

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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# Introduction



The Officers of the European Renal Association (ERA), together with the entire ERA Council are honoured to present this report on the activities of our Society of the year 2023. We are very pleased to confirm that during the last year many new initiatives started in particular a special collaboration between ERA and the National Societies of Nephrology that allowed our Society to reach an unprecedented number of active members. The financial statements were also successful confirming the period of growth of our Society.

At the beginning of 2023 the new National Society Membership Project became a reality: 31 National Societies joined the project allowing ERA to reach over 20.000 members in 2023. The project is so successful that the number of EU countries joining is growing and ERA is also receiving request from outside of Europe (South America, India, etc.).

In March 2023, under the umbrella of EKHA (European Kidney Health Alliance), of which ERA is a founding member, a special “Show your kidneys love” campaign featuring Tina Turner was launched with the aim of creating a very much needed awareness on kidney disease among the general public, in particular for prevention purposes.

In 2023 ERA celebrated its 60th anniversary and the Congress in Milan (Italy) was an excellent opportunity to celebrate this important date. The Congress was a great success and a similar number of delegates decided to participate, a number as we had pre-Covid 19: we had over 9,400 participants (8,000 in person and 1,400 virtually connected). The networking component was even more enhanced by a number of new

initiatives that were very much appreciated by our members.

For the first time during our annual Congress, we organized “Learn by practice” sessions offering a wide range of very practical tips for the younger generation of specialists (i.e. how to prepare a medical presentation, how to manage family and career, how to set up a clinical trial, etc.). This novelty was very much appreciated, and it will be featured also in the future.

The launch of the ERA Neph-Manual (an educational online manual which is an ERA membership benefit) was done during the annual Congress.

At the General Assembly at the annual Congress the first women President was nominated as President Elect: Prof. Roser Torra (Barcelona, Spain) will officially take office at the time of the 2024 General Assembly.

The important EU Funded project, N-Path, which focuses on training in interventional nephrology presented its final outcome during the ERA annual Congress.

Sustainability is extremely important. ERA has launched a campaign to make sure that this is taken very seriously in all its activities, annual Congress included. An important article was recently published specifically taking into consideration the [2023 ERA Congress](#).

Last, but not least, during the Congress ERA gave a complimentary congress membership to all Turkish and Ukrainian nephrologists: this decision was taken by the ERA Council following the catastrophic earthquake in Turkey as well as the horrific ongoing conflict in Ukraine,





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thus allowing all our members living and working in these countries to fully attend the Congress (which is hybrid).

2023 was also the year in which the restructuring of the ERA Headquarters in Parma was finalized. Since then the office hosted a number of very successful full day board meetings of all ERA bodies, including the ERA Council, thus making full use of the new structure which has been called the “ERA Headquarters and Educational Hub”.

The Ukrainian Renal Disaster Relief Task Force (RDRTF), which was created at the beginning of 2022, was transformed into a permanent task force with a new name (Kidney Relief in Disasters). This task force will focus on all disasters (man-made and natural) and also provide education on preparedness, in particular with the National Societies of Nephrology. In 2023 this task force supported members and thus also patients in the Earthquake in Turkey (6/2/23), the civil war in Sudan (with ASN – American Society of Nephrology and ISN – International Society of Nephrology a joint statement in support to the population subject to any type of disaster was issued – 19/5/23), the floods in Morocco and, finally, the ongoing Gaza-Israel conflict.

Furthermore, on this very important topic, at the end of December 2023 at a leadership meeting with ASN and ISN, it was decided to join forces in this area to synergize the three Soc. efforts in this very important area and a very strong declaration against all man-made disasters was issued at the end of the year.

Networking and collaboration with other Societies is key for ERA and in

2023 ERA collaborated with two patient associations (EKPF – European Kidney Patient Federation and PKD International Polycystic Kidney Disease International) to create patient section on the ERA website, furthermore, another outcome of the collaboration with EKPF was an important document in Chinese to create awareness on kidney disease among the Chinese communities present in Europe.

CKJ’s (Clinical Kidney Journal) Editor in Chief was nominated in 2023, Prof. J. Floege (Germany) and he will officially take office during the General Assembly in 2024.

Two new task forces were established in 2023: Sustainable Nephrology and Strong Kidneys, the first one will focus on green practices in the field of nephrology and sustainability issues in all ERA’s activities, the second one instead will focus more on public health issues and awareness campaigns.

A call for another task force was done in 2023 (the task force will be created in 2024) called WERA = Women of ERA. One of the objectives of this task force will be to make sure that all ERA activities reach gender balance, as well as promote educational activities in this field.

Public affairs is also a field that is becoming more and more relevant, for this purpose the ERA Council decided to recruit an independent consultant in PA based in Brussels, his activities will be allow ERA to be even more effective in its contribution as a member both to EKHA as well as the Biomedical Alliance in Europe.



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The members of this Council must stress that current achievements are built on the accomplishments of previous officers and Council members, without whom it would not be possible to stand where we are right now. We will strive to continue their good work and continue to promote important initiatives for the nephrology society.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome you to Stockholm (Sweden) for the next ERA Congress where we will again meet at our annual Congress to network but also to listen to the best science, exchange and learn from each other! The Congress is planned to take up a hybrid form, both live in Stockholm and virtually, from May 23-26, 2024.

If anything about the many initiatives mentioned in this report is unclear, more details can be found at our [website](#).



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# 01 Education



## CMEs organised by ERA Working Groups and Bodies

Some ERA Working Groups and Bodies organised thematic educational courses.

All CMEs have been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) and attendees received diplomas granting European CME credits (ECMEC®s).

On January 19-21, 2023, the European Renal Osteodystrophy (EUROD) Registry, an initiative of the CKD-MBD Working Group, organised the “**6th European Renal Osteodystrophy (EUROD) Winter Meeting**” that was held in Leuven (Belgium) and virtually.

On May 6-7, 2023, the Immunonephrology Working Group (IWG) organised the CME Course “**Advances in Glomerular Disease**” in collaboration with the Mayo Clinic and the Turkish Society of Nephrology.

The event was held in Istanbul (Türkiye) and virtually.

The traditional ERA Registry’s “**Introductory Course on Epidemiology**”, which aims to teach nephrologists, paediatric nephrologists, and nephrology researchers the basic principles of epidemiology, was organized on May 24-25, 2023 in Prague (Czech Republic).





# Young Nephrologists' Platform (YNP) Annual Report



In 2023, the Chair of YNP was Orsolya Cseppekál and Safak Mirioglu was Chair-Elect. Amaryllis Van Craenenbroeck (Belgium) Amaryllis Van Craenenbroeck (Belgium) finished her term as Chair becoming the Past-Chair.

At the 2023 ERA Congress, 2 board members ended their term: Andreas Kronbichler (Austria) and Ewa Pawłowicz (Poland) left the YNP Board. Instead, the following 3 members joined the board: Fernando Caravaca-Fontán (Spain), Balazs Odler (Austria) and, Elisabet Van Loon (Belgium). Until December 2023 YNP had approximately 5454 members.

## Initiatives

- *National Representatives:* in 2023, YNP had 26 national representatives. The aim of this group is to represent YNP at National level connecting YNP to young national nephrologists and promoting all YNP initiatives also through engagement in YNP social media. The full list of YNP Representatives can be found [here](#).
- *Free Membership:* for the abstract-based track, in 2023, YNP allotted all the Congress based free memberships (30 best abstracts submitted by YNP Members for the 2023 ERA Congress). The list of the 30 YNP members can be found here. For the Publication-based track, in 2023, YNP receive 14 applications for the publication based free memberships, 72% (n=10) received the benefit, 21% (n=3) were not YNP members and thus could not apply, 7% (n=1)

did not fulfil the requirements (article not accepted for publication). More information [here](#).

- *Mentorship Programme:* the 2023 version of the program had [23 mentors](#) (13 mentors from previous years who agreed to continue, plus 10 new mentors who joined in 2023). At the end of November 2023, after the open call for mentees, 18 applications were received.
- *YNP Speaker Database:* this initiative aims to gather active ERA YNP members who are highly qualified as young speakers and who will be proposed for international meetings, including the ERA Congresses, CME courses, joint meeting between YNP and other Societies. As of December 2023, the speaker database had 36 YNP active members. 2 members of the database were automatically transferred to the main ERA speaker database as they were no longer YNP members. *Collaboration with other societies:*
  - ▶ JSN: in 2023, the nominated YNP representative for the JSN Congress was Rebecca Herzog. For the 2023 ERA Congress, the JSN representative was Sho Hasegawa. e-seminar: In March 25, the first joint e-seminar between YNP (ERA) and YPNN (ESPN) was organized as an initiative for the young professionals. The meeting had 97 attendees from 45 countries.
  - ▶ ESPN: Christoph Kuppe was nominated as the YNP representative





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for the ESPN Congress. For the 2023 ERA Congress the ESPN representative was Anne Mühlig.

▶ KSN: In 2023, the nominated YNP representative for the KSN Congress was Francesco Trepiccione. For the ERA 2023 Congress, Jeong-Hoon Lim and Kim HyOUNGnae were invited as representatives of the KSN.

▶ Joint e-seminars:

- On March 24, the second joint e-seminar between YNP (ERA) and JSN (Japanese Society of Nephrology) was held. The meeting had 82 attendees from 17 countries.
- The second joint e-seminar between YNP (ERA) and YPNN (ESPN's young experts) was held on September 25. There were 176 participants from 66 countries.
- On November 21 a collaborative e-seminar between the G&K ERA Working Group and YNP was held. The e-seminar had a YNP member as a guest speaker. There were 193 participants from 61 countries.

- ERA National Society of Nephrology Grant. During 2023, this grant was given to the following YNP members: Tiago Pinto Coelho (Belgium), Karoline Rosenkranz (Germany), Izabela Szubert (Poland), Sonya Gussaova (Russia), Luis Loureiro-Harrison (Scotland), Karol

Graňák (Slovak Republic), Leire Munoz Hernando (Spain); Anna Rinaldo (Switzerland), Zeynep Ural (Türkiye). This grant, the winner of which is selected directly by the National Societies of Nephrology, includes a free ERA Congress registration and three years of free ERA membership as well as a special diploma prepared by ERA that is delivered to the winner during the National Society meeting.

