

SPAGN Conference Participant Profile

Name: Lidiya Vitanova

Organisation: Together Fighting Sarcoma Association

Role / Stakeholder Type: Patient Advocate

Country: Bulgaria



What is your connection to sarcoma or your sarcoma story?

Almost 5 years ago our family heard the diagnosis osteosarcoma of our 15 years old son - Niki. We haven't heard of this disease until that moment. Sadly, he passed away only 8 months after the diagnosis. Since then my life is dedicated to help people with Sarcoma, especially children and their families.



What's most important to know about your organization?

We are fighters, we are independent and will do whatever is needed to improve the access to expert care for Sarcoma patients in Bulgaria.



What are you most interested in collaborating on?

Research, Awareness, Access, Partnerships, Innovation, Patient Support



Your role in the organisation and main areas of involvement:

I am co-founder and chairwoman of the organization. I am involved in all activities including patient support in finding Sarcoma experts in our country, building awareness of the disease among Bulgarian society, research, community building, policy lobbying.



How can others best connect with you after the conference?

I am open for partnership via email, phone social media profiles.



One fun fact about you or something you are proud of:

I survived after my child's death, I never thought this could happen.

