

European Prostate Cancer Coalition

Europa Uomo

The Voice of Men with Prostate Cancer in Europe

**Annual Report
of the Board
2025/26**



1. Chair's Note

Dear Reader,

It is a yearly pleasure for the chair of an association to write a little word of introduction to an annual report. This year it is my turn as the new chair of the European Prostate Cancer Coalition to write the introduction to our annual report.

Since our Annual General Assembly of 2025 in beautiful Helsinki a lot has happened. We had a new board and installed an executive committee. As before our board is a group of voluntary members, eight out of nine are prostate cancer patients and one is a onco-psychologist who is well aware of what keeps patients with prostate cancer awake at night. Together we set out to think about our organization and where we want to go in the future.

To do this we went into "isolation" in Barcelona with an external moderator and our executive secretary. There we laid the foundation of the remodelling document of Europa Uomo that is presented in this report and during this AGA 2025.

As a result of this two-day meeting, we decided to review our statutes and bylaws and change them where needed. During this AGA we will ask our membership to vote on the final proposals so that we can eventually adopt both mildly modified statutes and bylaws. They will then form the new legal basis for our organization.

Also, during this retreat, the board decided that we need to work more effectively with our membership, to have better results in projects and to have more effective bonding between our members.

As you can read in this report and hear during our AGA 2026 several projects have been set-up and are being executed through "working groups". These are composed of board members but including interested representatives from our members.

As is customarily we will report on our finance and on our budget for next year. A lot of work has been done to optimize the confidence we deserve from our sponsors through the projects we do.

It is clear that we still have to work hard to realize our full potential and to remain one of the top patients' organizations in Europe. With around 100.000 patients in our network, we have no time to be complacent, we have to move because our patients are waiting for us to get screening done and to get optimal care in whatever stage of the disease they are. They all merit top quality of life and we have a role to play to get this closer for all. We will not leave any patient behind.

On behalf of the board,



Erik Briers
Chair
European Prostate Cancer Coalition [Europa Uomo]

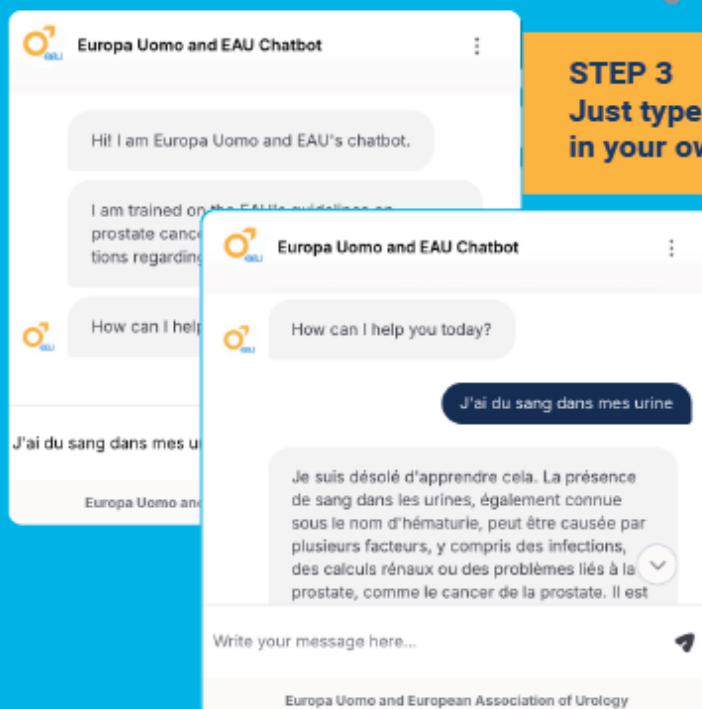
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Working for men with prostate cancer in Europe

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2. 2025-2027 Remodelling Europa Uomo

2.1. Introduction

Europa Uomo has become an “adult” organization with an excellent name in Europe. It is still largely building on the legacy from our founders and more precisely Prof Louis Denis and Tom Hudson our first chairman.

We have been building on this model ever since then, but the feeling is that we may need to “move on” to be better equipped to fulfil the objectives of our organization in a world with increasing numbers of prostate cancer patients.

During our annual general assembly in May 2025 (Helsinki) the membership elected some new members to our board, and the board elected then its new officers. This board inherited the European Prostate Cancer Coalition in excellent health, but as we all know any organization can be improved so the new board set out just to do that. It will not be a revolution, but it would be a remodelling, an evolution.

To that end, the full board with Anja, our executive secretary, and an external moderator, Nicola Bedlington (Millwater Partners), went to Barcelona (29-30 October) in retreat to agree on our strategy and to agree on government and operational changes that would make Europa Uomo future proof and even more impactful. Here we report on the outcome of this two day’s meeting.

Vision

Leave no man behind

A Europe where no man with prostate cancer is left behind, and every patient has access to support, innovative treatments, and ultimately a cure.

The European Prostate Cancer Coalition envisions a future where prostate cancer is no longer a source of fear or inequality. We aim to create a society in which no man with prostate cancer is left behind, ensuring full support from national medical systems and equitable access to the latest treatments. Our aim is to improve the quality of life for prostate cancer patients and their loved ones through better healthcare, comprehensive support, and a commitment to finding a cure. We envision a Europe where prostate cancer is taken seriously, where every patient receives the care they need, and where fewer men die from the disease. Together, we strive for a future where prostate cancer is overcome, and men can live longer, healthier lives free from the burden of this disease.

Mission

Advancing evidence-based advocacy

The European Coalition of Prostate Cancer Patients is committed to advancing evidence-based advocacy, fostering innovative research, and promoting equal, stigma-free access to holistic care and support for all prostate cancer patients and their families across Europe, through collaboration, awareness, and the empowered voice of patients.

Europa Uomo's values

Patient-led

Europa Uomo is guided by the needs, experiences, and insights of patients – people with lived experience, ensuring that their perspectives shape all strategic priorities and actions. This is also reflected in its governance model.

Evidence-based advocacy

Our advocacy is grounded in robust scientific evidence, clinical research, patient experience and quality of life data, ensuring that our positions are credible, informed, and impactful.

Independent

We act with autonomy and integrity, free from political or commercial influence, to maintain trust and objectivity in all our activities.

Transparent

We are committed to openness in our decision-making, operations, and communications, promoting accountability and confidence among stakeholders.

Inclusive

We ensure equitable representation and participation across diverse communities, countries, and perspectives within the European prostate cancer landscape.

Ready for change and ambitious

We are forward-looking and proactive, embracing innovation and striving for transformative progress in prostate cancer care and outcomes.

Professional

We uphold the highest standards of governance, collaboration, and ethical conduct in all aspects of our work.

Research

We promote, support, and translate high-quality research to inform policy, improve clinical practice, and enhance patient wellbeing.

Peer to peer

We foster patient networks that encourage mutual support, knowledge exchange, and empowerment across Europe.

Strategic Goals

Overarching Goal: Education and Empowerment of men with lived experience of prostate cancer across Europe

Goal 1: Advance Research and Evidence-Based Advocacy

To advance research (including Quality of Life and Patient Experience Data) and evidence-based advocacy through the life cycle of medicine and the entire patient journey from detection to palliative care. Particular emphasis will be placed on **screening, shared decision-making and active surveillance**.

Drive high-impact research and data collection — including Quality of Life and Patient Experience metrics — across every stage of the prostate cancer journey, from early detection to palliative care. Particular emphasis over the next three years will be placed on **screening, shared-decision-making and active surveillance**.

