CALL TO ACTION!

The "SPAGN Advocacy in Action Award 2027"

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 2027"!

The winning projects will receive:

- **1st Prize 2,000 €**
- **2nd Prize 1,500 €**
- **3rd Prize 1,000 €**

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

To apply, you will need to review these guidelines, then download and complete your application form here and send it with attachments by email to **info@sarcoma-patients.org**

Deadline for submission is **February 28, 2027.**

Award Ceremony: During the 2027 SPAGN Annual Conference, 7-9 May 2027

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

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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