective, equitable high-quality care for all women of reproductive age.

Treatment and care

We aim at continuously improving treatment and care for all preterm babies and ill newborns as well as support for their families.



Continuing care

We seek to improve the long-term health of preterm infants and ill newborns. This also includes the provision of medical, psychological, socio-pedagogical, and financial support for these children and their families.

What we do

EFCNI is an advocate for preterm infants, ill newborns, and their families. Our work is dedicated to improving the situation of pregnant women and newborn infants in Europe across the full spectrum of care, promoting and protecting the right to the best start in life. Our work is based on the following three pillars:

Establishing a powerful network

We combine the forces of all stakeholders involved and foster collaboration to achieve our common vision by:

- Partnering with parents, healthcare professionals, scientists and their respective societies as well as with policy-makers, international non-profit and private sector organisations, UN agencies
- Empowering national parent organisations

Raising awareness

We call attention to the growing challenge of preterm birth and its significant impact on children, families, and our societies by:

- Running campaigns and (social) media work
- Constructive dialogue with political decision-makers and opinion-leaders
- Making the patient's voice heard in the professional healthcare setting

Best practice sharing to implement high-quality treatment and care

We gather and multiply information to improve the quality of care by:

- Coordinating interdisciplinary projects, e.g. the development of harmonised European Standards of Care for Newborn Health, or the development of a basic framework for the operation of breast milk banks in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland
- Providing easy-to-understand and widely accessible information for free for families and all those interested
- Promoting research and providing research support from the patient's perspective

Our milestones



World Prematurity Day 17 November

1 baby in 10 is born premature. Worldwide.

World Prematurity Day

World Prematurity Day on 17 November is one of the most important days in the year to raise awareness of the challenges and burden of preterm birth globally. The day was initiated by EFCNI and partnering European parent organisations in 2008.

The date 17 November was chosen at the first EFCNI Parent Organisations Meeting in Rome, Italy. That day, one of the founding members of EFCNI became proud father of a daughter, after having lost his triplets due to preterm birth. A new awareness day was born. In 2010, the US organisation March of Dimes, the African organisation

LittleBigSouls, the Australian National Premmie Foundation, and EFCNI joined together across continents to celebrate this special day.

Meanwhile, countless individuals and organisations from more than 100 countries join forces with activities, special events and commit to action to help address preterm birth and improve the situation of preterm babies and their families.

More information and a download section with graphics in about 40 languages:
www.efcni.org/worldprematurityday





EU Benchmarking Report

The EU Benchmarking Report 2009/2010 *Too Little, Too Late - Why Europe should do more for preterm infants* provides a compelling picture of the impact of pre-term birth across 14 European countries. It reveals a troubling lack of European-wide harmonised standards of care and coordinated national and European policy initiatives to improve the quality of maternal and newborn health.

EFCNI White Paper

Caring for Tomorrow - the EFCNI White Paper on Maternal and Newborn Health and Aftercare Services from 2011/2012 aims at highlighting some of the key concerns with regard to the growing patient group affected by preterm birth. The paper is a starting point and source of support on how to improve existing healthcare plans for maternal and newborn health. Its recommendations are feeding into the development of harmonised European Standards of Care for Newborn Health.



Call to Action for Newborn Health

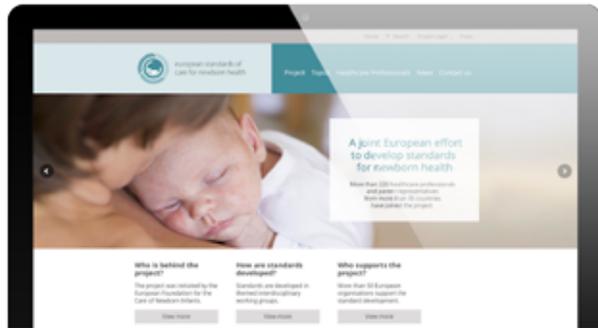
The 10 points *Call to Action for Newborn Health*, initiated by EFCNI and the European national parent organisations, was launched in November 2011 in the European Parliament. The EU and national policy makers, payers, patient organisations, healthcare professionals, academics, industry and the public were called upon to work in partnership to ensure the best start in life for every baby born in Europe.