- **Establish** a Europe-wide data collaboration platform to capture real-world patient experiences.
- **Translate** research findings into concrete advocacy positions that influence national and EU-level health policy.
- **Promote** patient-centred evidence as a cornerstone for treatment guidelines, innovation funding, and regulatory decisions.

Outcome:

Research that not only informs science but also reshapes, through policy change, how prostate cancer care is delivered and valued.

Broad Success Indicators:

- Growth in the volume and quality of multicounty research collaborations on prostate cancer experience and quality of life.
- Establishment and sustained use of a Europe-wide data collaboration platform (number of contributing countries, datasets, and institutions).
- Increased integration of patient-reported outcomes (PROs) and quality-of-life measures into clinical research and health policy discussions.
- Evidence that EUROPA UOMO's research is referenced or cited in EU or national policy frameworks, guidelines, or parliamentary debates.
- Tangible policy shifts or recommendations reflecting EUROPA UOMO's evidence-based advocacy (e.g., in cancer plans, research funding priorities).
- Growth in cross-sector partnerships (academia, regulators, NGOs) driven by shared use of patient experience data.

Goal 2: Strengthen and Empower Our Membership

To grow our membership at national level, and to listen to and work in close cooperation with our members to help achieve policy change and investment in prostate cancer diagnosis, treatment and care across Europe.

Expand and energize EUROPA UOMO's network across Europe by deepening engagement with national member organizations.

- **Launch** a membership growth and mentorship program to attract new national groups and support emerging ones.
- **Create** structured dialogue channels (e.g., Member Councils, policy roundtables, online forums) to ensure member voices shape our advocacy priorities.
- **Equip** members with advocacy toolkits, training through the Prostate Cancer Academy, summer and winter schools and masterclasses, and communication

materials to drive national policy change and investment in diagnosis, treatment, and care.

Outcome:

A powerful, unified European voice that turns local insights into collective impact.

Broad Success Indicators:

- Increase in the number of active national member organizations and countries represented, particularly in EU.
- Higher member engagement (measured by participation in meetings, surveys, working groups, and campaigns).
- Establishment of structured communication channels that demonstrate regular two-way dialogue (e.g., annual member forum attendance, use of online platforms).
- Evidence that member organizations apply EUROPA UOMO tools and materials in national advocacy or awareness campaigns.
- Positive member satisfaction and perceived value of belonging (via periodic qualitative surveys).
- Emergence of joint member-led initiatives or coordinated advocacy actions across multiple countries.

Goal 3: Achieve Equity and Inclusion for All Men and Their Families

To strive for equity of access and non -discrimination for all men living with prostate cancer, and their families, to ensure no one is left behind.

Champion equitable access to high-quality prostate cancer care and support – regardless of geography, age, sexual orientation, income, or background.

- **Map and expose** inequalities in access to care across countries and regions.
- **Advocate** for EU and national policy frameworks that guarantee non-discriminatory treatment, financial protection, and psychosocial support.
- **Partner** with underserved communities to co-create targeted awareness and support initiatives.

Outcome:

A Europe where every man with prostate cancer – and his family – receives fair, dignified, and timely care.

Broad Success Indicators:

- Availability of a Europe-wide equity and access map showing disparities in diagnosis, treatment, and support.
- Documented reduction in identified care gaps (e.g., by geography or socio-economic factors) in selected pilot countries or regions.
- Inclusion of equity-focused commitments in EU and national cancer control strategies influenced by EUROPA UOMO advocacy.
- Increased representation of diverse populations (age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, income) in patient groups and research data.
- Strengthened partnerships with community-based or minority-led organizations to co-design outreach initiatives.

- Visible policy and media discourse linking EUROPA UOMO to equity and inclusion in cancer care.

Goal 4: Champion Mental Health and Whole-Person Care

To promote mental health in all its guises, through research, digital tools, peer to peer support, the role of partner, friends, family and community. We acknowledge the complexity and human burden of prostate cancer in all our work.

Make mental health a central pillar of prostate cancer care - for patients, partners, and families.

- **Invest** in research and digital tools that measure and improve psychological wellbeing.
- **Expand** peer-to-peer and community-based support programs that normalize emotional openness and resilience.
- **Integrate** mental health into every EUROPA UOMO campaign and advocacy effort, highlighting the social and emotional complexity of living with prostate cancer.

Outcome:

A holistic care model that treats not only the disease but the person – emotionally, socially, and psychologically.

Broad Success Indicators:

- Recognition of mental health as an integral component of prostate cancer care in EU and national guidelines.
- Development and use of validated tools or metrics to measure psychosocial wellbeing in patient pathways.
- Expansion and sustained participation in peer-support networks and community-based mental health programs.
- Cross-sector collaborations (with mental health, psycho-oncology, or digital health partners) initiated or scaled.
- Integration of mental health narratives into EUROPA UOMO's communications, campaigns, and advocacy outputs.
- Improved reported wellbeing and emotional resilience among members and patient communities (qualitative and survey-based evidence).

Goal 5: Elevate EUROPA UOMO's Profile and the Urgency of Prostate Cancer

To enhance the visibility of EUROPA UOMO as an organisation and prostate cancer as a serious life threatening, life inhibiting disease affect men of all ages.

Reinforce EUROPA UOMO's visibility as the leading European voice for men with prostate cancer.

- **Revisit and refresh** our brand, name, and identity to reflect growth, inclusivity, and modern advocacy. Consider the merits and implications of a name change to the **European Prostate Cancer Coalition**
- **Develop** a bold communications strategy that raises awareness of prostate cancer as a life-threatening and life-limiting disease which can affect men at any time

during the life course, not only in later life, to counter the myth that it only affects an older generation.

- **Engage** media, policymakers, and influencers to position EUROPA UOMO as a trusted authority and catalyst for change.
- **Create a CRM platform** to build and nurture key contacts

Outcome:

Greater public recognition, stronger partnerships, and a louder voice for men's health in Europe.

Broad Success Indicators:

- Noticeable growth in brand recognition and visibility (media mentions, website traffic, social media reach).
- Increased engagement with policymakers, influencers, and partners (meetings held, collaborations launched).
- Successful implementation of rebranding (if chosen), with positive recognition among stakeholders.
- Inclusion of EUROPA UOMO representatives in key European health dialogues, expert panels, and consultations.
- Growth in earned media coverage and public discourse positioning prostate cancer as a pressing health issue across the lifespan.
- Functioning CRM database supporting stakeholder relationships, demonstrating improved outreach and coordination.

Partnerships

Europa Uomo proudly partners with organisations, in a number of ways: member of patient advisory boards, speaking roles, advisory, research etc. We intend to formalise these relationships through Memoranda of Understanding, as appropriate, to ensure the relationship is not confined to one or two leaders but rather embraces the entire organisation and is long-term and structured.

It is underlined that strategic partnerships should also be developed with other disease specific organisations, notably in the cardiovascular health space, given the strong links between cancer and cardiovascular disease and the upcoming European Plan on Cardiovascular Health. This Plan will have a similar magnitude as the Beating Cancer Plan and will potentially offer important advocacy, research and project opportunities to EUROPA UOMO.

2.2. The three-year plan

Main objectives

Guiding principle

Any project or action should in the end benefit prostate cancer patients or a prostate cancer patient.

Service

Europa Uomo, the “European Prostate Cancer Coalition”, is an umbrella organization of prostate cancer support groups in Europe. Our mission is to support members all over Europe, act at the European level and support them in what they can do rendering service to their members, patients. This means that Europa Uomo by itself is not a patient organization, but this does not mean that our organization is not run by patients.

