

Petition for a European recognition of Fibromyalgia disease

Fibromyalgia has been recognized as a disease by WHO since 1992, as mentioned in the list ICD-10, M-79-7, even though it is questioned by a number of medical professionals, health authorities and the general public. Fibromyalgia is an invisible illness which is characterized by chronic muscle pains and many other symptoms, like morning stiffness, sleep disorder, general tiredness and fatigue.

In Europe, 12 million people are affected!

The major problem in this situation, which regards all European countries, is that the right of people suffering from this chronic condition to have a good quality of life is being ignored. It is urgent, therefore:

1. to fight against the scepticism around this condition
2. to protect the well being of the patient
3. to improve the quality of patients' lives
4. to develop an individual and interdisciplinary support programme which allows the patient to be independent
5. to set up measures to prevent the Fibromyalgia patient from feeling isolated
6. to ensure an in-depth training on this subject in the mandatory courses of medical experts and medical professionals
7. to allocate the adequate aid for scientific research into this condition.

With this petition, I am signing for a European Union in which the rights of people suffering from an invisible and chronic illness are guaranteed by raising awareness of the daily life struggle of 12 million citizens.

AN INVISIBLE CHRONIC PAIN IS STILL A PAIN