# Programme / Project Description / Aims and Objectives

The Annual European Conference of PARE is organised once a year, for representatives of national member organisations of PARE. Around 120 people with RMDs and related experts come together for two days of inspirational learning, networking and exchanging ideas.

The main objectives of the conference are:

**Aim 1: To prepare political papers and position papers**
Participants, preferably PARE and national executives/leaders,
- deal with relevant and challenging aspects of EU legislation and other European policies in the fields of health policy, health care, employment and social affairs (including disability), research and research promotion
- develop policy statements and/or position papers accordingly that consider their interests and can be used for their purposes and aims
- are able to use these policy statements and/or position papers for their political work and campaigning activities at national level to effect better health care and promote research

**Aim 2: To inspire, enable and empower participants**
Participants involved in national organisations, PARE executives and, if possible and dependent on topics, national executives
- enable and empower through sharing best practices and knowledge transfer
- discuss common challenges shared by national organisations, and develop supportive tools/materials to use on the national level in order to tackle these challenges
- experience the usefulness and relevance of collaboration, cooperation and teamwork and make use of these networking opportunities for their purposes and goals

**Aim 3: To implement EULAR’s strategic objectives and products**
Participants involved in national organisations, PARE executives and, if possible and dependent on topics, national executives
- learn about EULAR’s strategic objectives and their implementation, about EULAR’s products and the way how EULAR’s three pillars are involved in developing these products and the implementation process (e.g. research, school, quality of care, advocacy)
- experience PARE’s role within EULAR and the way how PARE’s national representatives can get involved in PARE, PARE’s activities and thus EULAR
- gain knowledge of EULAR’s various products and recommendations and are encouraged and instructed how to use them

## Role of Working Group Members

- Be part of the overall PARE Conference planning team
- Give concrete input to the programme and its development at different stages
- Give input to related aspects of the PARE Conference
- Take responsibility for certain programme parts and support the event on-site or virtually

## Timeline / Detailed Schedule

- The EULAR PARE Conference Programme planning cycle starts a year ahead of the envisaged event. Due to the pandemic the next f2f conference (tbc) is currently explored to happen in 19-22 October 2022. The event will be held in Brussels.
- 2022 will be the pilot event after the review of the PARE Conference in 2019/2020.
The conference will be planned in close alignment with the EULAR Communications, EULAR Education, EULAR Advocacy teams and reports back to the EULAR Board and EULAR Council.

For 2022 discussions have already started and once the new Working Group members have been identified they will be briefed and included into the discussions and planning.

The PARE Conference Working Group for 2022 is led by Souzi Makri, Chair of the PARE Committee.

## Required Skills

**Essential skills:**
- Very good written and oral English
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work to deadlines
- Personal experience of having attended other medical / patient conferences at national or international level
- Strong involvement within national patient organisation and knowledge of what matters to the patient community
- Access to network at national but also European level to be able to feed potential speakers into the programme

**Desirable skills:**
- Involvement in organising an event (webinar, conference, congress) at national level
- Personal experience of having attended a EULAR PARE Conference in the past

## Additional Comments

The Working Group needs 4 additional members.
Current Working Group members come from: Portugal, Cyprus.

If you have questions, please contact pare@eular.org