Sustainability

Organizations go through periods of rapid or slow change and stability. Hoping that nothing happens that would end the organization prematurely or by loss of relevance. At today’s situation Europa Uomo is “flying” nicely but is not well protected from issues regarding its sustainability. As patients we (as other persons) do not have eternal life, but as volunteers are doing all the work, Europa Uomo is today 100% running on volunteers, we are vulnerable. If key persons fall-out, the programs and activities led by this person risk to be discontinued. This is a real menace to our sustainability. We acknowledge ownership of projects to members of the board, but as they leave the board we may lose the project altogether.

Continuity

Beyond sustainability we need that the projects and programs Europa Uomo is involved in is continued from board to board, from chairman to chairman. Our operations have to show continuity.

The board

The board of Europa Uomo is comprised of nine members. These board members are a good representation for our 27 member/countries. This number agrees with the statutes.

The board shall elect its officers; there will be a difference between the “first vice chairman” and the “second vice chairman”.

Executive committee

From the board an executive committee will be formed through the election of the officers, it is composed of the Chair, First Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

The executive committee shall be running the day-to-day business of Europa Uomo. The executive committee will meet every month (or more if there is a need to do so), virtually or in person. Of the meetings reports will be made, and they will be available to the other board members for comments and approval.

Working groups

Within its powers the board can organize working groups as the board sees fit for the work of Europa Uomo. The board members select working groups where they can contribute. Each working group has a chair and selects its own secretary. Some proposed working groups are proposed here:

1- Finance

This working group led by the treasurer shall assist the treasurer in financial matters, control of the accounts and budget.

2- Membership, legal

This working group led by the secretary shall check whether the members agree with the statutes and make proposals on membership to the general assembly. The legal workgroups shall be responsible to draft proposals for changes in statutes and bylaws.

3- Communication

Our communication strategy, website are in this working group. The monthly news flash on the website is to be monitored, made by this group. This committee is led by the Chair. Awareness will be an important subject for this committee.

4- Scientific – medical

This committee is led by the “first vice chair” and follows evolutions’ in science and medicine regarding prostate cancer. The patient representative(s) of Europa Uomo in the guidelines committee of the EAU is a member of this working group allowing consulting with the group if needed. The same for our representative in the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

5- Projects and education

This working group will handle EU and other projects and projects on education for our membership.

6- Academy working group

It is obvious that this working group shall handle our Summer and Winter school and new to create educational schools for our members.

7- Others

The board can organize other working groups as required. The board shall decide on the task and deliverables of working groups.

Working groups can “recruit” members from the board but also from the European membership, working groups are not bound to the period of the board, they exist independently so that their members can work together if their contribution is positive for Europa Uomo.

The office staff

Europa Uomo has a permanent staff of less than 0,8 fulltime equivalents. For an organization of our dimension that is not sustainable. Anja Vancauwenbergh (AV) works very hard and is with us for many years. She will keep her role but modified.

Executive secretary (AV): Secretary of the board and of the executive board, personal assistant to the chair, assisting in organizing board and executive board meetings, ...

Communications and Policy officer: today we have engaged Angelina Kogur to help us as communications and policy officer. She will be handling our communications strategy, website and social media. She will make sure that our image to Europe and the world is a correct representation of who we are.

The communications and policy officer is to work closely together with colleagues from EAU policy office and other organizations.

Other functions can be filled this year and next year so that we can execute our plans for the next three years and more

3. Europa Uomo projects

3.1. PRAISE-U



Europa Uomo is closely involved in PRAISE-U, a European project that aims to make large-scale prostate cancer screening possible. The project, funded by the EU, is developing a protocol to detect prostate cancer at an early stage in men across Europe.

Europa Uomo plays an active role in the planning and implementation of these studies, which could form the basis for national screening programs. Early detection can save lives, help men with advanced cancer, and significantly reduce healthcare costs. With PRAISE-U, Europa Uomo aims to ensure that prostate cancer screening eventually becomes available in all European member states.

Recently an extension of PRAISE-U was approved by the EU and Europa Uomo will again play a role in this project continuation.

3.2. DE-ESCALATE



DE-ESCALATE is a pragmatic Phase III clinical trial focusing on metastatic prostate cancer. It is a research project coordinated by EORTC and funded by the Horizon Europe Programme.

This clinical trial is evaluating whether intermittent intensified androgen deprivation therapy (iADT) for metastatic prostate cancer is as effective as continuous treatment, while reducing side effects, resource use, and improving quality of life. It will also monitor early signs of any negative impact on overall survival.

The study will enroll up to 1,600 patients across 80 sites in 11 European countries. It is patient-centred, using patient-developed questionnaires to assess quality of life.

DE-ESCALATE is managed by a multidisciplinary and multistakeholder consortium involving clinical oncologists, surgeons, health economists, and patient representatives including Europa Uomo.

The study aims to improve both patient outcomes and healthcare system sustainability.

3.3. Living with Prostate Cancer



Project Description

In 2025, Europe Uomo launched an international initiative focusing on the impact of prostate cancer on the daily lives of men and their loved ones.

Although medical treatments continue to advance, many individuals face challenges related to sexuality, intimate relationships, emotional capacity, and family life. Support in these areas is often insufficient.

The aim of the project is to gain a deeper understanding of these needs and to develop practical support models that can be implemented across Europe.

Actions Implemented

In the initial phase, the project has focused on concept development and needs assessment:

- Conducting a survey among member organizations
- Preparing interviews for patients and their relatives
- Identifying key themes
- Designing the project structure and implementation framework

Objective

The objective of the project is to improve the quality of life of men living with prostate cancer and their loved ones by providing concrete tools and strengthening support across Europe.

The project brings visibility to issues that often remain hidden—and builds support where it is most needed.

3.4. Europa Uomo Academy



The Europa Uomo Academy is the overarching training initiative encompassing both the Summer School and Winter School programmes.

In 2025, the second Europa Uomo Summer School brought together 30 participants from across Europe in Brussels (31 August – 5 September 2025) for an intensive training week aimed at developing “Expert Patients”. The programme provided a comprehensive overview of prostate cancer, including basic science, disease development, imaging techniques, PSA, and clinical trials. Participants followed the full patient journey—from diagnosis to advanced and metastatic disease—while exploring treatment options, side effects, recurrence, bone health, innovative therapies, and quality of life aspects such as onco-psychology, sexology, and end-of-life care.

The Academy further expanded its activities with the launch of its first Winter School (8–13 February 2026), training 31 participants to become “Patient Advocates”. Building on the Summer School, this programme focused on strengthening participants’ capacity to engage in healthcare decision-making at both national and EU levels. Key topics included clinical trials, evidence-based advocacy, regulatory frameworks, and healthcare systems, with particular attention to access, reimbursement, and patient rights. Additional sessions addressed quality of life measures, artificial intelligence, EU policymaking, and communication challenges.

Together, these initiatives significantly strengthened the role of patient representatives across Europe, equipping them with the knowledge and confidence to contribute to research, policy, and peer support.

Building on the success and lessons learned from previous Academy schools, the Working Group is exploring the organization of a third school dedicated to peer-to-peer support. This initiative aims to deepen knowledge, strengthen practical skills, and cultivate a community of practice among participants.

Peer-to-peer support has emerged as a powerful and complementary approach across multiple domains, including mental health, education, research environments, and community development. By fostering mutual understanding, shared experience, and collective problem-solving, peer support systems can enhance resilience, inclusion, and well-being.

4. Step out for Prostate Cancer initiative



Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men in Europe, (EU) with nearly 350.000 new cases diagnosed each year and around 78.000 deaths annually. Only when detected early, the disease is curable. However, due to the lack of organised and risk-based screening programmes across Europe, many men are diagnosed only after the cancer has spread, significantly affecting both life expectancy and quality of life.