One consequence of the call was the start of EFCNI's cross-country and interdisciplinary project to develop European Standards of Care for Newborn Health.

14,925 European citizens call for action. For the best start in life.

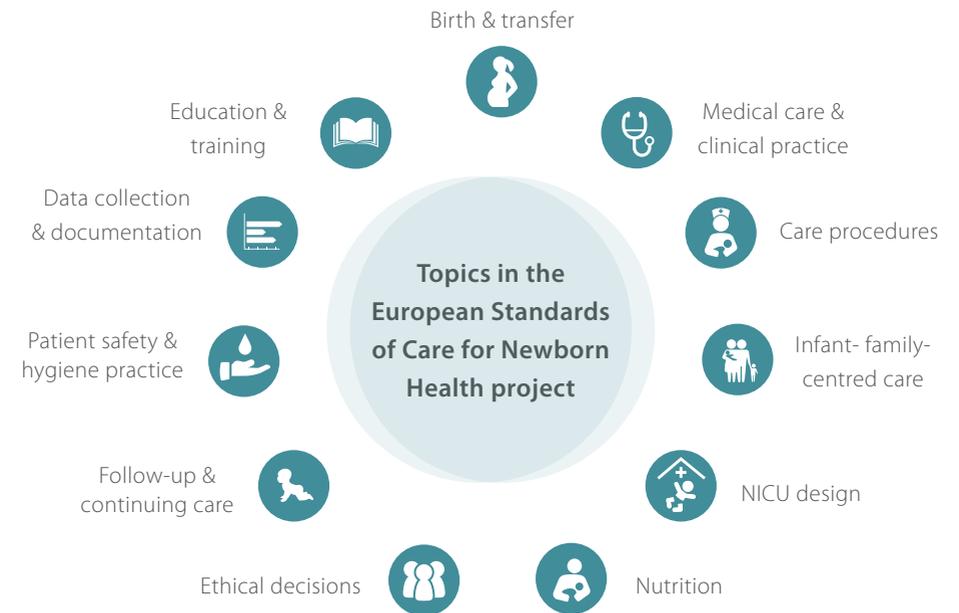
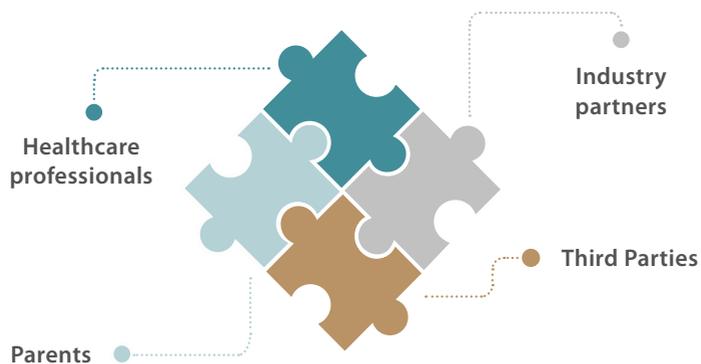


European Standards of Care for Newborn Health



Our project European Standards of Care for Newborn Health is an interdisciplinary collaboration to develop standards of care for key topics in newborn health. We initiated the project in 2013. Since the beginning, we coordinate the project in which we work together with more than 220 individuals and over 50 supporting organisations.

The organisation of care, the education of healthcare professionals, and the structure and provision of care vary widely across Europe. Currently, there are no cross-European guidelines for newborn health. The European Standards of Care for Newborn Health project addresses these disparities by developing standards to contribute to better care for all European infants.



To this aim, newborn health is divided into 11 themes. Each of these themes corresponds to a working group – a Topic Expert Group – that develops standards on this topic. Standards start with the perinatal period and continue until well after discharge into early childhood.

