



## CALL TO ACTION!

### The “SPAGN Advocacy in Action Award 2023”

#### for best projects in sarcoma patient advocacy

#### Dear SPAGN Member Groups!

In 2017, we announced the “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.

**We therefore invite you to participate in the “SPAGN Advocacy in Action Award 2023”!**

The winning projects/teams will receive

<b>1st</b>	<b>2.000 €</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>1.500 €</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>1.000 €.</b>

A jury of 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 SPAGN 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

## Application Process

Complete the attached form and send it with attachments by email to [info@sarcoma-patients.org](mailto:info@sarcoma-patients.org)  
Deadline for submission is **March 31, 2024**.

Award Ceremony: During the 2024 SPAGN Annual Conference, 19-21 April 2024

## 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: *“Working together, making a difference.”*

With kind regards

**The SPAGN Board of Directors & Team**

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