Public **awareness** of prostate cancer – including how it can be detected and when to seek medical advice – remains low. The European Prostate Cancer Coalition [Europa Uomo] works to address this gap by increasing knowledge and promoting early detection, helping men access timely diagnosis and treatment.

To support this mission, Europa Uomo organised the first “**Step Out for Prostate Cancer**” run in Berlin on 17 October 2025, alongside the ESMO 2025 Congress.



The event included an in-person run at the Gutmuth Stadium in Berlin, situated between the city and Messe Berlin, as well as a virtual run available from 1 October to 30 November 2025, allowing participants to upload distances recorded on mobile devices via a registration app.

A second in-person run/walk took place in London on 14 March 2026, during the EAU 2026 Congress, bringing together around 200 participants along the River Thames.

Further runs are planned for ESMO 2026 in Madrid and EAU 2027 in Amsterdam.

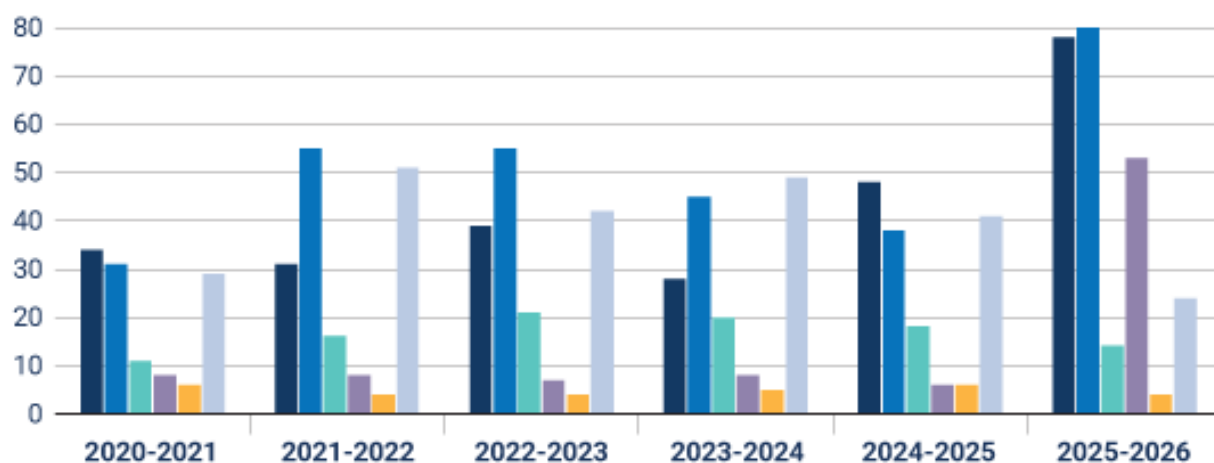
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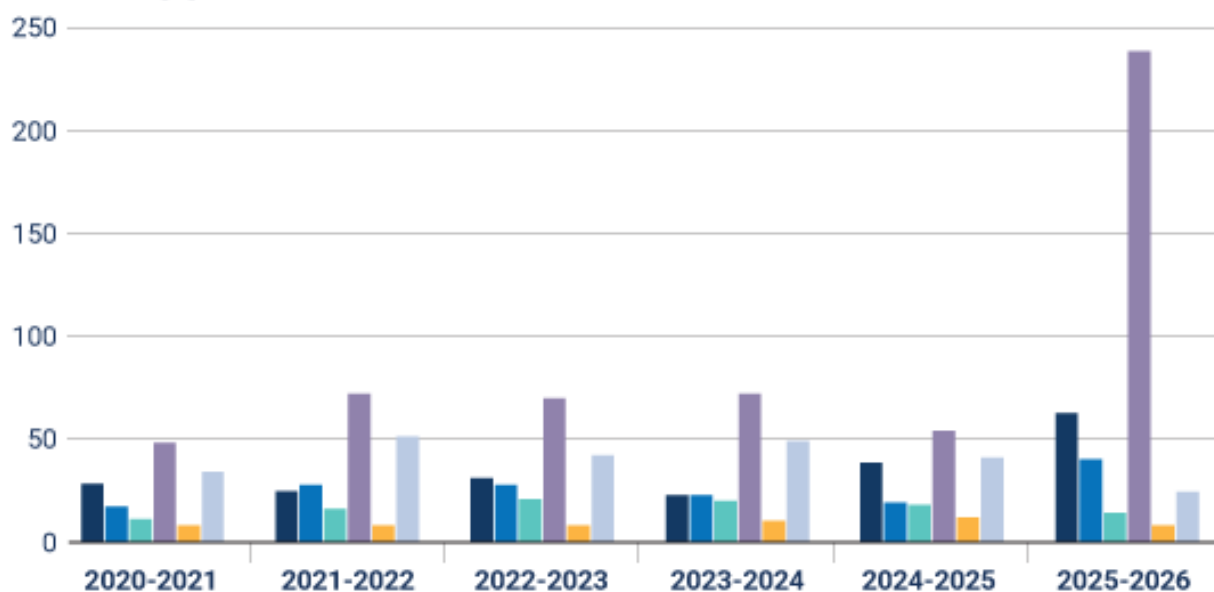
Partnerships and meeting attendance 2025

Pharma Partners Congresses Europa Uomo EMA Other

MEETINGS ATTENDED



MAN-DAYS SPENT



Making partnerships and communicating our views at meetings are an important means by which Europa Uomo can realise its objectives. The information below provides a summary of activity in this field. Europa Uomo was invited to speak at several of these congresses and meetings.

Attended congresses May 2025-April 2026:

Europa Uomo General Assembly and Masterclass, May, 2025 – Helsinki Finland
EAU-EPAG, June 4-5, 2025 – Noordwijk, The Netherlands

WECAN Academy 2025, June 25-29, 2025 - Rome, Italy
 PRAISE-U GA meeting, September 8-9, 2025 – Rotterdam, The Netherlands
 EANM 2025 congress, October 4-8, 2025 – Barcelona, Spain
 ESMO 2025 congress, October 17-21, 2025 – Berlin, Germany
 Daiichi Sankyo Patient Advocacy Forum, November 4-5, 2025 – Munich, Germany
 EORTC Patient Day, November 6, 2025 – Brussels, Belgium
 EMUC 2025 congress, November 13-16, 2025 – Prague, Czech Republic
 European Cancer Summit 2025, November 19-20, 2025 – Brussels, Belgium
 EPF congress 2025, November 26-27, 2025 – Brussels, Belgium
 EAU-EPAG, December 4-5, 2025 – Lisbon, Portugal
 EMA PCWP meeting, February 3-4, 2026 – Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 ASCO-GU 2026, February 26-28, 2026 – San Francisco, USA
 ECR 2026, March 4-8, 2026 – Vienna, Austria
 NextGen Biomed, March 24-25, 2026 – London, UK
 ESCMID Global, April 17-21, 2026 – Munich, Germany
 EPF General Assembly, April 18, 2026 – online
 APCCC, April 28 – May 2, 2026 – Lugano, Switzerland

5.2. Pharma contacts

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Pharma contacts



5.3. Partnerships

ASPI – Active Surveillance Patients International

Active Surveillance Patients International (ASPI) is a U.S. non-profit founded by men with prostate cancer on active surveillance to support others considering Active Surveillance (AS). The founders saw overtreatment and confusion firsthand and created ASPI to provide guidance and education. Today, over half of men with low-risk prostate cancer choose AS, and many with Gleason 3+4 may also consider it.