Methodologically, standard development is divided into different stages. It starts with the drafting of standards in the Topic Expert Groups. For additional parent expertise, the Topic Expert Groups can consult the Parents' Knowledge Forum to get a user perspective to specific questions. Once standards are readily developed in the Topic Expert Group, they are passed on to the Chair Committee for discussion and approval. From here, standards enter a consultation phase in which all supporting organisations can review the standard drafts. After consultation, standards are submitted for endorsement and published on the project website.

The project is possible thanks to the voluntary contribution and commitment of the project members and the financial support by the project industry partners AbbVie, Philips Avent, Shire, and Nestlé Nutrition.

More information about the project at: www.newborn-health-standards.org

Our information material

Our website

We provide tailored, evidence-based and up-to-date information on topics related to preterm birth and newborn health, as well as factors for a healthy pregnancy and valuable links to our network.

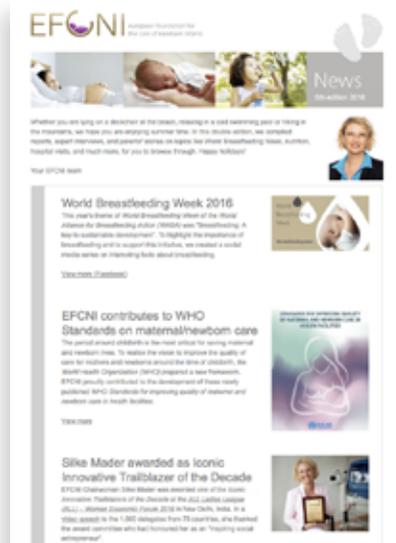
View more at: www.efcni.org



Our newsletter

In our monthly newsletter, we compile news about our foundation, feature remarkable activities from our collaborating parent organizations and other networking partners as well as latest research news.

Feel free to order our newsletter at: news@efcni.org



Our brochures

Bonding and care for the preterm infant

This brochure explains developmental care and why parents are the most important persons in their child's life. It provides suggestions of how they can be involved in the care for their preterm baby from the very beginning.



A healthy pregnancy

The brochure gives an overview of the most important topics during pregnancy. Valuable information and tips help parents-to-be to give their child the best conditions for a good start in life right from the womb.



Our factsheets

With our factsheets, EFCNI covers several preterm birth and maternal health topics, e.g. *Breastfeeding a preterm infant* or *Welcoming the family in the neonatal intensive care unit*.

In these documents, we provide the most important information which concisely highlights key points and we answer the most important questions on the specific topic.

All EFCNI brochures and factsheets are available for free download.



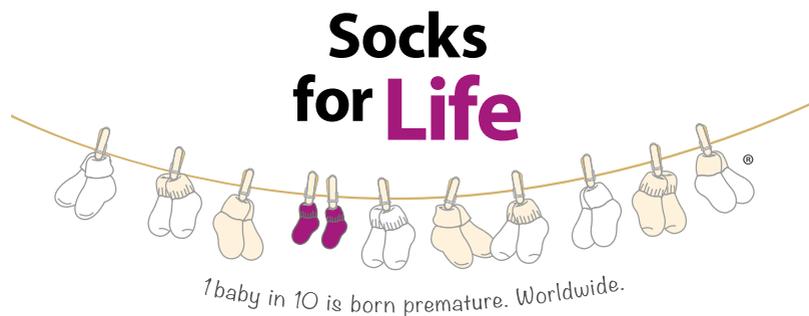
Our campaigning

Socks for Life

Socks for Life is a worldwide, established campaign uniting all those who want to make a difference for preterm babies, their families, and the care teams involved. The campaign is an initiative by EFCNI and national parent organisations around the world, powered by EFCNI.

Everyone is warmly invited to join: parent organisations, hospitals, non-profit organisations, healthcare professionals, societies, companies, politicians, media, individuals.

To help you visualise your commitment, to promote your activities or events throughout the year and to raise funds for your projects, we developed a comprehensive Socks for Life toolkit and graphic material in about 40 languages as a free download at: www.efcni.org/socksforlife



EFCNI Changemaker Map

Following the communication motto "Do good and talk about it", we created the EFCNI Changemaker Map in order to honour the work of all those who make a difference to preterm babies, ill newborns and their families. With this map, we created a platform that visualises the impact of a great international cooperation.

