



EUROPEAN DEMENTIA PLEDGE
HELP US MAKE DEMENTIA A PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITY

Today, close to 8 million Europeans have dementia, Alzheimer’s disease being the most common form of dementia. In addition, close to 24 million informal carers are directly impacted by the disease.

Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia are the most common of neurodegenerative diseases. Although it primarily affects elderly people, an increasing number of early-onset dementia (below the age of 60) can be observed.

To-date, no curative treatment exists. Access to services, treatment and support is unequal between EU Member States.

The ageing of the population and the uncertainty around the sustainability of healthcare services impose upon us that timely, tailored and coordinated actions are taken to address these challenges and ensure European citizens have access to the care and support they need.

***We call upon you as a candidate at the European elections
to join Alzheimer Europe and its members to continue the fight against the disease
and make dementia a European and national public health priority.***



*The **European Alzheimer’s Alliance** was set up in the European Parliament (EP) in 2007. It is a non-exclusive, multinational and cross-party group which brings together Members of the European Parliament committed to support Alzheimer Europe and its members to make dementia a public health priority in Europe.*

The **Alliance’s mission** is to foster concerted action at European and national level in the field of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease, research and social policies and influence the political agenda.

Achievements: over the years, thanks to the collaborative work of Alzheimer Europe, national Alzheimer associations and Alliance members, dementia has been addressed by ALCOVE (European Joint Action on Dementia) and the European research programmes (FP7 and Horizon 2020.) European and international cooperation in research has emerged with the Innovative Medicines Initiatives (IMI and IMI 2) and the Joint Programming of Neurodegenerative research (JPND). At national level, 18 Member States have a dementia strategy in place while others are in the process of developing one.

On my election to the European Parliament, I will:

- ◇ **Join the European Alzheimer’s Alliance.**
- ◇ **Support greater European collaboration on dementia and ensure dementia is recognised as a priority in the European Union’s public health and research activities.**
- ◇ **Make myself available to my national Alzheimer’s society and people with dementia from my country.**

First name: _____ Last name: _____ YOUR SIGNATURE

Country: _____ Date: _____

(your support will be posted on Alzheimer Europe’s website: www.alzheimer-europe.org)