Europa Uomo regularly participates in webinars to share knowledge worldwide.

CLEAR-PC - Cancer Literacy Education and Awareness Resources for Prostate Care

CLEAR-PC is a 3-year EU4Health-funded project (2025–2028) involving 17 organisations across 6 countries. It addresses low health literacy (HL) in prostate cancer prevention and care, which can limit understanding, shared decision-making, and equitable access to healthcare.

The project aims to assess HL levels, review existing tools and strategies, and analyse the impact of social determinants on HL. Based on these findings, CLEAR-PC will develop and pilot a comprehensive strategy to improve digital and non-digital HL across screening, diagnosis, and treatment pathways, and support its long-term integration into healthcare systems.

Europa Uomo is one of the stakeholders as an associated partner and is also represented on the Steering Committee of CLEAR-PC.

EANM - European Association of Nuclear Medicine

EANM is the largest non-profit medical organization dedicated to nuclear medicine in Europe.

Europa Uomo is member of the Joint Consensus Project on Optimizing RLT Patient Referral Pathways for Prostate Cancer

Erik Briers was a speaker at the EANM 2025 congress, October 5-8, 2025, in Barcelona.

EAU – The European Association of Urology

The EAU represents the leading authority within Europe on urological practice, research, and education. Over 19,000 medical professionals have joined its ranks and contributed to their mission of raising the level of urological care throughout Europe and beyond.

EAU EPAG – EAU European Patient Advocacy Group (EPAG)

Europa Uomo is one of the members of the EPAG.

EAU Guidelines Committee on Prostate Cancer

The PCa Guidelines Panel consists of an international multidisciplinary group of urologists, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, radiologists, pathologists and patient representatives.

Since 2025, Europa Uomo has two patient representatives (Erik Briers and Bo Madsen) on this important committee. This demonstrates the commitment of patients to participate at this level but also the commitment of EAU to include patient voices in discussions.

ECO – European Cancer Organisation

Europa Uomo is represented by its chair Erik Briers in the ECO PAC. This Patient Advisory Committee of the European Cancer Organisation provides European patient organisations and bodies involved in patient care with a solid platform to express their expectations in solidarity with our Member Societies and provide the European Cancer Organisation with direct insight into the issues and challenges faced by cancer patients.

EORTC – DE-ESCALATE

Europa Uomo continues its involvement with the EU-funded clinical trial called DE-ESCALATE, investigating current treatments for metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate cancer. The principal sponsor is the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC).

EPF – The European Patients' Forum

The European Patients' Forum (EPF) is an independent non-profit, non-governmental umbrella organisation of patient organisations across Europe and across disease areas.

Europa Uomo is a full member of EPF.

ESR – European Society of Radiology

The ESR Patient Advisory Group (ESR-PAG) enhances the communication of the European Society of Radiology with patient groups. Comprised of dedicated patient ambassadors and imaging professionals, the ESR-PAG gives patients a distinct voice in medical imaging.

Our chair Erik Briers is representing Europa Uomo in this patient advisory group. Europa Uomo is also involved in one of its working groups, namely SAMIRA.

ICPO – The ICPO foundation

The International Centers for Precision Oncology Foundation (ICPO) is a nonprofit organization and establishes an international collaborative network of accredited ICPO Theranostics Centers of Excellence by sharing knowledge, standards and education in Radiomolecular Precision Oncology. Europa Uomo and ICPO organised a workshop in the EAU26 Patient Plaza in London on March 15th, 2026.

LTPC – Let's Talk Prostate Cancer Expert Group

The Let's Talk Prostate Cancer (LTPC) Expert Group brings together stakeholders from key organisations in the field of prostate cancer and is chaired by Members of the European Parliament. The Expert Group works to raise awareness of the challenges faced by people with prostate cancer in Europe and brings together EU level stakeholders with a shared interest in promoting policy change, education and awareness to ensure that people with prostate cancer, and particularly those with advanced prostate cancer, receive the right treatment and care at the right time in a shared decision-making process between patients and medical professionals.

Europa Uomo is represented within the LTPC Expert Group.

Mac4me

Mac4me is a European doctoral network aiming to provide new treatment options for metastatic neuroblastoma, prostate and breast tumours.

Europa Uomo is an associated partner.

ONCIDIUM Foundation

The Oncidium Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing radioligand therapy for cancer care worldwide. Their mission is to improve awareness, education, and equitable access to this innovative treatment, helping patients regardless of their location or financial situation.

Through our three pillars—Access, Education, and Hope—we support patients, empower healthcare professionals, and foster collaboration across the global cancer care community. And they aim to make radioligand therapy accessible to everyone, everywhere.

Europa Uomo and The Oncidium collaborate on initiatives aimed at improving prostate cancer care and fostering innovation.

OPTIMA

The OPTIMA consortium is working together in a public-private research program seeking to use artificial intelligence (AI) to improve care for patients with prostate, breast and lung cancer.

Europa Uomo is represented on the OPTIMA Patient and Public Advisory Board by Erik Briers.

OnHOME

The OnHOME Alliance aims to ensure all patients in Europe can receive prescription medicines online. While this service exists in eight Member States, nineteen still lack access. The Alliance works to close this gap, enabling safe and convenient home delivery across the EU.

Europa Uomo is one of the partner organisations.

PIONEER

The PIONEER study, an innovative health initiative co-funded by the European Union, focuses on prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment enhancement through the power of big data in Europe.

Europa Uomo works together in WP2.

PRAISE-U

PRAISE-U works to encourage early detection and diagnosis of prostate cancer through customised and risk-based screening programmes.
Europa Uomo is an associated member.

REQUIRE

REQUIRE is a prospective, multicentre cohort study of patients undergoing radiotherapy for breast, lung, or prostate cancer. The REQUIRE project has ended but produces regularly advanced analyses of the accumulated data.
Europa Uomo is part of the consortium and is involved in the Patient Advisory group.

SafePolyMed

SafePolyMed is part of the EU's research programme and brings together partners across Europe to tackle a major healthcare issue: polypharmacy (when patients take several medications simultaneously).
The project aims to improve patient safety and treatment outcomes by helping doctors, pharmacists, and patients better understand and manage these interactions.
Europa Uomo serves as a member of the SafePolyMed Patient Engagement Hub.

SPARC - Stakeholder Political Alliance for Radioligand Cancer Therapies

SPARC is a European policy initiative launched in October 2020 to create a clear framework for radioligand therapies and improve patient access. It provides expert guidance to policymakers.
Europa Uomo is represented on the SPARC Steering Committee by André Deschamps.

Thera4Care

Thera4Care was founded by a team of European experts to advance cancer treatment through radio-theranostics, combining precise diagnostics with targeted therapy. Their mission is to make personalized, safe, and innovative cancer care more accessible, offering new hope to patients with challenging cancers.
Erik Briers is member of the Ethics Advisory Board.

Urge to Act

"An Urge to Act" is a Europe-wide campaign aimed at improving incontinence care, influencing policy, and enhancing patients' quality of life. Led by the European Association of Urology (EAU) in collaboration with other partners (including Europa Uomo), the initiative seeks to reduce the significant social and economic burden associated with continence problems.

WECAN - The Network of Cancer Patient Organisations in Europe

WECAN serves as a network and platform for European cancer patient organizations to collaborate, learn, and align to strengthen European patient advocacy.
Our chair Erik Briers is a member of the WECAN Board of Directors.

6. Governance: Board Membership and Working Groups

6.1. Board

The board has nine members, each elected by the General Assembly for a term of three years, renewable for a further term of three years.