On www.efcni.org/changemakermap everyone is warmly invited to add individual events and milestones. Once added, the input will stay online and can be read by many people around the world.

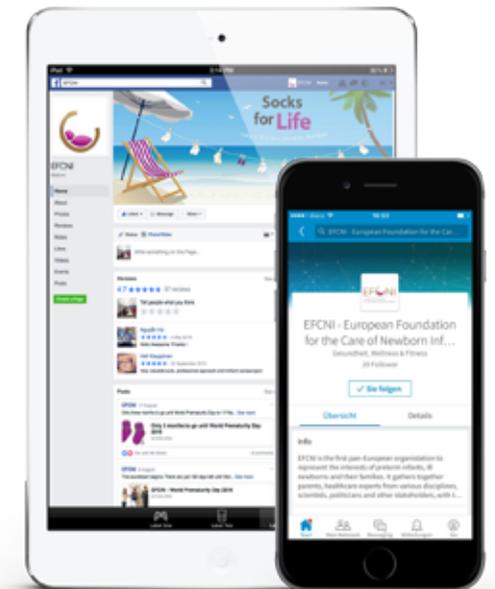


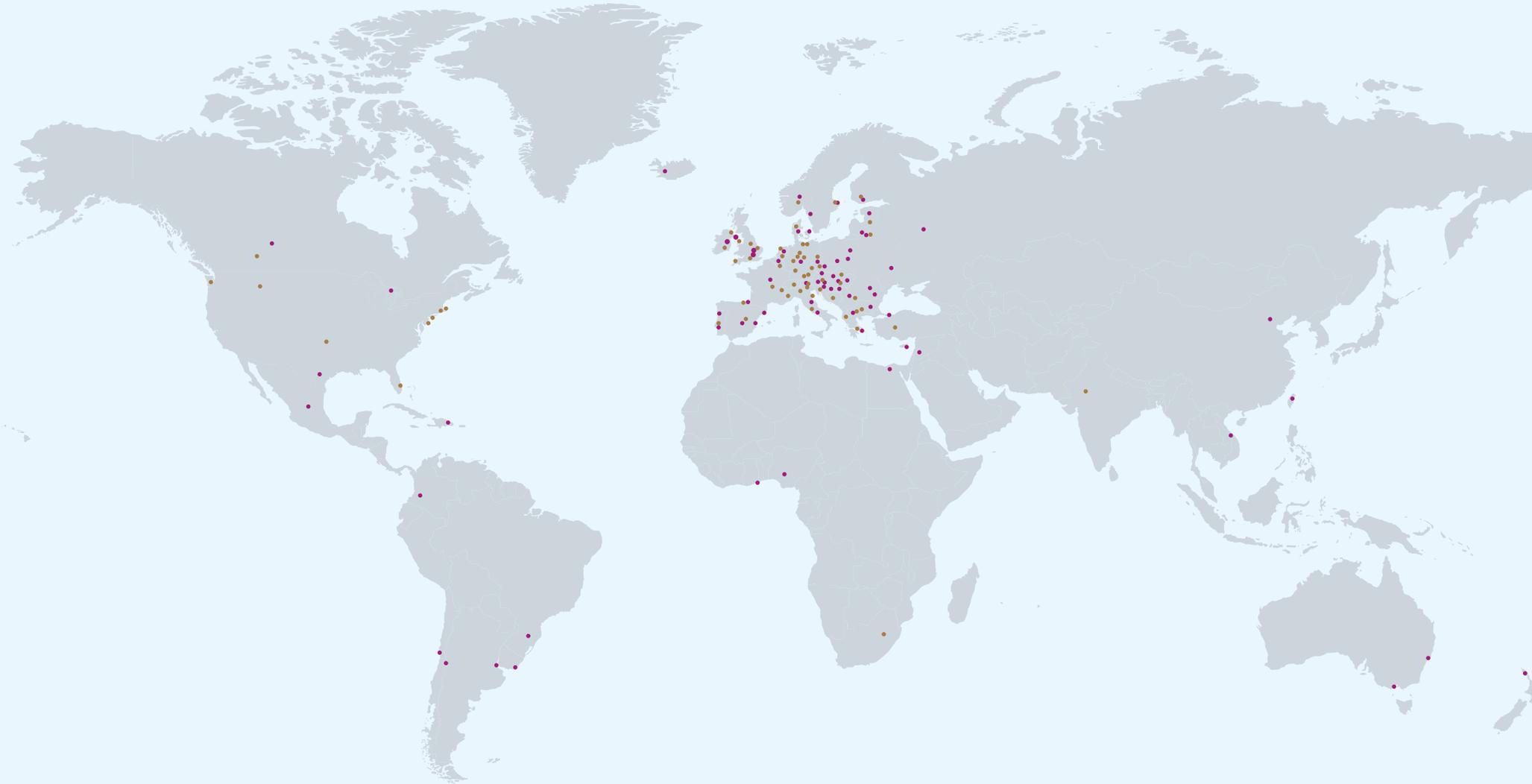
Social Media

Via our social media channels, we promote current information and recent findings relating to preterm and newborn health, as well as recommendations for a healthy pregnancy.

Follow us on

- facebook.com/efcni
- facebook.com/efcni.socksforlife
- twitter.com/EFCNIwecare
- youtube.com/user/EFCNIwecare
- instagram.com/efcni
- linkedin.com/company/efcni---european-foundation-for-the-care-of-newborn-infants





A powerful network for newborn infants

- Parent and patient organisations
- Healthcare societies, research partners, and supportive organisations

Parent and patient organisations

Argentina

Prematuros Grupo Crisálida

Australia

Life's Little Treasures Foundation
L'il Aussie Prems Foundation
Miracle Babies Foundation
National Premmie Foundation / NPF
Preterm Infants' Parents' Association / PIPA

Austria

FRÜH R LEBEN
Kleine Helden

Belgium

Néonid
Premature Baby Fund / PBF

Vlaamse Vereniging voor Ouders van Couveusekinderen / VVOC

Brazil

Prematuridade

Bulgaria

Our Premature Children

Canada

Canadian Premature Babies Foundation

Chile

Asprem - Asociación de padres de prematuros
Neovidas

China

Home for Premature Babies

Columbia