- *Collaboration with NDT & CKJ*: during 2023 there was an active collaboration between YNP and the ERA official journals.

▶ **Launch of the new CKJ section: In Context – in collaboration with YNP**: after a lot of hard work between the YNP Board members, the CKJ Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Office Manager, the new section '[In Context](#)' was presented to the CKJ readers. The introduction to the "In Context" section can be found here. In 2023, 7 articles were published, with 10 YNP members participating as authors (access to the articles [here](#)).

▶ **Reviewing NDT and CKJ articles as a YNP member**: active YNP members are invited to experience reviewing articles for NDT and CKJ. The YNP reviewers are all in ManuscriptCentral and highlighted with a green flag, so that the journals' Editorial Board Members can easily identify them. As of December 2023, 44 YNP members were participating in this initiative.





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▶ **Involvement of YNP members in The ERA Neph-Manual Nephrology Unfolded!** 15 YNP members were actively involved as authors or co-authors in this new ERA initiative that aims to promote medical expertise by combining the presentation of interesting case examples with a discussion of pathophysiological mechanisms and therapeutic principles.

▶ **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the YNP:** in 2023, in order to highlight and celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ERA YNP, an editorial article was submitted (in January 2024) to the CKJ by the Chairs of the YNP and its founder Prof. Andrzej Więcek.

▶ To further celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of YNP during the 2023 ERA Congress in Milan a special edition of the traditional **"Meet & Greet"** initiative took place. The meeting counted with the participation of 129 members.

### List of YNP Board as of December 31, 2023:

- Orsolya Cseprekál, Hungary - Chair
- Safak Mirioglu, Türkiye - Chair-Elect
- Amaryllis Van Craenenbroeck, Belgium - Past-Chair
- Fernando Caravaca-Fontán, Spain
- Hugo Diniz, Portugal
- Lauren Floyd, United Kingdom
- Balazs Odler, Austria
- Marieta Theodorakopoulou, Greece
- Elisabet Van Loon, Belgium
- Marieta Theodorakopoulou, Greece





## Clinical Kidney Journal (CKJ)

[Clinical Kidney Journal \(CKJ\)](#) is one of the official publications of the ERA published by Oxford University Press. It is a fully open access, online only journal publishing monthly since 2021. The journal is an essential educational and training resource integrating clinical, translational and educational research into clinical practice. The Ad Interim CKJ Editor-in-Chief was Professor Mario Cozzolino, Milan, Italy, until September 2023, when the CKJ Editor-in-Chief Elect, Professor Jürgen Floege, Aachen, Germany took over. His official term as the new CKJ Editor-in-Chief will start after the 2024 General Assembly which will take place during the 61st ERA Congress (May 23-26, 2024, Stockholm, Sweden).

The [Editorial Board](#) consists of 6 Associate Editors, 2 Statistical Advisors, 4 Social Media Editors, and over 40 internationally renowned experts in nephrology.

CKJ received 1.718 submissions (1.314 original and 404 revised) in 2023. The overall acceptance rate was 18.6%. All submissions to CKJ have undergone peer review. CKJ publishes editorials, reviews, original articles, pro/con debates, exceptional cases, and letters to the editor. In 2023 CKJ also launched several new manuscript types in the journal:

- ‘In Context’ in collaboration with the ERA Young Nephrologists’ Platform in which key publications in the field of nephrology are explained from a clinical point of view.
- A series on ‘The Forgotten Sex – Gender Disparities in Kidney Disease’ exploring gender bias, why it occurs, how it manifests, its impact and potential solutions in the setting of kidney disease.

- A series on ‘Epidemiology and Biostatistics in Medicine’ in collaboration with the ERA Registry.

All graphical abstracts and figures are redesigned by a professional medical illustrator before publication.

In 2023, the journal received 1.359.210 full-text downloads. The impact factor is 4.6, ranking the journal 17/88 in the nephrology/urology category.

The top cited articles contributing to the 2022 impact factor were:

- [External validation of prognostic models: what, why, how, when and where?](#)
- [Humoral response to a third injection of BNT162b2 vaccine in patients on maintenance haemodialysis](#)
- [The ERA-EDTA Registry Annual Report 2018: a summary](#)

In 2023, CKJ published the accepted, unedited manuscripts online within 3 to 5 working days after the author license had been signed. The accepted manuscript was then replaced by the final, typeset proof within 6 weeks. The average review process took 2 to 3 weeks.

CKJ published 2 Supplements in 2023:

- [Choosing the right: therapy, place and time for kidney disease patients - Treatment choice and shared decision-making in clinic](#)
- [New Lights on IgA nephropathy](#)





## Clinical Kidney Journal (CKJ)

Each online *CKJ* publication shows its individual Altimetrics score which is the amount of attention the article has received online, in social media, and from news sites. The highest Altimetrics scoring paper in 2023 was: '[Kidney function changes in acute heart failure: a practical approach to interpretation and management](#)'.

*CKJ* is widely promoted on social media. The CKJ X account (@CKJsocial) reached over 12.000 followers in 2023 and the ERA SoMe team launched reels on *CKJ* publications on the ERA Instagram account. At the end of 2023, the journal also launched its own monthly Newsletter in which highlights of each new *CKJ* issue, important news, etc. are promoted.

In 2023, the ERA Journal Club continued. Each month, a high-impact article was discussed in a webinar with the authors and external panelists. During these webinars, the audience could also ask live questions to the speakers. The Journal Club archive can be accessed [here](#).

In 2023, *CKJ* published a successful joint collection with Nutrition Reviews including articles from NDT, *CKJ* and Nutrition Reviews on the important link between nutrition and kidney health.

The [2023 reviewers](#) of the journal are also acknowledged on the *CKJ* homepage and ERA platform and the top 3 reviewers, Drs Putra Bobby Pratama, Kaitlin Mayne, and Safak Mirioglu received an official certificate at the annual Editorial Board meeting. Members of the ERA Young Nephrologists' Platform also again showed great interest in reviewing for *CKJ* which is the result of the [journal's reviewer mentorship program](#).





# ERA Neph-Manual



In 2023, the ERA launched the [ERA Neph-Manual](#). This Manual, presented as an e-book on the ERA platform, is specifically designed for young nephrologists and is meant to support their training in and broaden their knowledge of the nephrology specialty.

Access to the ERA Neph-Manual is an exclusive ERA membership benefit. The Manual is published by the ERA thanks to the support of the [European Renal Association Curatorium \(ERAC\)](#).

After an open call, Professor Jeroen Kooman (Maastricht, The Netherlands) was elected as the Editor-in-Chief. The [Editorial Board](#), responsible for evaluating the quality of each chapter, consists of 15 members of the ERA Young Nephrologist's Platform and 40 senior experts in the field.

The ERA Neph-Manual has the following ISBN number:



The Manual consists of different chapters covering various aspects of kidney disease and discusses pathophysiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis, and treatment in clearly subdivided blocks, accompanied by graphical abstracts, and several tables and illustrations. Each chapter consists of interesting case examples and ends with 'test yourself' and multiple-choice questions. All graphical abstracts and figures are redesigned by a professional medical illustrator before publication.

The chapters are all written by experts in the field together with young nephrologists as co-authors. To give full visibility to the authors, there is a 'Meet the Authors' part in each chapter with a short bio and portrait photo of each author.

There will be regular updates of the already published chapters according to further advancements in the field.

The chapters that have been published so far are:

- [Nephrolithiasis and crystalline nephropathies](#)
- [Slowing progression and preventing complications of chronic kidney disease](#)
- [Kidney failure in the child](#)
- [Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis and complement mediated kidney diseases](#)
- [Diabetic kidney disease](#)
- [Advanced chronic kidney disease in older people \(≥65 years old\)](#)
- [Vascular access for dialysis](#)
- [Renovascular disease, hypertensive nephrosclerosis and thrombosis](#)
- [Haemodialysis: Anticoagulation](#)



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- [Monoclonal gammopathy of renal significance, amyloidosis and multiple myeloma](#)
- [Urology for the nephrologist](#)
- [Kidney diseases and pregnancy, and the relationship between complicated pregnancies and kidney diseases](#)
- [Haemodialysis: technical aspects and treatment prescription](#)
- [Disorders of divalent ions](#)
- [Acute kidney injury treatment: conservative and kidney replacement therapies](#)
- [Systemic diseases and acute glomerulonephritis](#)
- [Peritoneal Dialysis](#)

And more will follow in 2024!



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# European Renal Best Practice (ERBP)



During the 60th ERA Congress, two advisory board members ended their terms (Mario Cozzolino as Chair and Kitty Jager as Board Member).

The ERBP achievements in 2023 were:

## 1. Articles:

- [Atherosclerotic renovascular disease: a clinical practice document by the European Renal Best Practice \(ERBP\) board of the European Renal Association \(ERA\) and the Working Group Hypertension and the Kidney of the European Society of Hypertension \(ESH\), Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, Volume 38, Issue 12, December 2023, Pages 2835–2850](#)
- [SGLT2i for evidence-based cardiorenal protection in diabetic and non-diabetic chronic kidney disease: a comprehensive review by EURECA-m and ERBP working groups of ERA, Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, Volume 38, Issue 11, November 2023, Pages 2444–2455](#)
- [Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist use in chronic kidney disease with type 2 diabetes: a clinical practice document by the European Renal Best Practice \(ERBP\) board of the European Renal Association \(ERA\), Clinical Kidney Journal, Volume 16, Issue 11, November 2023, Pages 1885–1907](#)

- [Chronic kidney disease: the missing concept in the 2019 EULAR/ERA-EDTA recommendations for lupus nephritis. Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, Volume 39, Issue 1, December 20 2023, Pages 151–158](#)

2. e-seminars: in 2023 a new series of e-seminars on “Evidence based in Cardiorenal protection in Diabetic and non/diabetic CKD patients” was started under the umbrella of ERBP. The first e-seminar was held on September 21, 2023 titled “SGLT2i for evidence based cardiorenal protection in diabetic and non-diabetic chronic kidney disease”. There were 128 participants from 60 countries. The e-seminar is available [here](#).

3. Participation at the 60th ERA Congress held in Milan: The ERBP Committee was responsible for organizing the two Learn by Practice sessions (more details below). Furthermore, the ERBP Committee took part of the session “eGFR measurements in clinical practice” with Elke Schaeffner as a panellist.