At the General Assembly in 2025, three board positions needed to be filled. Two incumbents, Günther Carl and Ioannis Vanezos, had completed their second three-year terms and were therefore required to step down from the board of Europa Uomo in accordance with the statutes. A third incumbent, Paulius Rakstys, had completed his first three-year term but decided not to stand for a second term.

In addition, Steven Lerys had completed his first three-year term, stood for re-election for a second three-year term but was not re-elected.

The newly elected members were Igor Antauer (Slovenia), Gianos Giorgallis (Cyprus), Brian Kavanagh (Ireland) and Bo Madsen (Denmark).

The new board met in person on 23rd May 2025 and officers were elected. The full Board for 2025-26 was:

Chair:	Erik Briers (Belgium)
First Vice-Chair:	Kees Vos (The Netherlands)
Second Vice-Chair:	Nils Petter Sjøholt (Norway)
Treasurer:	Marko Koivuneva (Finland)
Secretary:	Igor Antauer (Slovenia)
Other members:	Tania Estapé (Spain)
	Gianos Giorgallis (Cyprus)
	Brian Kavanagh (Ireland)
	Bo Madsen (Denmark)
Ex-officio members nominated by partners:	Hein Van Poppel (EAU)
	Alberto Costa (ESO)

Executive Secretary: Anja Vancauwenbergh

The board met six times since the General Assembly. Three times in person: 8-9 July 2025 in Antwerp, 29-30 October 2025 in Barcelona and 21 May 2026 in Ayia Napa) and three times by Zoom (15 January, 17 March and 13 April).

In addition to the responsibilities set out in the statutes for the Executive Committee, it is now customary for other Board members to take on particular portfolios and the lead of one of the Europa Uomo Working Groups.

6.2. Europa Uomo Working Groups

6.2.1. Executive Committee

The Europa Uomo Executive Committee, consisting of the Chair of Europa Uomo, First Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, is tasked with advancing the work of Europa Uomo by managing urgent, operational matters that arise between scheduled Board meetings and

monitoring the implementation of Europa Uomo objectives and activities and progress with individual approved projects. The Executive Committee regularly reports to the Board. Since the General Assembly in 2025, the Executive Committee has met on:

- 29.07.2025
- 30.08.2025
- 30.09.2025
- 02.12.2025
- 17.12.2025
- 15.01.2026
- 13.02.2026
- 26.03.2026
- 12.05.2026

The Executive Committee is supported by staff member Anja Vancauwenbergh.

6.2.2. Legal and Membership Working Group

The Legal and Membership Working Group consists of the following members: Erik Briers (BE), Nils Petter Sjøholt (NO) and later supported by Jim Blighe (IER). The group is led by Igor Antauer, Secretary of the Europa Uomo Board and supported by staff member Anja Vancauwenbergh.

Statutes and Byelaws

During the reporting period, the main activities of the working group were related to the revision of the Statutes and Byelaws of Europa Uomo. After many years without substantial changes, amendments became necessary.

Most of the amendments address legal and technical issues, while others aim to formalise practices that have already been applied in recent years and to facilitate more efficient work in the future.

Work on the Statutes and Byelaws began during the Board Retreat in Barcelona (28–30 October 2025) and continued through the following meetings:

- EMUC25 – 13–16 November 2025, Prague
- Executive Board – 2 December 2025, Zoom
- Legal and Membership Working Group – 8–9 December 2025, Antwerp
- Executive Board – 17 December 2025, Zoom
- Executive Board – 15 January 2026, Zoom
- Full Board – 15 January 2026, Zoom
- 1st Membership Information Meeting – 5 February 2026, Zoom
- Executive Committee – 13 February 2026, Brussels
- Legal and Membership Working Group – 2–3 March 2026, Antwerp
- Full Board – 17 March 2026, Zoom
- 2nd Membership Coordination Meeting (final review of the Statutes and Byelaws text in preparation for the General Assembly on 22 May) – 18 March 2026, Zoom
- Legal and Membership Working Group – 23 March 2026, Zoom
- Executive Committee – 26 March 2026, Zoom

Membership

During this period, there was extensive virtual and telephone communication with potential new member states, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Serbia.

On 3–4 December 2025, we attended a cancer conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, where discussions focused on prostate cancer, awareness raising, and screening programmes. We participated at the invitation of the Association of Prostate Cancer Patients of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

On 16 December 2025, we were invited to attend the 10th anniversary celebration of the Croatian Society of Prostate Cancer Patients, where we delivered a short introductory speech on behalf of Europa Uomo.

6.2.3. Finance Working Group

The Finance Working Group consists of the following members: Brian Kavanagh (IE), Magnus Klang (SE) and Ioannis Vanezos (CY). The group is led by Marko Koivuneva, Treasurer of Europa Uomo and supported by staff member Anja Vancauwenbergh.

The Finance Committee of Europa Uomo reviewed and supervised the financial figures for the year 2025. It also examined and validated the Treasurer's presentation for the General Assembly, ensuring accuracy, consistency, and transparency of the financial reporting.

6.2.4. Scientific Working Group

The Scientific Working Group consists of the following members: André Deschamps (BE), Tania Estapé (ES), José Gonçalves (PT), Velimir Korak (HR) and Martin Sweeney (IE). The group is led by Kees Vos, first Vice-Chair of Europa Uomo and supported by staff member Angelina Kogur.

The Scientific Working Group has held three Teams meetings so far.

Kees visited the Department of Research in Oncology at the Erasmus Medical Center (EMC) in the Netherlands, where he discussed the validation of the EU-PROPER Partner study. It is likely that the Partner Study will be repeated using a revised questionnaire. The Working Group is currently reviewing this questionnaire in detail.

A Shared Decision-Making study is still in a very preliminary phase. Two researchers from EMC are attending a patient and partner meeting in the Netherlands with Shared-Decision Making as the main topic.

The Scientific Working Group has also started discussions to integrate PROMs' questionnaires into clinical prostate cancer (PCa) follow-up.

Tania Estapé is working on a research initiative focused on psychological patient support.

6.2.5. Academy Working Group

The Academy Working Group consists of the following members: Carlos Alberó (ES), Erik Briers (BE), Gunnar Ersbo (SE), Eiler Lund (NO), Marijan Selendic (HR), Dave Wardell (UK), Ernst Zdebor (AT). The group is led by Bo Madsen, Board member of Europa Uomo and supported by staff members Angelina Kogur and Anja Vancauwenbergh (Academy logistics).

The group was not really set up until very late 2025 and had the first meeting January 2026.

The Academy Working Group is intended to follow up on our educational projects where the main projects are our Summer School and latest our Winter School. The working group should suggest improvements and be involved in updating the schools, so we make sure it's always the latest and most interesting subjects the schools' cover. And the group should take initiatives to create further education or information to our members.

The group was unfortunately set up too late to be involved in developing our new Winter School but has at the latest meeting in March 2026 been involved in evaluating the Winter School that took place in February 2026. Furthermore, the working group is now suggesting improvements for the coming Summer School in September 2026.

As a new initiative the working group will be involved in setting up a Communications School later this year or early 2027.

6.2.6. Awareness & Runs Working Group

The Awareness & Runs Working Group consists of the following members: Erik Briers (BE), Dimitris Deligiannidis (GR), Gianos Giorgallis (CY) and Bo Madsen (DK). The group is led by Marko Koivuneva, Treasurer of Europa Uomo and supported by staff member Angelina Kogur.