Fundación Milagros de Vida

Croatia

Klub roditelja nedonoščadi "Paličiči"

Cyprus

Friends of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
Association Cyprus / FNICU
Mora Thavmata

Czech Republic

BabyKlokánci, o.s. ZRNKA
Nedoklubko o.s.

Denmark

Dansk Præmatur Forening
Landsforeningen Præmaturs Vilkår

Dominican Republic

Pequeñas Vidas

Egypt

Our Dream

Estonia

MTÜ Enneaegsed lapsed

Finland

Kevyt / MLL Meilahden yhdistys ry

France

SOS Préma

Germany

Bundesverband „Das frühgeborene Kind“

Ghana

LittleBigSouls

Greece

Ilitominon

Hungary

Koraszülöttekért Közhasznú Egyesület / KORE

Melletted a helyem Egyesület – Right(s) beside you
Association

Iceland

Fyrirburar

Ireland

Irish Neonatal Health Alliance / INHA
Irish Premature Babies

Israel

Lahav Association

Italy

Associazione Prematuri Alto Adige
Genitin Onlus
Piccino Picciò Onlus
Progetto Pulcino Onlus
Vivere Onlus

Lithuania

Neišnešiotukas
Padedu Augti

Macedonia

Lulka
PremNova

Mexico

Con Amor Vencerás
Fundación Nunu
Nacer temprano... VIVIR EN GRANDE

Netherlands

Kleine Kanjers VOF
Vereniging Nee-eten!
Vereniging van Ouders van Couveusekinderen / VOC
Stichting Prematuroendag

New Zealand

The Neonatal Trust

Nigeria

LittleBigSouls

Northern Ireland

TinyLife

Norway

Prematurforeningen

Poland

Fundacja Świadomi Rodzice
Fundacja Wcześnieiak Rodzice-Rodzicom

Portugal

Associação Pais Prematuros
XXS – Associação Portuguesa de Apoio ao Bebé
Prematuro