1. Learn by Practice on Anemia in CKD: chaired by Mario Cozzolino with Lucia Del Vecchio and Sokratis Stoumpos as speakers.
2. Learn by practice on Hyperkalemia in CKD: chaired by Pantelis Sarafidis with Andrea Galassi and Kieran McCafferty as speakers.

Activities started in 2023 and still ongoing as well as new projects are:





## European Renal Best Practice (ERBP)

- Position Statement on “Primary prevention on CKD” (A. Ortiz, K. Jagger, and KDIGO).
- Guideline on Hyponatremia: An MoU has been signed between the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE) and the ERA.
- ESC Guidelines for the management of cardiovascular disease in chronic kidney disease: ESC and ERA agreed to sign an MoU.
- Guideline on use of Antimicrobial - Antimicrobial Dosing in patients with special conditions – Renal impairment: ERA – ERBP was invited by the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) to participate in the development of this guideline.
- Global Alliance for Living Evidence (GALE): Proposal from a non-profit alliance/company to make changes in guideline development with a living guideline process.

### List of ERBP Advisory Board as of December 31, 2023:

- Pantelis Sarafidis, Greece (Chair, Council Member)
- Sevcan Bakkaloglu, Türkiye
- Davide Bolignano, Italy

- Maria Haller, Austria
- Mehmet Kanbay, Türkiye
- Ionut Nistor, Romania
- Edita Noruišienė, Lithuania
- Alberto Ortiz, Spain (Chair of the ERA Registry)
- Elke Schaeffner, Germany
- Sokratis Stoumpos, United Kingdom





## e-seminars

The e-seminars series (types 1 & 2)

### 1. Supported with Unrestricted Grants

- ERA Journal Club
- Other Series

### 2. From ERA Bodies

- Committees
- EUROD Case Conferences
- Working Groups jointly with other Societies
- Working Groups: "Live" participant members receive one EACCME credit for each e-seminar

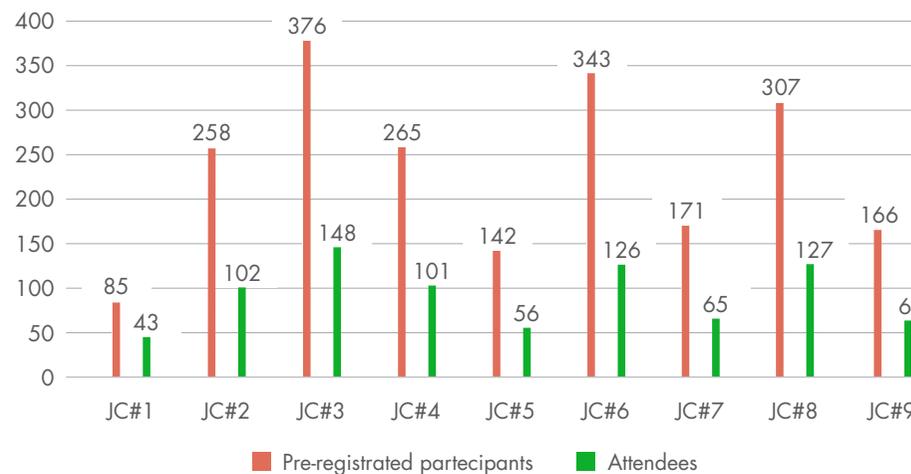
### Supported with Unrestricted Grants

**ERA Journal Club:** 9 journal clubs were held between January and November. The total number of pre-registered attendees was 2113 from 131 countries, while the number of unique attendees was 832 from 98 countries.

A graphical view of each journal club is shown in the chart below. The average attendance rate was 39%.



Pre-registered participants vs Attendees





## e-seminars

Other Series: during 2023, there were ongoing 6 series supported with unrestricted educational grants.

- **Optimising care and managing complications for the CKD patient (CKD patient series):** series of 6 webinars, with the #1 held in November 2021 while the #2, #3 and #4 were held in 2022. In 2023, the last two webinars of the series were held:
  - ▶ #5 CKD Progression: interpreting guidelines through the lens of recent data CKD and RAASi optimisation (February 16): had 157 attendees from 51 countries.
  - ▶ #6 Implementing a programme of RAASi optimisation for patients with CKD and HF (April 13): had 121 attendees from 58 countries.
- **Diabetic Kidney Disease Management: from trials to guidelines (DKD management series):** series of 2 webinars where the first one was held in January and the second in April:
  - ▶ #1 What can we learn from the FIDELIO-DKD and FIGARO-DKD Studies? A holistic /multidisciplinary approach (January 17): with 221 attendees from 60 countries.
  - ▶ #2 The FIGARO-DKD-FIDELITY studies: clinical implementation in a multidisciplinary team (April 20): with 171 attendees from 54 countries.

- **Nutrition in Kidney disease: series of 1 webinar:**
  - ▶ #1 How to optimize the nutritional care in patients with CKD? (February 9): with 144 attendees from 47 countries.
- **Anaemia management in chronic kidney disease patients (Anaemia series):** series of 3 webinars, with the first webinar held on December 15, 2022. In 2023, the last two webinars were held:
  - ▶ #2 Impact of Anaemia management on the quality of life of CKD patients (March 22): 149 attendees from 52 countries.
  - ▶ #3 The challenges of anaemia management: from the guideline to the clinical practice (September 13): 101 attendees from 50 countries.
- **Kidney Disease: emerging treatments and new approaches (Kidney disease series):** series of 3 webinars with the first webinar held on November 17, 2022. The second webinar was held in 2023:
  - ▶ #2 Approaching the patient with CKD and comorbidities associated: how to choose the right treatment? (September 27): 149 attendees from 52 countries.
- **Evidence based in Cardiorenal protection in Diabetic and non/diabetic CKD patients (Evidence based series):** series of 3 webinars held in collaboration with ERA-ERBP Committee:

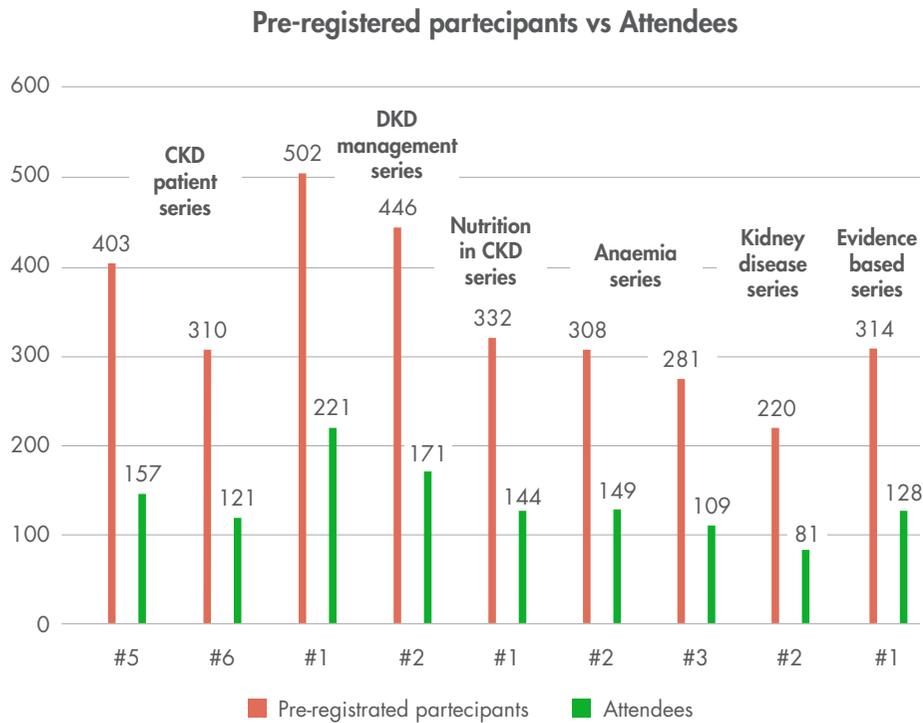




## e-seminars

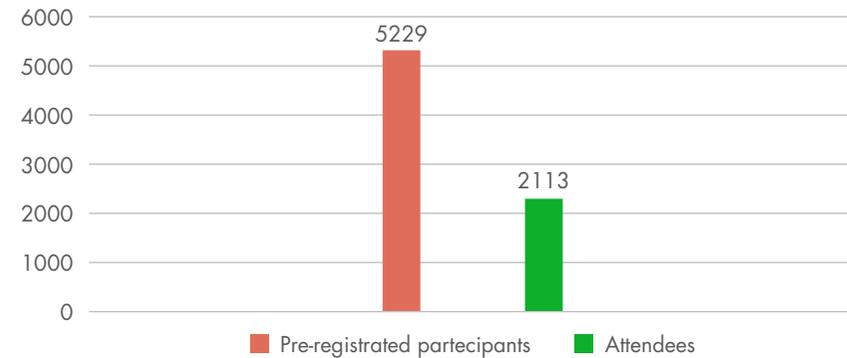
- ▶ #1 SGLT2i for evidence based cardiorenal protection in diabetic and non-diabetic chronic kidney disease- a comprehensive review by EURECA-m and ERBP working groups of ERA (September 21): with 128 attendees from 60 countries.

The graphic below shows the pre-registrants vs the attendees to each webinar.



