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## What is EFCCA

EFCCA represents national patients's associations worldwide. Through their effort, they have been able to reflect the growth of IBD diagnosis, the increasing visibility of the benefits of self-help associations and their increasing roles.

#### Mission

Their main objective is to improve the well-being of people with IBD through to an active work to improve the quality of life and care for those with IBD.

#### Aims

Within their objectives, EFCCA makes an important effort to promotion the knowledge about Crohn's and colitis disease though establishment new associations in European countries to offer patients and families support and information. They encourage scientific and social research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of inflammatory bowel disease and put very effort in remove the taboo which surrounds bowel disease.

EFCCA cooperates and works actively with health professionals and organizations to reach these aims, encouraging and facilitating the exchange of information.

#### **Country Members**

EFCCA is spread out through European Union: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

### History

EFCCA was born in 1990 when a number of national associations met to found the European Federation of Crohn's &Ulcerative Colitis Associations. It was formally established in Strasbourg in 1993 and was registered by Brussels in 1996.

More information: http://www.efcca.org/