6.2.7. Mental Health Working Group

The Mental Health Working Group consists of the following members: Marko Koivuneva (FI), Kees Vos (NL), Giannos Georgallis (CY), and François Bertrand (FR). The group is led by Tania Estapé, Board member of Europa Uomo and supported by staff member Angelina Kogur.

They have had one meeting deciding on a survey on member needs on Mental Health issues, their experiences in the associations, and what they do when they have a request related to mood disturbances. A second meeting is planned soon.

The Mental Health Committee and its lead Tania Estapé are participating in the CLEAR-PC project which is funded by the European Union to raise health literacy in prostate cancer. More info: <https://clearpc.eu/>. Our role is to provide professional support in surveys and in the content of health literacy programs.

6.2.8. Communications Working Group

The Communications Working Group consists of the following members: Denis Jessueld (FR), Stelios Kyriakou (CY), Dirk Wyndaele (NL) and Albert Zammit (MT). The group is led by Erik Briers, Chair of Europa Uomo and supported by staff members Angelina Kogur and Anja Vancauwenbergh.

Members of the Communication Working Group regularly attend meetings and congresses to follow scientific sessions and prepare congress reports. For example, Dirk Wyndaele attended the EAU Congress 2026 in London.

Angelina, the new Communication and Policy Officer (started on 23 March 2026), is responsible for communication and social media and is currently working on the revision and update of the organization's social media channels and website.

7. Funding and financial report

Summary:

- This report is based on our audited accounts as required by Belgian law.
- No discrepancies were found during audit.
- The Board continues to distribute some costs to projects.
- Income more or less equals spending.

The funding for Europa Uomo comes from small contributions from member organisations through their annual fees, contributions and sponsorship from pharmaceutical and non-pharma organisations, and reimbursement for costs where Board members have attended meetings or given presentations.

As with any organization, but especially one run by volunteers, it is not always possible to roll out projects to the intended timeline. We managed to achieve and implemented our major projects: Europa Uomo Academy, Step Out For Prostate Cancer Run, European Prostate Cancer Awareness Day (EPAD) and the chatbot. We started Living with prostate cancer Project. We should also record our achievement on defending and implementing our strategy by raising our voice and being present at all major prostate cancer events such as EAU, ESMO and EMUC and through the excellent training during General Assembly. We also increased our financial support for awareness through, our member organisations.

Comparing this year's figures with the budget presented in our previous annual report, it is clear that some projects were launched more slowly than expected and did not reflect the full financial provision made. We have made great efforts on carrying out those year 2026. As we can see on planned projects for year 2026. Our budgets for 2026 and 2027 again show ambitious spending and income. It is the Board's task to monitor and align income and spending.

Patient groups are living in a changing world. Due diligence, avoidance of conflicts of interest and EMA guidelines are imposing stricter rules on those receiving funds and similarly for our sponsors. From this year onwards, all our received funds are indicated on our website with their contributions for the year.

Open bookkeeping is a key to our further success. That is why we distinguish in our budgets and reports the sponsorship given for our core activities and those for projects.

Our accounts have been audited and no problems were found. The statements below are a true and honest account.

In accordance with Belgian law it is necessary that these financial reports be approved by the General Assembly.

7.1. Balance Sheet on 31st December, 2025

Accounts audited by Guido Smet

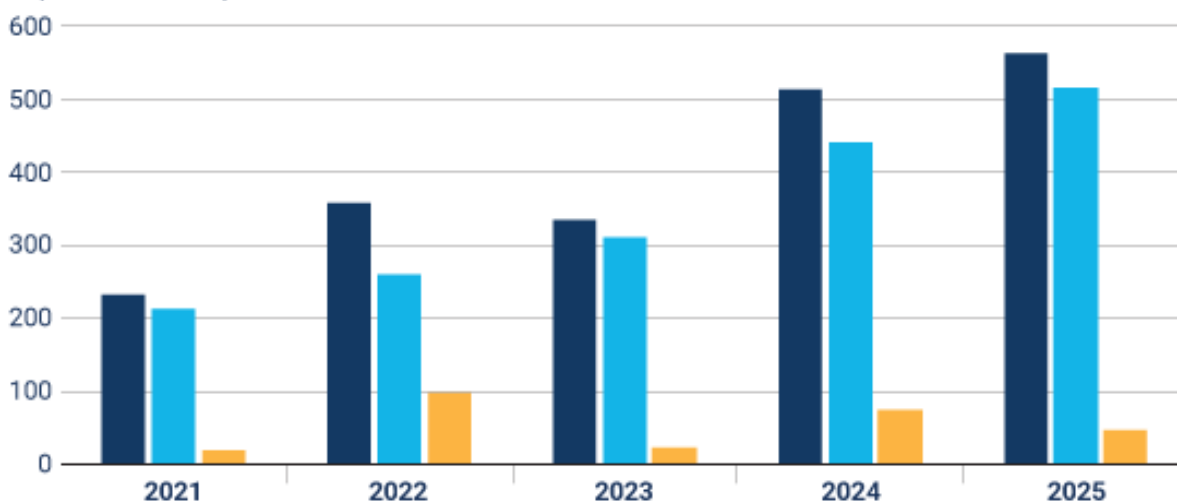
ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Business Compact account	654.684,74	Balance at 31/12/2024	221.591,55
Saving account	50.859,37	Positive result 2025	375.140,14
Deferred expenses	16.616,46	Results carried forward	111.900,00
Office machines and equipment	1.203,76	Deferred invoices	7.227,80
Receivables within 1 year	1.845,00	Withholding tax + RSZ to be paid	2.915,62
Guarantees	2.044,33	Provision holiday fee	8.478,55
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7.2. Result for the years 2019-2025

Result for the years 2021-2025

Income Expenditure Result

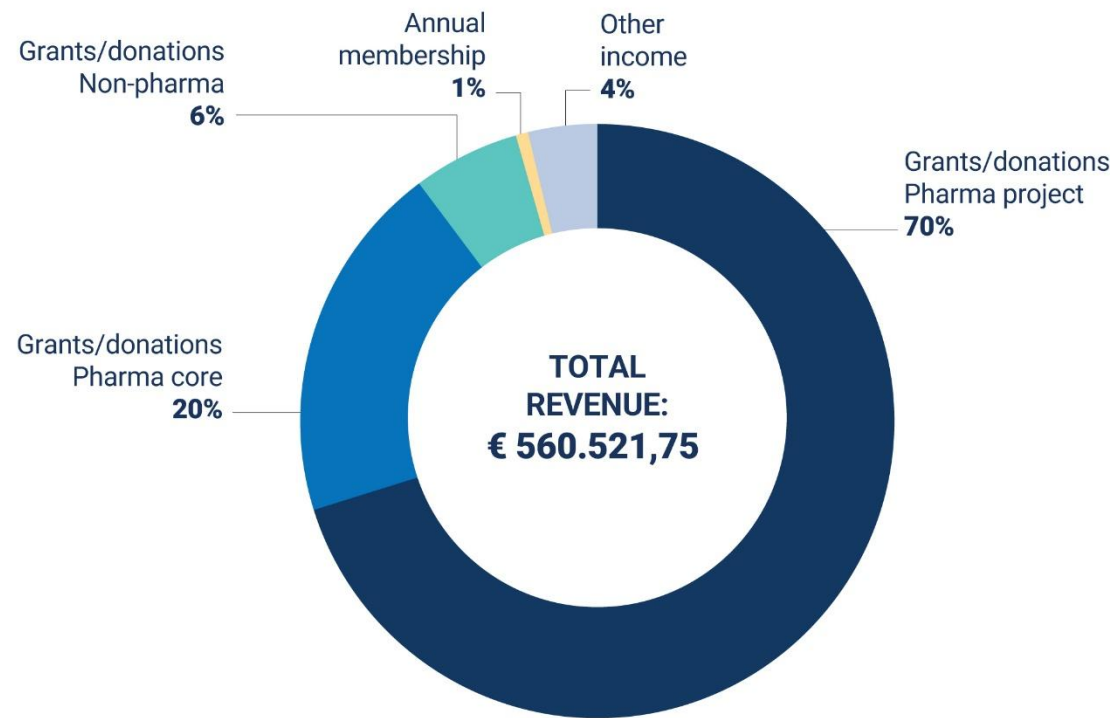
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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Income	176.596	253.101	230.821	356.720	334.032	512.120	560.521
Expenditure	213.712	146.670	212.390	259.783	310.695	438.997	514.452
Result	-37.116	106.530	18.431	96.937	23.337	73.123	46.069

