



## **Membership Information Pack 2026**

Dear Member,

I would like to take a moment to reflect on what we have achieved together - and to thank you, on behalf of the SAFE Board and team, for your continued partnership and commitment.

Over the past year, SAFE and its members have made strong progress in advocating for stroke at European level. Together, we have supported the update of the Stroke Action Plan for Europe, strengthened the visibility of stroke in Brussels, and continued to build a collaborative and engaged community of national stroke support organisations. Your work on the ground, supporting people affected by stroke, remains the foundation of everything we do.

Looking ahead to 2026, our shared priorities will focus on strengthening member capacity, launching new advocacy tools linked to the updated Stroke Action Plan, expanding our lived experience network and building momentum through the European Life After Stroke Forum and Task Force.

SAFE is strongest when we work in partnership. By renewing your membership, you remain part of a committed European alliance driving change for everyone affected by stroke.

Thank you once again for being part of SAFE.

Warm regards,  
Harriet

Professor Hariklia Proios  
President, Stroke Alliance for Europe

## **Our vision and goals**

Stroke is a leading cause of adult disability and one of the biggest killers across Europe. It is predicted that by 2040, there will be 12 million people living with stroke in Europe.

As the only European umbrella organisation dedicated to SSOs, we represent more than nine million stroke survivors. We work to reduce the scale and impact of stroke by leading policy and advocacy efforts at the European level, addressing the entire stroke care pathway through coordinated campaigns, education, research and awareness initiatives.

### **Our vision**

We want a Europe where preventable stroke is eliminated; death and disability is minimised and every person affected by stroke lives their best life possible.

### **Our mission**

Over the next five years and beyond, our mission is to reduce the incidence and impact of stroke in Europe, by bringing together and empowering SSOs to deliver campaigns, advocacy, education, research and raise awareness.

### **Our goals**

1. That everyone affected by stroke is supported by a national stroke support organisation
2. A substantial reduction in preventable stroke through acting on risk factors and symptoms
3. Making stroke a European health, care, social and research priority
4. Equality of stroke care in each European country through implementation of comprehensive national stroke strategies
5. Maximise our effectiveness by being a professional, ethical, financially stable and sustainable organisation

## **Our recent successes**

### **Advocating for stroke**

In 2025, we continued to be a strong voice for stroke at European level. As co-chairs of the Stroke Action Plan for Europe (SAP-E) implementation committee with the European Stroke Organisation, we supported the view and update of the Stroke Action Plan for Europe, which was published in January 2026.

We were active in the EU ahead of the publication of the EU Cardiovascular Health (CVH) Plan, meeting with the then new EU Health Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi,

responding to consultations, attending the launch of the MEP CVH group meetings and held our first EU event in over seven years, '*Closing the Gaps in Stroke Care: A Call to Action for Europe*', calling for greater inclusion of stroke in the EU CVH Plan. Many of our members took part in these opportunities with us.

### **Strengthening Stroke Support Organisations**

Our members remain at the heart of everything we do. Our growing membership now spans 37 organisations across 31 countries. Our 2025 members survey, member meetings and the Collaborative Space continue to spark new ideas and connections across Europe.

### **Raising awareness of brain health and preventing stroke**

We continued to promote brain health and stroke prevention through our [strokeprevention.info](https://strokeprevention.info) website with accessible, evidence-based content available in multiple languages, supporting awareness of modifiable risk factors and encouraging brain health and stroke prevention across Europe.

Along with three of our members, we took part in a Delphi research project, which developed 11 consensus statements on secondary prevention including the burden of recurrent stroke, treatment and lifestyle interventions, management of stroke care and future needs to enhance SSP.

### **Focusing on life after stroke**

We held our 3<sup>rd</sup> in-person European Life After Stroke Forum (ELASF) in Prague; a key highlight was the launch of the lived experience abstracts. Many members were involved in the ELASF through taking part in the programme committee, speaking at the event and presenting posters.

We also established the first European Life After Stroke Task Force which address the issues of life after stroke outlined in the Stroke Action Plan for Europe.

### **Supporting research**

We will continue to play an active role in EU-funded stroke research projects, helping communicate results to stroke survivors, families and clinicians across Europe. 21 members took part in Brain Awareness Week and 16 took part in World Stroke Day dissemination activities

Together, we are shaping a better future for everyone affected by stroke.

## Our 2026 priorities

- We will develop our plan for SSO capacity building based on the dedicated workshop at the Prague ELASF and 2025-member survey results, and regular Collaborative Space meetings.
- In partnership with ESO, we will launch the 2024 SAP-E Stroke Services Tracker data on European Stroke Awareness Day and the updated SAP-E along with supporting advocacy tools.
- We will work to ensure stroke remains a priority in the European cardiovascular health agenda, the EACH CVH plan, and attending MEP group meetings. A new communications plan will be developed with members to boost participation and visibility.
- We will host the ELASF 2026 in Stockholm and plan for ELASF 2027 in Krakow.
- We will develop the European Life After Stroke Task Force to provide leadership on life after stroke services in Europe. We will launch a lived experience network to support our work.
- In prevention, we will expand our online resources and visibility.

## Why continue to be a member of SAFE?

### **As our member, you will:**

- Access a range of benefits to help support your work and growth (see below).
- Help build a network across Europe and strengthen the collective voice of SSOs.
- Use our logo (after approval) on your materials as appropriate.
- Enhance our ability to drive change on stroke across Europe. Your logo and membership will be recognised on our website and appropriately in our materials.
- Ensure that the voice of stroke survivors and carers is heard in the discussions about policy and stroke resources at both EU and national level.

### **What are the benefits of being a member?**

- One free place at the European Life After Stroke Forum (ELASF).
- 5% discount on additional ELASF places.
- Attendance for up to two representatives at SAFE member meetings held alongside ELASF.
- Opportunities to present at members meetings.
- Networking with your peers through member meetings and subgroups.
- Access to information, templates and pre-produced campaign and awareness materials.
- Opportunities to support SAFE's work.
- Access to the strokeprevention.info website in your own language
- Invitation to SAFE General Assembly meetings.

- Board and officer election voting rights.
- Eligible to stand for board and officer election.
- Access to SAFE member-only online area on the SAFE website.
- Listing in the SAFE online membership directory.
- Right to use 'member of SAFE' logo on corporate materials (upon approval).
- Opportunity to submit conferences and educational activities for SAFE endorsement.
- Letters of support from SAFE for national advocacy on key stroke issues
- Regular members' only newsletters.
- Showcase your work on a European level on our communication platforms such as our website, social media, networks and newsletter.

## 2026 subscription fees

Annual turnover				Fee 2026	Fee 2025
< €200,000			=	€591	€574
€ 200,000	to	€ 500,000	=	€887	€861
€ 500,000	to	€ 1,000,000	=	€1,206	€1170
€ 1,000,000	to	€ 2,000,000	=	€2,411	€2,341
€ 2,000,000	to	€ 3,000,000	=	€3,710	€3,602
€ 3,000,000	to	€ 4,000,000	=	€4,824	€4.683
€ 4,000,000	to	€ 5,000,000	=	€6,141	€5,962
€ 5,000,000	to	€ 6,000,000	=	€7,235	€7,024
€ 6,000,000	to	€ 7,000,000	=	€8,442	€8.196
€ 7,000,000	to	€ 8,000,000	=	€9,648	€9,367
€ 8,000,000	to	€ 9,000,000	=	€10,854	€10,538
> €9,000,000			=	€12,060	€11,709

### ***Associates – only pay the minimum fee***

\*At the March 2026 SAFE Board meeting, it was agreed, that the 2026 membership fees would increase by 3%.