Romania

Asociatia Unu si Unu
Baby Care Sibiu

Russia

Fund "Give Sunshine"
Pravo Na Chudo

Serbia

Mali div - LittleGiant

Slovakia

Malíček

Spain

Asociación de Padres de Niños Prematuros / APREM
Asociación Valenciana de Padres de Niños
Prematuros / AVAPREM
Federación Nacional de Asociaciones de Prematuros / FNAP
Prematura

Sweden

Prematurföreningen Mirakel
Riksförbundet Svenska Prematurförbundet
Stiftelsen Tummeliten

Taiwan

Premature Baby Foundation of Taiwan / PBF

Turkey

El Bebek Gül Bebek Derneği

Ukraine

Early Birds Ukrainian Preemie Parent Association
Velvet Hearts

United Kingdom

Bliss
Children's Liver Foundation / CLDF
LittleBigSouls

Uruguay

Asociación Uruguaya de Padres con hijos Prematuros / AUPAPREM

USA

Hand to Hold
Graham's Foundation
Preeclampsia Foundation

Vietnam

Newborns Vietnam

Global

International Federation of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus / IFSBH
International Patient Organisation for Primary Immunodeficiencies / IPOPI

Healthcare societies, research partners,

Global

ALL Ladies League / ALL

Ashoka

Council of International Neonatal Nurses / COINN

Early Nutrition eAcademy / ENeA

Every Newborn Action Plan led by WHO and UNICEF

Fetal Medicine Foundation / FMF

Global Alliance to Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth / GAPPS

Global Research in Paediatrics / GRiP

Healthy Newborn Network, an initiative of Save the Children's Saving Newborns Lives (SNL) program

International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics / FIGO

International Postgraduate Organization for Knowledge Transfer, Research and Teaching Excellent Students / IPOKRaTES

Newborn Individualized Developmental Care and Assessment Program / NIDCAP

Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health / PMNCH

The International Preterm Birth Collaborative / PREBIC

World Association of Perinatal Medicine / WAPM

World Prematurity Network / WPN

Europe

Alliance for Childhood

Biomedical Research in Europe / BioMed Alliance

Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union / COFACE

Early Life Nutrition Network

eNewborn

European Reference Network on Rare inherited and congenital diseases / ERNICA

Eurochild

Euro-Peristat

Europe Against Infant Brain Injury / EURAIBI

European Association of Perinatal Medicine / EAPM

European Federation of Nurses Association / EFN

European Critical Care Foundation / ECCF

European Academy of Paediatrics / EAP European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynecology / EBCOG

European Federation of Critical Care Nurses Associations / EfCCNa

European Hospital and Healthcare Federation / HOPE

European Lung Foundation / ELF

European Society of Intensive Care Medicine / ESICM

European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development / EPF

European Patients Forum / EPF

European Platform for Patients' Organisations, Science and Industry / EPPOSI

European Respiratory Society /ERS

European Society for Neonatology / ESN

European Critical Care Foundation / ECCF

European Society of Paediatric Neonatal Intensive Care / ESPNIC

European Society for Paediatric Research / ESPR

Neocirculation / NEO-CIRC

Neonatal estimation of brain damage risk and identification of neuroprotectants / NEOBRAIN

Screening to improve Health In very Preterm infantS in Europe / SHIPS

and supportive organisations

Union of European Neonatal and Perinatal Societies / UENPS

National

Austria

Berufsverband Kinderkrankenpflege Österreich / BKKÖ

Österreichische Gesellschaft für Kinder- und Jugendheilkunde / ÖGKJ

Österreichisches Hebammen-Gremium / ÖHG

Bulgaria

Alliance of Bulgarian Midwives / ABM

Germany

Arbeitsgemeinschaft Gestose-Frauen

Ausbildungszentrum Laktation und Stillen

BabyCare - FB + E Forschung, Beratung + Evaluation GmbH

Bildungsinstitut Fachbereiche Gesundheitswesen / BFG

Bundesverband Bunter Kreis

Bundesverband der Kinder- und Jugendärzte / BVKJ

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Baby- und Kindermassage / DGBM