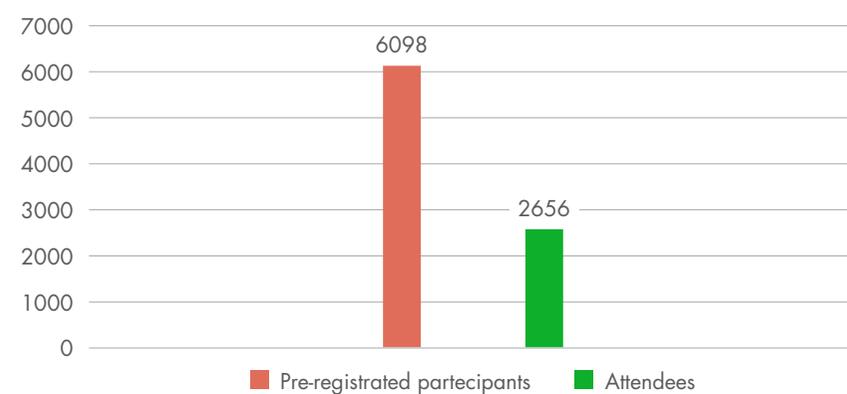
Type 1 (Supported with Unrestricted Grants):  
Total Pre-registered vs Total Attendees (TOT. 18 e-seminars)

### Type 1: Pre-registered participants vs Attendees



Type 2 (From ERA Bodies)  
Total Pre-registered vs Total Attendees (TOT. 18 e-seminars)

### Type 2: Pre-registered participants vs Attendees





## e-seminars

### From ERA Bodies Committees:

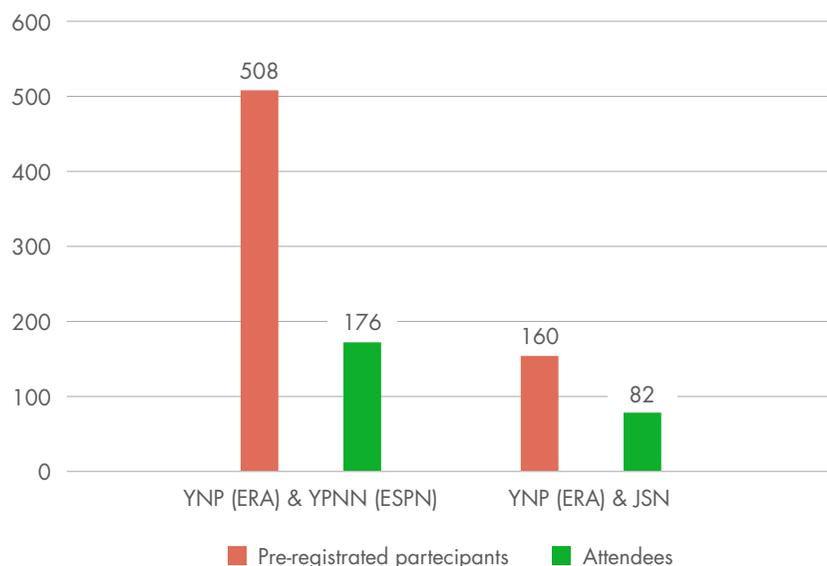
- **YNP (ERA) & YPNN (ESPN):** a joint meeting by YNP and the Young Paediatric Nephrology Network of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology was held on September 8. The meeting had 176 attendees from 66 countries.
- **YNP (ERA) & JSN (Japanese Society of Nephrology):** a joint meeting by YNP & JSN was held on March 24. The meeting had 82 attendees from 45 countries.

### EUROD Case Conferences

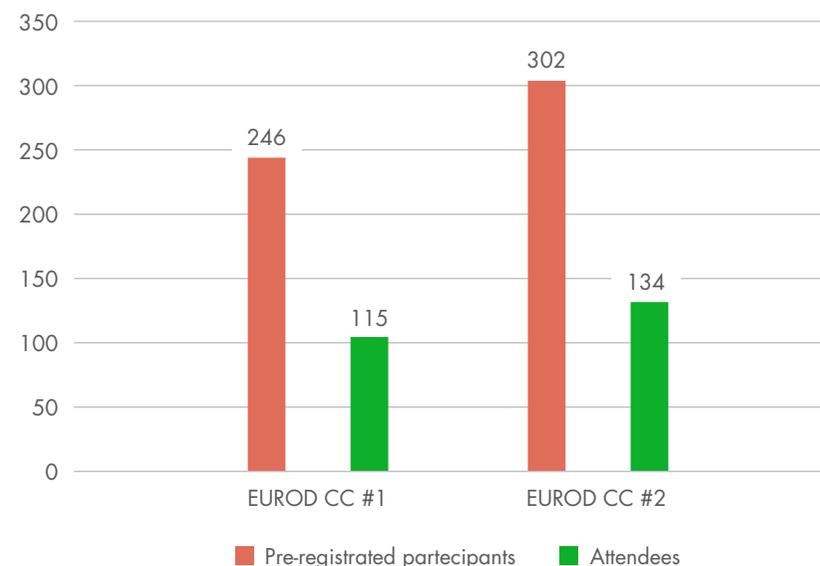
A new series of e-seminars has been launched in 2023. The EUROD Case Conference series aims to increase the knowledge of renal osteodystrophy, specifically how to diagnose and treat renal bone disease. Two webinars have been held in 2023:

- #1 A renal transplant candidate (CKD 5D) with an osteoporotic fracture (September 19).
- #2 A patient on haemodialysis with a vertebral fracture (November 14).

Pre-registered participants vs Attendees



Pre-registered participants vs Attendees





## e-seminars

### Working Groups jointly with other Societies

On September 5, a joint e-seminar on “Management of the failed transplant patient returning to dialysis” was organised by two ERA Working Groups (EuDial and DESCaRTES) in collaboration with ESOT (European Society for Organ Transplantation). The e-seminar was attended by 295 participants from both associations.

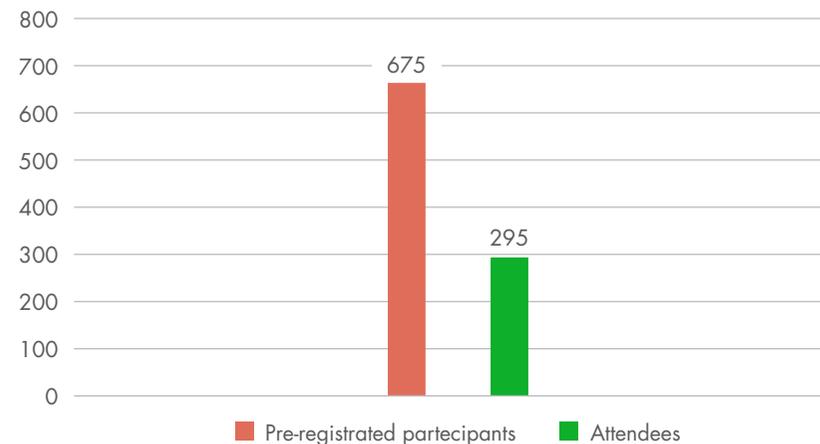
### Working Groups:

13 e-seminars were conducted in 2023 within the WGs e-seminar series.

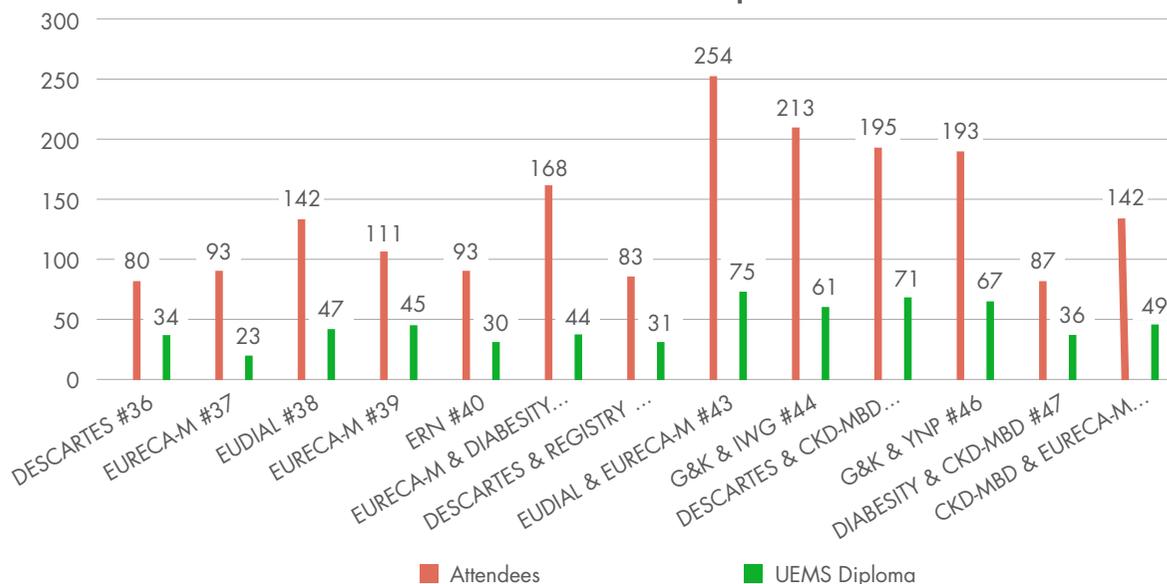
### Facts & Figures:

- 13 hours of live sessions and 13 hours of webcasting available on the ERA website and ERA YouTube channel;
- 4207 pre-registered and 1854 live attendees;
- 613 EACCME/UEMS diplomas downloaded (average of 47 diplomas per e-seminar).

Pre-registered participants vs Attendees



Attendees vs UEMS Diploma







# Participants



- Total number of participants: 9643
- Onsite & Virtual registered delegates: 7087
- Fully virtual registered delegates: 815
- Exhibitors & Sponsors: 1715

### Top 10 countries

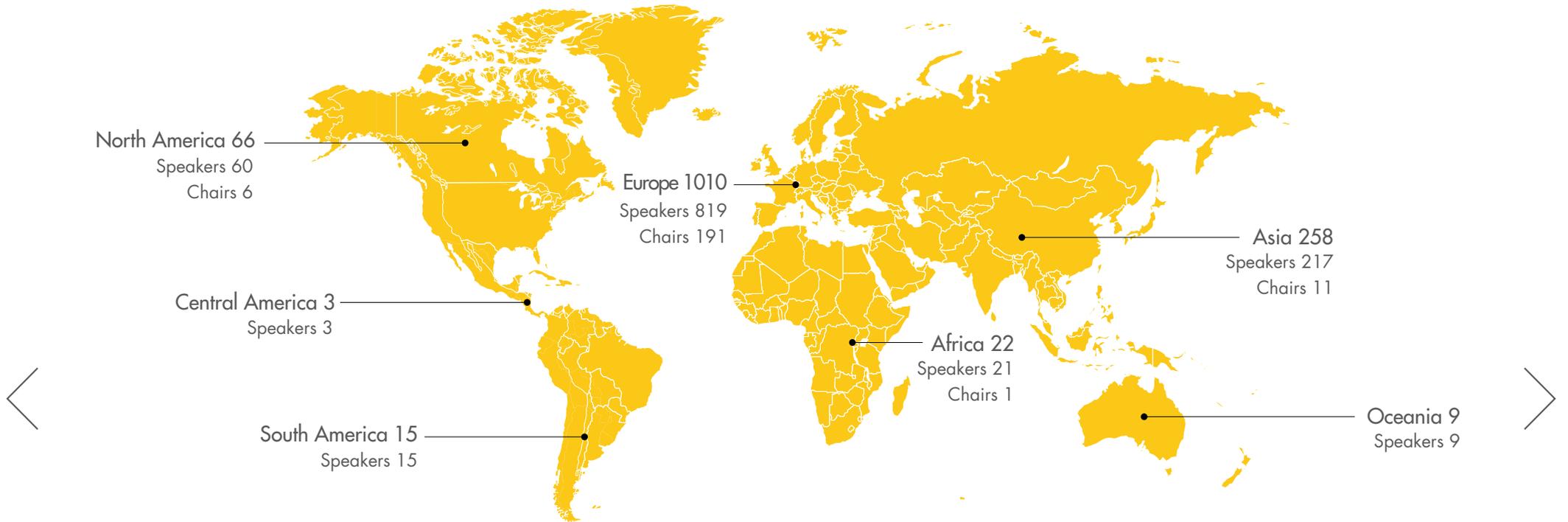
Italy	United Kingdom	Germany	Spain	United States of America	France	Switzerland	Philippines	The Netherlands	Greece
739	485	484	425	414	350	283	259	251	198