7.3. Revenue distribution 2025

Revenue distribution 2025

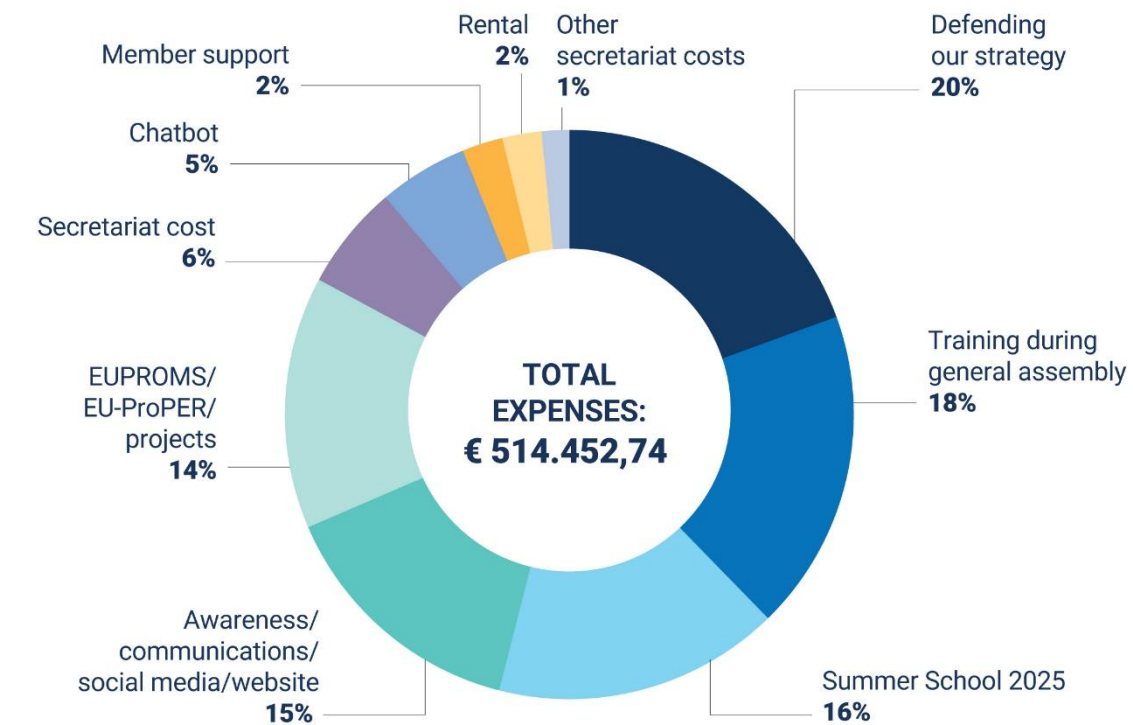


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	Actual revenue 2025	Revised budget 2025
Grants / Donations PHARMA PROJECT	393.340,76	270.000,00
Grants / Donations PHARMA CORE	109.805,24	80.000,00
Grants / Donations NON PHARMA	32.621,20	35.00,00
Annual Membership	3.700,00	2.500,00
Other income	21.054,55	15.00,00
Total	560.521,75	402.500,00

7.4. Expenses 2025 distribution

Expenses distribution 2025



All percentages are calculated on the basis of unrounded figures and rounded for presentation purposes. As a result, totals may not equal 100%

	Actual cost 2025	Revised budget 2025
Defending our strategy	99.930,13	70.000,00
Training during general assembly	93.998,01	80.000,00
Summerschool 2025	83.761,93	130.000,00
Awareness / communications / social media / website	74.845,75	60.000,00
EUPROMS / EU-ProPER / projects	73.751,70	80.000,00
Secretariat cost	30.673,14	7.000,00
Chatbot	26.054,51	30.000,00
Member support	11.940,00	16.500,00
Rental	11.474,56	12.000,00
Other secretariat costs	8.023,01	7.000,00
Total	514.452,74	513.500,00

7.5. Budget and actual 2025

	Budget	Actual	%
Income	402.500,00	560.521,75	39,26%
Expenses	513.500,00	514.452,74	0,19%

7.6. Revised projects 2026

Projects for 2026	
Website/Social media/Communications	€ 60.000,00
EU-PRESS (SDM) phase 2	€ 95.000,00
EU- PROPER (Partner survey) Phase 2	€ 85.000,00
QoL study	€ 91.500,00
Europa Uomo Academy 2026 (Winter & Summer School)	€ 260.000,00
Training members during GA (Masterclass)	€ 80.000,00
Member support	€ 25.000,00
Defending our strategy	€ 70.000,00
Step Out For Prostate Cancer Runs	€ 150.000,00
Early Awareness for youth	€ 75.000,00
Mental Health, Strength together	€ 100.000,00
Europa Uomo Chatbot	€ 30.000,00
European Prostate Cancer Awareness Day (EPAD)	€ 30.000,00
Total	€ 1.151.500,00

7.7. Revised revenue budget 2025, 2026 and 2027

	Revenue Budget 2025	Revenue Budget 2026	Revenue Budget 2027
Annual Membership	€ 2.500,00	€ 3.700,00	€ 3.700,00
Grants Donations NonPharma	€ 35.000,00	€ 72.621,20	€ 35.000,00
Grants Donations Pharma Core	€ 80.000,00	€ 109.805,24	€ 150.000,00
Grants Donations Pharma Project	€ 270.000,00	€ 353.340,76	€ 480.000,00
Other Income	€ 15.000,00	€ 21.054,55	€ 20.000,00
	€ 402.500,00	€ 560.521,75	€ 688.700,00

7.8. Revised expenses budget 2026 and 2027

	Revised Budget 2026	Revised Budget 2027	
Awareness/Communications /Social Media/Website	€ 66.000,00	€ 70.000,00	More communication with dedicated staff
Chatbot	€ 30.000,00	€ 32.000,00	Index correction
Defending our Strategy	€ 80.000,00	€ 90.000,00	New congresses and global coalition
Europa Uomo Academy	€ 200.000,00	€ 230.000,00	Maybe spring school also
Projects	€ 150.000,00	€ 180.000,00	New projects on top of previous ones
Member Support	€ 25.000,00	€ 30.000,00	
Audit fee, legal, taxes	€ 6.000,00	€ 4.000,00	
Other costs	€ 4.000,00	€ 4.000,00	
Contingency	€ 2.000,00	€ 2.000,00	
Premises	€ 12.000,00	€ 12.500,00	Index correction
Secretariat	€ 45.000,00	€ 65.000,00	New staff members
Step Out For Prostate Cancer	€ 100.000,00	€ 100.000,00	2 runs
Training during General Assembly	€ 90.000,00	€ 80.000,00	
Total	€ 810.000,00	€ 899.500,00	

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