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Gynäkologie und Geburtshilfe / DGGG

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Pränatal- und Geburtsmedizin / DGPGM

Deutsche Stiftung Kranke Neugeborene / DSKN

Erich Saling-Institute of Perinatal Medicine

German Neonatal Network / GNN

Gesellschaft für Neonatologie und Pädiatrische Intensivmedizin / GNPI

HarLe.kin – Nachsorge in Bayern

Mutter-Kind-Hilfswerk

projekt Anna – Kinderhilfe Kaliningrad

Sichere Ausbildung für Eltern / SAFE

Stiftung für das behinderte Kind

Stiftung Ambulantes Kinderhospiz München

Uplift - Aufwind

wellcome

Latvia

Latvijas Neonatologu biedriba

Spain

Red de Salud Materno Infantil y del Desarrollo / Red SAMID

Sociedad Española de Neonatología

United Kingdom

Children's Liver Disease Foundation

National Institute for Health Research – Clinical Research Network Children / NHS

Tommy's

USA

March of Dimes

The Foundation for Premature Infants



EFCNI Boards

EFCNI's Executive Board consists of three members. The Board represents the foundation and conducts the day-to-day business in accordance with the Trustee Board's guidelines and resolutions.

The Trustee Board has five members. The Board makes decisions in all fundamental matters. It advises, supports, and supervises the Executive Board of the foundation.

The Parent Advisory Board consists of eight elected members who support EFCNI with their knowledge and experience from parenting preterm babies and from their work for national parent organisations in their countries.

The Scientific Advisory Board gathers together internationally renowned medical experts and scientists and provides EFCNI with expert knowledge in the fields of medicine.

Executive Board

Silke Mader
Germany

Professor Neil Marlow
United Kingdom

Nicole Thiele
Germany



Professor Neil Marlow

Member of the Executive Board

I felt it was important to support the foundation from its very beginnings because the parental voice and perspective are critical to improving service delivery and effectiveness. I value the foundation's philosophy of uniting all stakeholders in neonatal health to fight for the same cause. Such interdisciplinary collaboration is vital to improve health and outcome for preterm babies and their parents everywhere. I am honoured to contribute my knowledge as a member of the Executive Board to continue this important work for newborn babies throughout Europe.



Nicole Thiele

Vice Chair of the Executive Board

Making the patient's voice heard is a key focus of EFCNI's daily work: In our field, the patients are too small and too fragile to speak for themselves, to claim their rights or to demand what is best for them to develop to their full potential. By combining our forces we can give these children and their families the strong voice needed to ensure a shift in minds as well as towards effective and sustainable healthcare systems.

Trustee Board

Professor Hercília Guimarães
Portugal

Thomas Föringer
Germany

Silke Mader
Germany

Dr Michael Poschmann
Germany

Dr Dietmar Schlembach
Germany



Dr Dietmar Schlembach

Chairman of the Trustee Board

The treatment and care mothers and newborns receive during pregnancy, birth, and neonatal period depends on a great extent also on the organisation, structure, and provision of services. These vary widely across Europe. EFCNI is addressing these disparities and works together with many specialists and different stakeholders towards offering solutions. Fostering information exchange and best practice sharing across borders or the development of standards of care are some important elements to tackle these challenges and to pave the way for better prevention and improvement of peri-/neonatal care at a European level. As a member of the Trustee Board, I am more than happy to contribute and dedicate my knowledge and experience to help expediting our vision - The best start in life for every newborn. Every small step we achieve is a giant leap for our newborns.