# Unique Speakers and Chairs\*

\* including Free Communication, Moderated and Focussed Orals



### Unique Speakers



### Unique Chairs





## Session distribution

	N. Sessions	N. Speakers	N. Chairs
CME	8	51	25
Symposia	49	124	75
Plenary Lectures	4	7	7
Moderated orals	8	69	8
Free Communication	26	124	52
Hands on Courses	4	103	12
Creative labs	4	4	0
Lean by practice	2	4	2
e-posters	7	232	0
LBCT	2	8	4
Focussed Orals	80	1074	80



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## Top attended sessions



### Thursday, June 15

- CME 1: Primary & Secondary GN, vasculitis and autoimmune diseases: 1000

### Friday, June 16

- Plenary Lecture 1: Non resolving inflammation: How a defensive mechanism transforms into a major threat to human health basic / translational: 2300
- LBCT session 1: 2100

### Saturday, June 17

- S 2.2 C3 glomerulopathy: 1000
- LBCT session 2: 800





## 2023 Submitted Abstracts



- Total number of submitted Abstracts: 2197
- Categories:
  - ▶ Chronic Kidney Disease (562); Dialysis (528); Glomerular & Tubulo-interstitial Disease (326); AKI & Critical Care Nephrology (264); Kidney Transplantation (247); Physiology, Cell Biology & Genetic Disease (150); Hypertension & Diabetes (120)
- From 86 Countries

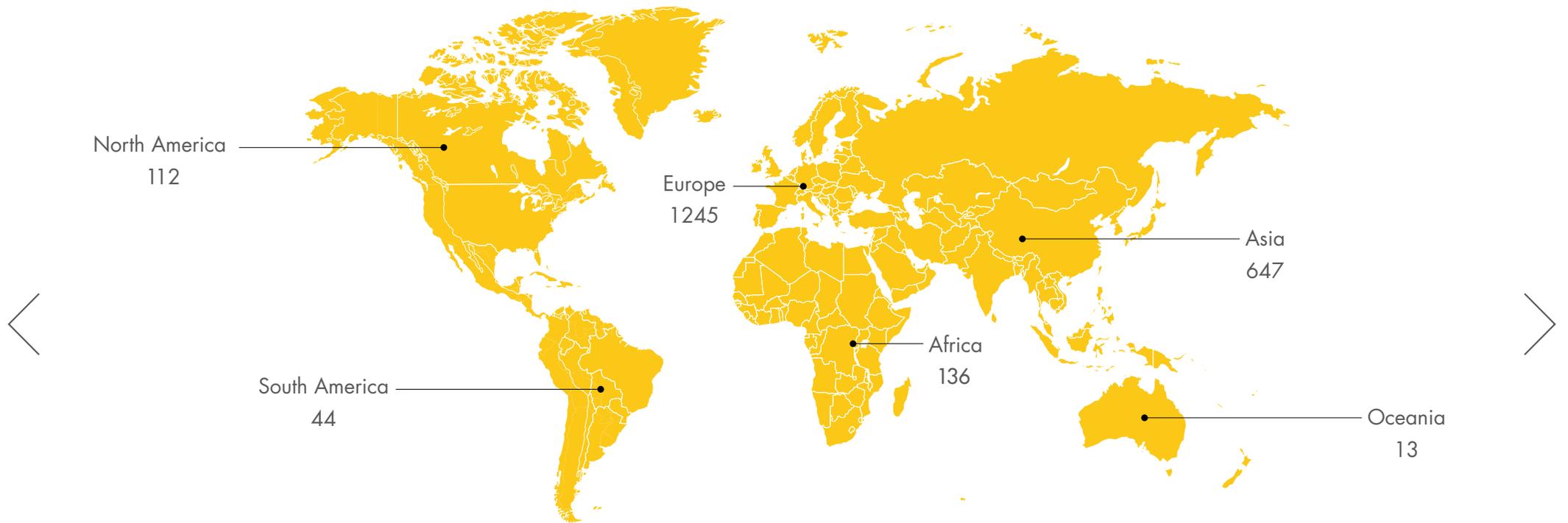
### Top 10 countries

Spain	Italy	United Kingdom	P.R. China	Korea, Rep of South	Portugal	United States of America	India	Japan	Germany
									
227	204	140	123	110	94	92	81	72	69





## Submitted Abstracts by continents





## Accepted Abstracts: 1794



- 98 abstracts allocated as Free Communication
  - ▶ Divided over 26 FC sessions
- 80 abstracts allocated as Moderated Orals
  - ▶ Divided over 8 MO sessions
- 1400 abstracts allocated as Focussed Orals
- 216 additional abstracts has been allocated ad e-Posters (Virtual mode only)
- LBCT: 7





# Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)



## List of SAB Members as of December 31, 2023:

- Giovambattista Capasso, Italy – SAB Chair
- Rafael Kramann, Germany – SAB Vice-Chair
- Samar Abd ElHafeez, Egypt
- Marcin Adamczak, Poland
- Peter Boor, Germany
- Annette Bruchfeld, Sweden
- Pierre Delanaye, Belgium
- Charles Ferro, United Kingdom
- Sandrine Florquin, The Netherlands
- Richard Haynes, United Kingdom
- Mehmet Kanbay, Türkiye
- Vassilios Liakopoulos, Greece
- Juan Francisco Navarro-González, Spain
- Francesco Pesce, Italy
- Kültigin Türkmen, Türkiye
- José Manuel Valdivielso, Spain
- Marianne Verhaar, The Netherlands
- Marina Vivarelli, Italy

In 2023, Giovambattista Capasso (a renowned Italian nephrologist with long experience in ERA bodies) was appointed to lead the ERA Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), with a strong commitment to guiding the Board and ensuring the excellence of all the Association's educational and scientific initiatives.

In 2023, the SAB supported the ERA in its scientific activities, it advised the Council on the Awards, Educational activities (e-seminars, CMEs) and the ERA Fellowship Programme.

More information on the responsibilities of the SAB is available [here](#).

## ERA Fellowship Programme

In 2023, two ERA Fellowship calls have been launched and fellows will be able to access host institutions and carry on their educational (Short-term Fellowships) and research (Long-term Fellowships) activities.

In addition, a call dedicated to the ERA Registry has been launched to allow a young researcher to visit the ERA Registry office in the Department of Medical Informatics in the Amsterdam University Medical Centers (location AMC) in Amsterdam (The Netherlands) for a short fellowship lasting 12 weeks.

Thanks to the **short-term fellowship** programme seven fellows will start their educational experience in early 2024:

- Louise Benning (Germany) hosted by the Department of Renal Medicine - Aarhus University Hospital, (Denmark)
- Katarzyna Mitrosz-Gołębiewska (Poland) hosted by the Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation Unit – University Hospital “Policlinico” of Bari (Italy)
- Shkelqim Muharremi (North Macedonia) hosted by the Department of Nephrology - University Medical Centre of Ljubljana (Slovenia)





## Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)

- Philipp Gauckler (Austria) hosted by the University Hospital Center of São João, Porto (Portugal)
- Karol Graňák (Slovakia) hosted by the Department of Renal Medicine, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (United Kingdom)
- Gonçalo Pimenta (Portugal) hosted by the Department of Nephrology, Hemodialysis and Kidney Transplantation, Poitiers University Hospital (France)
- Dilek Barutçu Atas (Türkiye) hosted by the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (United Kingdom)

Furthermore, an internal call was launched among the ERA Working Groups to identify 12-month research projects for the **long-term fellowship** programme.

Four projects have been selected and a call for fellows will be launched in early 2024:

- CKD-MBD/EUROD: European collaborative effort to decrease fracture burden in CKD (EUFRAC)
- ERAKI: Improving Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) follow-up to limit Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progression
- G&K: Integrated serum and urine-omics analyses in autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD) as a source of biomarkers and mechanistic insight

- IWG: CRESCENDO: A registry focusing on patients with crescentic glomerulonephritis

The ERA Registry short-term fellowship has been awarded to Lorenza Magagnoli, who will begin her 12-week training and research period at the University Medical Centres in January 2024.

