Who we are

Agora is a Federation representing associations for people with Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal diseases in Southern Europe.

The main aims of Agora are:
- Encourage and assist in the development towards user-led organizations of people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases in Southern Europe.
- Provide member organizations representing people with Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases (RMDs) both in Southern Europe and borders and other peer user-led organizations that fall outside the Southern area with a stronger voice at a national and European level. The character of AGORA remains the same and focuses on working towards creating better conditions for people with RMDs in Southern European countries despite giving the opportunity to countries that fall outside this geographical area to join the organization.
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- Collect and distribute information on all aspects of the medical and sociological area of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases, including the dissemination of the results of any such research.
- Support innovation and excellence in education and research with the aim to improve treatment and patient care.

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To meet the demand for our help from patients… we need your help.

Enhance communication between the patients, whose interests we represent, and your company, whose decisions will affect the provision of health services or treatments for patients.

The Agora Annual is a AGORA-only network event and takes place once a year in or near a European city location.

Organization of the Annual Conference
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Advocacy
The undertaking of interventions, representations or démarches to the competent international or national bodies, scientific associations, universities, social and private bodies which have the ability or the will to contribute to the achievement of the Federation’s objectives.

Edwardian Center
The development of any kind of informative, educational and recreational activity such as the organization and coordination of lectures, workshops, discussions, seminars, etc.

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As of 2016, Agora has also opened its membership, in the form of an associated membership, to countries that fall outside the geographical boundaries of Southern Europe. The general membership criteria apply to these patient organizations.

We work in partnership with pharma companies, delivering clear business benefits and raising vital funds to support people affected by RMDs.

In our relations with industry, we rely on the EFPIA Codes of Practice on relationships between the Pharmaceutical industry and patient organisations / healthcare professionals.

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