Parent Advisory Board

Livia Nagy Bonnard
Hungary

Mandy Daly
Ireland

Paula Guerra
Portugal

Dr Tomasz Makaruk
Poland

Dr Gert van Steenbrugge
Netherlands

Dr Eleni Vavouraki
Greece

Yannic Verhaest
Belgium

Mónica Virchez
Spain



Mandy Daly

Director of Advocacy & Policy Making at Irish parent organisation Irish Neonatal Health Alliance (INHA)

I am a proud member of EFCNI's Parent Advisory Board and grateful to be part of EFCNI's broad network. Through this network, I have close contacts to other national parent organisations, but also to healthcare experts and others active in the field of maternal and newborn care. Here, we learn from each other, empower each other, and work hand in hand to bring good practice into our countries. EFCNI creates a strong link between all of us for a better future for those we love most – our children.

EFCNI Boards

Scientific Advisory Board



**Professor Kypros
Herodotou Nicolaidis**

*Professor of Fetal Medicine,
King's College, London,
Professor of Fetal Medicine,
University College, London*

It is a true honour for my colleagues and myself to be part of EFCNI's Scientific Advisory Board. I am glad that I can contribute with my expertise and actively support EFCNI and the power set free by parents. Only by joining forces, and by working in open, honest partnership with patients and across disciplines and professions, can we reach the best for mothers, babies and their families.



**Odile Frauenfelder,
RN, Ma ANP**

*Vice President of the
Registration Committee for
Dutch Nurse Practitioner
Past Nursing President of the
Europe an Society of
Paediatric and Neonatal
Intensive Care (ESPNIC)*

When newborns are critically ill or preterm, they require advanced or intensive care which can only be provided by a team of specially trained experts. Many European countries experience a lack of appropriate curriculums or shortage of educated and trained staff to answer the special needs of these infants. In EFCNI, we have found a partner that works together with us on closing this existing gap.

Professor Fiona Alderdice
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USA/Germany

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Professor Bo Jacobsson
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Dr Atle Moen
Norway

Professor Kypros Herodotou Nicolaidis
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Monique Oude Reimer-van Kilsdonk
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Professor Heike Rabe
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Professor Mario Rüdiger
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Professor Manuel Sanchez Luna
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Professor Dieter Wolke
United Kingdom

Professor Luc J. I. Zimmermann
Netherlands



European Parliamentary Interest Group on Maternal and Neonatal Health



Dr Peter Liese
Member of the European Parliament

It is of crucial importance to improve the quality of life of pre-term infants and their families and to prevent preterm birth. Millions of families can benefit from improvements in this area, and money that we invest to improve the conditions or to avoid preterm birth is very well spent because it will improve conditions for these human beings throughout all their lifespan.

Founding members and chairs

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Germany

Dr Peter Liese
Germany

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Slovakia

Lidia J. Geringer de Oedenberg
Poland

Herbert Reul
Germany

How to support



Donate now and support the best start in life

Your donation is highly valuable. Your support will effectively improve the care of preterm and newborn infants as well as their families in Europe and worldwide.



Make a difference: become a Bodyguard for the smallest children

With a donation from 1,000 Euro up you will promote an individual project and become a Bodyguard. If you have further questions we are happy to assist you.



Be a voice of change and become a supporting member

Promote a specific idea with a monthly donation and enhance the chance to the best start in life for every newborn.



Donation for a special occasion: give a donation instead of a gift

Send a message of hope and use special moments with your loved ones to help preterm and newborn infants and their families.



Donations

We would like to thank all donors for their generosity and commitment to improving maternal and newborn health in Europe. All contributions, however small, help us to achieve our goals and will make a vital difference. If you wish to make a donation, please send it to the following EFCNI bank account:

Bank fuer Sozialwirtschaft
Account owner: EFCNI
BIC: BFSWDE 33 MUE
IBAN: DE 66 700 205 00 000 88 10 900

Please quote your address in the reference line so that we can issue a donation receipt.

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Closing words



Silke Mader
*Chairwoman of the
Executive Board*

We feel thrilled and fortunate that in the past we have been able to build a collaborative network of stakeholders working together to make newborn health a priority across Europe. Parent representatives, healthcare professionals and politicians now have one common objective: To enable every baby in Europe to have the best start in life.

We are grateful to our partners, who have supported and collaborated with us to operate effectively at both national and European level to raise awareness, change attitudes and standardise practices. Together, we have made it possible to take the next step: the development of European Standards of Care for Newborn Health.

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