### 2023 Awards

At the 60th ERA Congress Milan & Virtual, during the Welcome Ceremony (June 15, 2023), the following ERA Awards were given:

- ERA Award for Outstanding Basic Science Contributions to Nephrology: Tobias B. Huber, Germany
- ERA Award for Outstanding Clinical Contributions to Nephrology: Vladimir Tesar, Czech Republic
- ERA Award for Research excellence in nephrology (clinical or basic science): Maria Dolores Sanchez-Niño, Spain
- ERA Rosanna Gusmano Award for Young Investigators in basic science: Christoph Kuppe, Germany
- ERA Stanley Shaldon Award for Young Investigators in translational science: Edouard Fu, The Netherlands, and Stefanie Steiger, Germany (ex-aequo)
- ERA Eberhard Ritz Award for Young Investigators in clinical science: Olivier Aubert, France





# Working Groups

## Working Groups' publications in 2023

### CKD-MBD



Chronic Kidney Diseases and Metabolic Bone Diseases Working Group  
[Recommended calcium intake in adults and children with chronic kidney disease—a European consensus statement](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, September 2023

Click [here](#) to watch the NDT Author Video

[Klotho: a potential therapeutic target in aging and neurodegeneration beyond chronic kidney disease—a comprehensive review from the ERA CKD-MBD working group](#)

Clinical Kidney Journal, November 2023

### DESCaRTES



Developing Education Science and Care for Renal Transplantation in European States

[The 3-Step Model of informed consent for living kidney donation: a proposal on behalf of the DESCaRTES Working Group of the European Renal Association](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, January 2023

### ERN



European Renal Nutrition Working Group

[Nutritional status and the risk of malnutrition in older adults with chronic kidney disease – implications for low protein intake and nutritional care: A critical review endorsed by ERN-ERA and ESPEN](#)

Clinical Nutrition Journal, February 2023

[Why not turn “Food Deserts” at medical conferences into educational tools for a sustainable future?](#)

Journal of Nephrology, March 2023

[Recommended calcium intake in adults and children with chronic kidney disease—a European consensus statement](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, September 2023

Click [here](#) to watch the NDT Author Video

[From ultra-processed foods towards healthy eating for CKD patients: a proposal of educational infographics](#)

Journal of Nephrology, November 2023

### EuDial



European Dialysis Working Group

[Home-based exercise in patients on maintenance dialysis: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized clinical trials](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, May 2023

[Haemodiafiltration for all: are we CONVINCEd?](#)





## Working Groups

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, June 2023

[Shared decision making in elderly patients with kidney failure](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, September 2023

[Prescribing the dialysis dose and treatment frequency in home haemodialysis](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, September 2023

Click [here](#) to watch the NDT Author Video

### EuReCa-M



European Renal & Cardiovascular Medicine

[SGLT2i for evidence-based cardiorenal protection in diabetic and non-diabetic chronic kidney disease: a comprehensive review by EURECA-m and ERBP working groups of ERA](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, May 2023

[COVID-19 and cardiovascular disease in patients with chronic kidney disease](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, September 2023

Click [here](#) to watch the NDT Author Video

### IWG



Immunonephrology Working Group

[Prophylactic and early outpatient treatment of COVID-19 in patients with kidney disease: considerations from the Immunonephrology Working Group of the European Renal Association \(ERA-IWG\)](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, March 2023

[Management of antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibody-associated vasculitis with glomerulonephritis as proposed by the ACR 2021, EULAR 2022 and KDIGO 2021 guidelines/recommendations](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, May 2023

Click [here](#) to watch the NDT Author Video

[Sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibition in primary and secondary glomerulonephritis](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, August 2023

Click [here](#) to watch the NDT Author Video

[EULAR 2023 recommendations for SLE treatment: synopsis for the management of lupus nephritis: the European Renal Association-Immunonephrology Working Group \(ERA-IWG\) perspective](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, October 2023

### ERAKI



European Renal Acute Kidney Injury Working Group

ERAKI is the new ERA Working Group launched in 2023.

Since its establishment, the Board has worked very hard to integrate the topic of Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) into the educational and research activities of the ERA.





# Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation (NDT)



[Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation \(NDT\)](#): an international basic science and clinical renal journal is one of the official journals of the ERA published by Oxford University Press. The new NDT Editor-in-Chief is Professor Hans-Joachim Anders from Munich, Germany, who took over the journal from Professor Denis Fouque, Lyon, France whose 6-year term ended after the 2023 ERA Congress (June 15-18, 2023, Milan, Italy).

NDT is a hybrid journal and is the leading nephrology journal in Europe as well as being renowned worldwide, devoted to original clinical and laboratory research in nephrology, dialysis and transplantation.

The [Editorial Board](#) consists of 8 Associate Editors with 8 Editorial Fellows, 4 Statistical Advisors, a Kidney Art and YouTube Editor, 2 Journal Club Editors, 3 Graphical Abstracts Editors, 6 Social Media Editors and over 80 internationally renowned experts in nephrology.

The 8 Editorial Fellows were selected after a 'Call for Editorial Fellows'. The Editor-in-Chief launched this Editorial Fellowship program to broaden the spectrum of expertise of the Editorial Board and to offer a learning opportunity in the process of medical publishing. Editorial Fellows work hand-in-hand with one of the Associate Editors and are involved in all aspects of the editorial process.

The new Editor-in-Chief also installed weekly Editorial Board meetings with the Associate Editors and Editorial Fellows during which evaluations of certain NDT papers are intensively discussed before sending the decision letters to the authors.

NDT publishes original articles, special reports, invited reviews, editorials, treatment/diagnostic standards, and research letters. All publications in NDT have undergone peer review. All graphical abstracts and figures are redesigned by a professional medical illustrator before publication.

The new NDT Editor-in-Chief has changed the lay-out of the journal and the cover images are now chosen by the NDT Editorial Board members following a '[Call for Cover Images](#)'. All image submissions are published in the [NDT Kidney Art Gallery](#) and the images that are selected for the covers of the journal are also archived in this [NDT cover archive](#).

NDT received 2.042 submissions (1.681 original and 361 revised) in 2023. The final 2023 acceptance rate was 13.3%. Articles published in NDT were downloaded 3.611.824 times in 2023. The journal's Impact Factor is 6.1, ranking NDT 10/88 in the nephrology/urology category and 4/26 in the transplantation category.

The top cited articles contributing to the 2022 impact factor were:

- [COVID-19-related mortality in kidney transplant and dialysis patients: results of the ERACODA collaboration](#)
- [Chronic kidney disease is a key risk factor for severe COVID-19: a call to action by the ERA-EDTA](#)
- [Haemodialysis patients show a highly diminished antibody response after COVID-19 mRNA vaccination compared with healthy controls](#)





## Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation (NDT)

*NDT* published the accepted, unedited manuscripts online within 3 working days after the author license had been signed. The accepted manuscript was then replaced by the final, typeset proof within 6 weeks. The average review process took 2 to 3 weeks.

The proportion of open access publications in *NDT* continued to rise in 2023 (37% in 2023 versus 31% in 2022).

Each online *NDT* publication shows its individual Altmetrics score which is the amount of attention the article has received online, in social media, and from news sites. The highest Altmetrics scoring paper in 2023 was: [The five types of glomerulonephritis classified by pathogenesis, activity and chronicity \(GN-AC\)](#).

*NDT* is widely promoted on social media. The *NDT* X account (@NDTsocial) reached over 15.000 followers in 2023 and the ERA SoMe team launched reels on *NDT* publications on the ERA Instagram account. At the end of 2023, the journal also launched its own monthly Newsletter in which highlights of each new *NDT* issue, videos, important news, etc. are promoted.

*NDT* continued to publish author videos on selected articles. The video library can be viewed here.

*NDT* published two Supplements in 2023:

- [60th ERA Congress, 15-18 June 2023: Congress Abstracts](#)
- [Novel diagnostic and therapeutic perspectives for immune-mediated kidney diseases](#)

In 2023, the ERA Journal Club continued. Each month, a high-impact article was discussed in a webinar with the authors and external panelists. During these webinars, the audience could also ask live questions to the speakers. The Journal Club archive can be accessed [here](#). Each month an *NDT* article is also discussed on the YouTube channel MARKUS @ HOMe.

In 2023, *NDT* published a successful joint collection with Nutrition Reviews including articles from *NDT*, CKJ and Nutrition Reviews on the important link between nutrition and kidney health.

The [2023 reviewers](#) of the journal are acknowledged on the *NDT* homepage and ERA platform and the top 3 reviewers, Drs Francesco Locatelli, Nick Chesnaye, and Panagiotis I. Georgianos received an official certificate at the annual Editorial Board meeting. Members of the ERA Young Nephrologists' Platform also again showed great interest in reviewing for *NDT* which is the result of the [journal's reviewer mentorship program](#).





## ERA Registry

The ERA Registry is a European Registry collecting data on kidney replacement therapy via the national and regional renal registries in Europe and in countries bordering Europe or the Mediterranean Sea. It analyses these data and distributes the resulting information through registry reports presented at the yearly ERA Congresses, publications in nephrology journals and through this website.

The ERA Registry is funded by the European Renal Association (ERA). Since June 2000, the Registry office is housed in the Department of Medical Informatics in the Amsterdam University Medical Centers (location AMC) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The Registry is part of an ISO 9001:2015 certified quality management system, and an ISO 27001:2013 certified information security management system. These certificates were provided by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance.

Click [here](#) to download the ERA Registry Report 2023.



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# 03 Networking



## Task Forces

### Kidney Relief in Disasters Task Force (KRDTF)



Established in response to the emergency situation in Ukraine in 2022, the Kidney Relief in Disasters Task Force (KRDTF), formerly known as the Renal Disaster Relief Task Force (RDRTF), was created to address critical needs of kidney patients and healthcare providers in Ukraine after the invasion of Russia.

In 2023, the KRDTF continued its mission with unwavering commitment in Ukraine, but also in Sudan, in Morocco and, finally, in Gaza-Israel. During a face-to-face meeting at the 2023 Congress in Milan, the Task Force unanimously opted to rename itself as the Kidney Relief in Disasters Task Force (KRDTF), signifying a deeper commitment and a strategic shift towards a more inclusive approach in supporting global kidney health during disasters (man-made and natural) including also educational goals.

### List of Task Force Members:

- Serhan Tuglular, Türkiye (Chair)
- Kai-Uwe Eckardt, Germany
- Daniel Gallego, Spain
- Valerie Luyckx, Switzerland
- Ionut Nistor, Romania
- Edita Nourisiene, Lithuania
- Ewa Pawlowicz, Poland
- Rukshana Shroff, United Kingdom
- Andrej Skoberne, Slovenia
- Mehmet Şükrü Sever, Türkiye
- Stefano Stuard, Germany
- Raymond Vanholder, Belgium
- Andrzej Więcek, Poland





## Task Forces

### Kidney Relief in Disasters Task Force (KRDTF)

#### Key Accomplishments:

1. **Strategic Development:** As mentioned above, the Task Force rebranded itself as the Kidney Relief in Disasters Task Force, emphasizing a commitment to extending aid beyond Ukraine to include a wider range of natural and man-made disaster-affected regions within the ERA's geographical influence (Europe, countries bordering Europe and the Mediterranean Sea). Regulations were prepared, and approved by the ERA Council in November 2023, to regulate the duties and rotation of the task force members with set goals and objectives. A call for task force members was performed and it will become effective at the time of the ERA Congress in Stockholm (May 2024).
2. **Collaborative Alliances:** Strengthening partnerships with Direct Relief and the World Health Organization (WHO), the Task Force facilitated efficient coordination and delivery of aid to disaster-affected regions, significantly enhancing effectiveness and outreach.
3. **Knowledge Sharing:** Throughout the year, the Task Force contributed insightful publications to ERA via its journal NDT, sharing valuable best practices and insights in renal healthcare during disasters. Additionally, a session was conducted at the Milan ERA Congress 2023, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among nephrology professionals.

#### Publications:

- [Lessons learned during the war in Ukraine: a report from the Renal Disaster Relief Task Force of the ERA](#)
- [Distribution, preparedness and management of Ukrainian adult refugees on dialysis—an international survey by the Renal Disaster Relief Task Force of the European Renal Association](#)
- [Armed conflicts and kidney patients: a consensus statement from the Renal Disaster Relief Task Force of the ERA](#)





## Task Forces

### Strong Kidneys Task Force



In 2023, ERA published an open call among its Members to establish the Strong Kidneys Task Force, aimed at promoting awareness of kidney health. The Strong Kidneys initiative, in cooperation with the National Societies of Nephrology, promotes specific campaigns and materials with basic information about kidney health and disease for the public and medical professionals.

The Strong Kidneys Task Force started its term in October 2023.

### List of Task Force Members:

- Charles Ferro, United Kingdom (Chair)
- Sofia Cerqueira, Portugal
- Rasha Darwish, Egypt
- Beatriz Fernandez Fernandez, Spain
- David Fiel, Portugal
- Rumen Filev, Bulgaria
- Manfred Grieger, Germany
- Antonia Lopez, Italy
- Merike Luman, Estonia
- Valerie Luyckx, Switzerland
- Jolanta Malyszko, Poland
- Milena Krasimirova Nikolova-Vlahova, Bulgaria
- Fiita Romero, Switzerland
- Chrysanthi Skalioti, Greece
- Kate Stevens, United Kingdom
- Carla Alexandra Ribeiro dos Santos Araújo, Portugal
- Christoph Wanner, Germany
- Ieva Ziedina, Latvia





## Task Forces

### Sustainable Nephrology Task Force



After an open call among its members, in July of 2023, the Sustainable Nephrology Task Force was constituted as an ERA initiative meant to address the current and future environmental impact of advanced kidney disease care. The Sustainable Nephrology Task Force aims to raise awareness of the consequences of environmental/climate change and its impact on health/disease and, in particular, to guide actions towards improving environmental sustainability related to kidney disease as well as all ERA activities (i.e. the annual ERA Congress).

#### List of Task Force Members:

- Ivo Laranjinha, Portugal (Chair)
- Gulay Demirtas, Türkiye
- Ana Carina Ferreira, Portugal
- Sonja Gracin, Sweden
- Maryvonne Hourmant, France
- Susi Knöller, Germany
- Anna Julie Peired, Italy

#### During 2023:

- Ivo Laranjinha was appointed by the ERA Council to officially represent ERA in the initiative led by the ISN called [Green-K](#) - Global Environmental Evolution in Nephrology and Kidney Care.
- The Task Force collaborated in the development of the [Guidelines for exhibitors and sponsors published in 2023 to underline ERA's efforts to encourage sponsors](#) and exhibitors who participated in the ERA Congress to embrace sustainable initiatives, reduce their carbon footprint and support environmentally responsible practices.

#### Ongoing activities and projects:

- The task force is working on preparing two original articles: (1) Clinical Trials in Nephrology: A Call for Environmental Accountability and (2) Haemodialysis carbon footprint in European dialysis centres.
- An application project on the topic of Microplastic submitted to the Portuguese Society of Nephrology (Ivo Laranjinha, Ana Carina Ferreira and Anna Julie Peired).





# Electronic Communication Committee (ECC)



The Electronic Communication Committee is responsible for overseeing the communication activities of the ERA including social media channels and website. The ECC is also responsible for the Social Media Team activities during the annual ERA Congress and the educational coverage during the year.

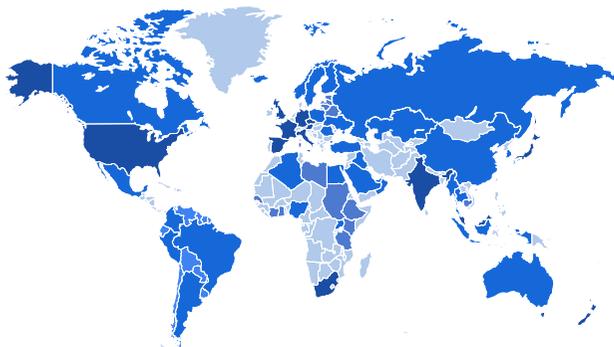
## WEBSITE - Web statistics

From January to December 2023, the ERA web properties registered the following key metrics:

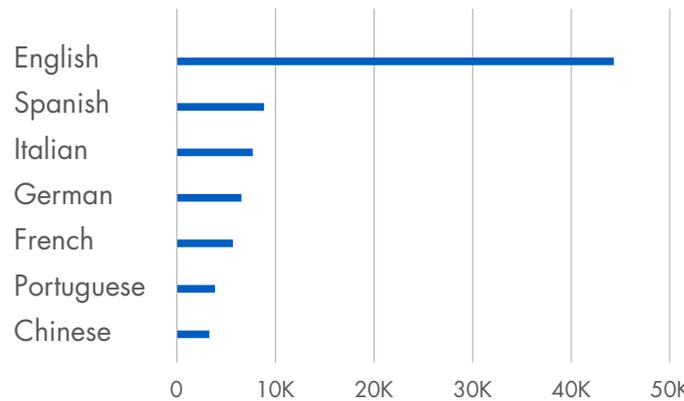
- 104,237 users
- 244,703 sessions
- 546,620 pageviews



Users by Country



Users by Language



Country	Users
Italy	11K
United Kingdom	8,4K
Germany	6K
Spain	5,8K
United States	5,7K
France	3,7K
India	3,6K





## Electronic Communication Committee (ECC)



### SOCIAL MEDIA

The ERA Community on social media increased considerably during the year\*, especially on Instagram (+41.11%), YouTube (+29.55% subscribers) and X (+27,21%). The follower base grew also on LinkedIn (+15.41% followers) and Facebook (+10.11%). At the end of the year, the total Community size on social media reached 47.824 followers.

The best performance in terms of engagement and interactions was reached during the Congress days (June 15-18) on all the social media channels with 6.401 mentions of the official hashtag #ERA23.

- 534.613 content impressions on X
- 119.559 content impressions on Instagram
- 30.896 stories impressions on Instagram

\* Source: Emplifi

### SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

In March 2023, ERA opened a call for the new Social Media Team Members to share knowledge, promote educational opportunities and offer complete coverage of the ERA's annual congress and e-seminar programme through tweetorials, interviews, polls, visual abstracts, reels, and Instagram stories. 20 Members from 9 countries were approved by the Council for the 2023 coverage of social media. A second open call has been opened in November 2023 for extra positions.

### NEWSLETTERS

In 2023, ERA sent 235 newsletters registered with an average open rate of **24.88%\***.

ERA distributed 40 **e-seminars Weekly updates** and 22 issues of its official newsletter, **Nephrology News Flash**, which covers all the main topics and news related to the ERA mission: science, education, networking, and institutional activities.

In addition, the Association sent out 6 **Flash Congress Editions** from January to June 2023 to give relevant information about the Congress topics (abstract submission, registrations, scientific programme, etc.).

Other e-mailing activities include YNP, Working Groups, National Societies, ERA Journals (NDT & CKJ) newsletters, and institutional communications.

\* Source: Brevo





## Press & Media Relations

During the year, the **ERA Press Office** distributed news and press releases, especially with other Societies, to also enhance the ERA networking activities:

- 1 press release on behalf of EKHA on March 9, 2023: “Show your Kidneys love! New campaign for kidney health”.
- 1 joint statement with ASN-ISN on May 9, 2023: “Joint Statement on Sudan from ASN, ERA and ISN: Kidney Organizations Appeal for Kidney Health for All War Victims”.
- 1 press release on May 27, 2023: “In memory of Tina Turner, ambassador, advocate and inspiration for people living with kidney disease”.
- 1 joint announcement with ASN-ISN on December 14, 2023: “Announcement from ASN, ERA, and ISN on the Collective Effort to Provide Relief to People with Kidney Diseases and Their Caregivers During Natural Disasters and Human Conflicts Throughout the World”.

For the **60th ERA Congress**, consistent communication to the media was provided in the lead up to and during the Congress via the ERA Press Office.

Overall, 57 journalists registered to the Congress: over 25 of them attended on-site, representing 11 individual media outlets. Over 35 interviews were conducted by media on-site and over 250 requests were received in the ERA press inbox.

Press activities included the distribution of daily congress bulletins, a media kit for journalists and a supervised press room dedicated to interviews and media relations.

A special press kit was distributed on June 14-16, with press releases on a selection of late breaking clinical trials (and a particular focus on the CONVINC trial) which were presented to the media under embargo, ahead of the data presentations.

The media coverage included articles from national and international media, such as Medscape, Santor, NewsFarma, EuropaPress, Renal & Urology News.

Over 2,700 articles have been published during the key month of Congress activity





## Endorsements & Non-financial support

ERA endorses several important events throughout the year and grants non-financial support to initiatives of third parties.

ERA Endorsement acknowledges a special recognition for the efforts made in the field of continuing medical education.

In 2023, 41 congresses/events, held within and outside Europe, were granted the ERA Endorsement.

[Discover the ERA-endorsed events](#)

### List of ERA Endorsements in 2023

- **The Columbia Renal Biopsy Course** (New York, July 12-14, 2023) – organised by the Columbia University
- **Bergen Meeting of Nephrology 2023: New Methods in Renal Pathology** (Bergen, September 20-22, 2023) – organised by the University of Bergen
- **XXIII Nephrology Update Symposium 2023** (Lisbon, February 11, 2023) – organised by the Centro Hospitalar de Lisboa Ocidental
- **Nephropathology Course: IgA Nephropathy** (Florence, February 17, 2023) – organised by BiPath
- **International Conference on Extracorporeal Organ Support** (Zagreb, May 4-7, 2023) – organised by the Croatian Society for Artificial Organ Support
- **5th International Renal Pathology Conference** (Zagreb, May 17-20, 2023) – organised by the Renal Pathology Society
- **Nephro Update Europe 2023** (Prague & Virtual, September 8-9, 2023) – organised by Medupdate Europe.
- **28th Nephrology Course** (Barcelona & Virtual, October 4-6, 2023) – organised by La Fundació Puigvert.
- **41st Vicenza Course on AKI&CRRT** (Vicenza, Italy, June 12-14, 2023) – organised by International Renal Research Institute Vicenza.
- **27th Budapest Nephrology School** (Budapest, Hungary, August 28 September 2, 2023) – organized by the Department of Pathology and Experimental Cancer Research Semmelweis University
- **The 3rd Annual international conference of Nephrology Department, Faculty of Medicine** (Cairo, Egypt, July 6-7, 2023) – organised by Ain Shams University.
- **CKD-MBD Master Class 2023: from the Origin to the next future** (Rome, Italy, September 14-16, 2023) – organised by Sapienza University of Rome and SIN.
- **37th Biennial Congress of the Nordic Society of Nephrology** (Reykjavik, Iceland, September 13-16, 2023) – organised by The Nordic Society of Nephrology.
- **6th Serbian Congress of Nephrology 2023** (Belgrade, Serbia, June 3-6, 2023) – organised by the Serbian Society of Nephrology.





## Endorsements & Non-financial support

- **Coast to Coast Challenge – Cycling cross Europe for Kidney Care** (July 1-2, 2023, from Naples to Bari, Italy) - organised by Giovambattista Capasso and Loreto Gesualdo
- **CME course “Gender Differences In Renal Disease – Focus On Diabetes And Obesity”** (December 1-2, 2023, Tenerife, Spain) – organised by Doki (Diabetes, Obesity and the Kidney)
- **10th Congress of The Croatian Society For Nephrology, Dialysis And Transplantation** (October 12-15, 2023, Zagreb, Croatia,) – organised by the Croatian Society for Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation
- **Renal Pregnancy Symposium 2023** (November 23, 2023, London, United Kingdom) – organised by King’s College London
- **Frontiers in Transplantation: Clinical Excellence through Innovation** (September 28-29, 2023, online) – organised by King’s College London
- **64th Annual Meeting of the Italian Society of Nephrology (SIN)** (October 4-7, 2023, Turin, Italy) – organised by the Italian Society of Nephrology
- **15th Egyptian Annual Dialysis Conference** (September 28-30, Cairo, Egypt) – organised by Ain Shams University, Egypt
- **Vascular & Peritoneal Access and Dialysis Masterclass** (October 10-13, 2023, Ankara, Türkiye) – organised by the International Transplant Network (ITN)
- **The 5th Asia Pacific AKI CRRT 2023** (September 21-24, 2013, Daegu, South Korea) – organised by The Korean Society of Nephrology and APSN
- **Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology 2024 in conjunction with the 44th Annual Meeting of the Korean Society of Nephrology** (June 13-16, 2024, Seoul, Korea) – organised by The Korean Society of Nephrology and APSN
- **First Oman Society of Nephrology and Transplantation International Nephrology Conference** (September 7-9, 2023, Salalah, Sultanate of Oman) – organised by the Oman Society of Nephrology and Transplantation
- **9th Preston Renal Biopsy Course** (October 7-8, 2023, Preston, United Kingdom) – organised by the Health Academy, Royal Preston Hospital Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- **9th International Conference on Prehypertension, Hypertension, and the Cardio Metabolic Syndrome** (October 18-22, 2023, Zagreb, Croatia) – organised by the Croatian Hypertension Society





## Endorsements & Non-financial support

- **XXIV Annual Symposium on Kidney Diseases** (October 13, 2023, Pousada de Palmela, Portugal) – organised by Associacao Renal de Setubal
  - **Renal Replacement Therapy, Revival of peritoneal dialysis - Annual Congress of Nephrology** (November 17-19, 2023, Pristina, Kosovo) – organised by the Kosovo Society of Nephrology
  - **13th Annual Conference of Tanta Nephrology Unit** (November 16-18, 2023, Alexandria, Egypt) – organised by Tanta University
  - **Optimising Kidney Utilisation symposium** (November 17, 2023, London, UK) – organised by King’s College London
  - **Current Topics in Lupus** (January 18-19, 2024, London, UK) – organised by King’s College London
  - **ZKC Preparation Course for the ESENeph 2024** (April 18-19, 2024, Zurich, Switzerland) – organised by University of Zurich
  - **Guy’s Hospital Kidney transplantation symposium** (December 7-8, 2023, London, United Kingdom) – organised by King’s College London
  - **New Horizons in Chronic Kidney Disease Diagnosis webinar** (December 13, 2023) – organised by Clinica Universidad de Navarra
  - **IDF Virtual Congress 2023** (December 4-7, 2023) – organised by the International Diabetes Federation
  - **XXXVII Portuguese Nephrology Congress** (November 16-18, 2023, Porto, Portugal) – organised by Sociedade Portuguesa de Nefrologia
  - **Mayo Clinic Nephrology, Hypertension and Kidney Transplantation Update for the Clinician 2024** (February 16-18, 2024, Coronado, California, US) – organised by Mayo Clinic Jacksonville
  - **Practical approach to kidney transplant immunology 3rd course** (January 11-13, 2024, Cairo, Egypt) – organized by Ain Shams University
  - **Pregnancy & Renal Transplantation** (January 23-24, 2024, Rome, Italy) – organised by Fondazione Policlinico Universitario A. Gemelli IRCCS, Roma
  - **18th Middle East & Africa Nephrology Forum** (May 9-12, 2024, Istanbul, Türkiye) – organised by the MEA Nephrology Academy
- List of ERA Non-financial support in 2023**
- **EJP RD proposal “Autosomal Dominant Tubulointerstitial Kidney Disease-Net - A European registry-based clinical research platform” (ADTKD-Net)** – proposed by Dr Jan Halbritter
  - **The STOP-PKD trial (SGLT2-inhibition TO improve Prognosis in Polycystic Kidney Disease)** – proposed by Roman-Ulrich – sponsored by University Hospital Cologne





## Collaboration with the National Societies of Nephrology

### National Membership Project

This project has been extremely successful, 31 National Societies have taken part in this project allowing ERA to reach the number of 20.000 members in 2023!

Furthermore, also other Societies have applied as well in 2023, for example SLANH ([Sociedad Latinoamericana de Nefrología e Hipertensión](#)).

ERA would like to thank all these Societies for their contribution in making our nephrology community stronger!

### National Societies Membership Project (List)

1. Albanian Society of Nephrology
2. Austrian Society of Nephrology
3. Azerbaijan Society of Nephrology
4. Belgian Society of Dutch speaking nephrologists
5. Society of Nephrology, Dialysis and Kidney Transplantation in Bosnia and Herzegovina
6. Czech Society of Nephrology
7. Estonian Society of Nephrology
8. Francophone Society of Nephrology Dialysis and Transplantation
9. German Society of Nephrology
10. Hellenic Society of Nephrology
11. Hungarian Society of Nephrology
12. Icelandic Renal Association

13. Israeli Society of Nephrology and Hypertension
14. Italian Society of Nephrology
15. Italian Society of Pediatric Nephrology
16. Kosovo Society of Nephrology
17. Latvian Association of Nephrology
18. Lithuanian Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation Association
19. Lithuanian Kidney Foundation
20. Macedonian Society of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs
21. Norwegian Society of Nephrology
22. Portuguese Society of Nephrology
23. Romanian Society of Nephrology
24. Russian Dialysis Society
25. Slovenian Society of Nephrology
26. Spanish Society of Nephrology
27. Swedish Society of Nephrology
28. Turkish Society of Nephrology
29. Ukrainian Association of Nephrologists
30. Ukrainian Association of Nephrologists & Kidney Transplant Specialists
31. Uzbekistan Nephrology Service





## Collaboration with the National Societies of Nephrology

### Networking Meeting & Dinner

In 2023, the traditional “Networking Meeting & Dinner” between the ERA Council and the Presidents and representatives of the National Societies of Nephrology, was held the day before the opening of the Congress (Milan – Italy).

The meeting was attended by more than 27 representatives and focused on the following points:

1. The presentation of the new ERA Neph-Manual initiative aimed and giving clear and up-dated education in all fields of nephrology (exclusive benefit for ERA members) and knowledge of the audience (with a survey) of the ESENeph exam.
2. A summary of the accomplishments and importance of EKHA and how the National Societies can support these activities.
3. A very interesting presentation linked to an important document prepared by the German Soc. of Nephrology regarding the role of nephrologists in intensive care units – a survey followed to get knowledge from National societies on what happens in other Countries.
4. There was also a presentation regarding the great need of awareness about kidney disease among the general population but more focusing on general practitioners (Strong Kidney Campaign).
5. Finally, last but not least, a survey linked to CKD and the measurement of albuminuria – for prevention of CKD – led to a very interesting discussion on how this important issue is approached in different countries.

### Visibility for National Societies & ERA Congress benefits

National Societies have visibility on the ERA website and are also welcomed to actively take part in the annual ERA Congress by participating, or taking advantage of events and opportunities exclusively designed for them. For example, during the 2023 Congress a free registration was offered to all National Societies.

### ERA National Grants

ERA also offers National Societies the opportunity to grant the best abstract/poster presenter at their Annual Congress with three years of free ERA membership (including free access to NDT Online), plus one free ERA Congress Membership.

In 2023, the following young authors won the ERA National Society Grant:

1. Belgian Society of Nephrology: Tiago Pinto Coelho
2. Germany Society of Nephrology Karoline Rosenkranz
3. Polish Society of Nephrology: Izabela Szubert
4. Russian Society of Nephrology: Sonya Gussaova
5. Scottish Society of Nephrology: Luis Loureiro-Harrison
6. Slovak Society of Nephrology: Karol Graňák
7. Spanish Society of Nephrology: Leira Muñoz Hernando
8. Swiss Society of Nephrology: Anna Rinaldi
9. Turkish Society of Nephrology: Zeynep Ural





# Collaboration with Other Societies

The 2023 annual Congress in Milan included special lectures with excellent speakers suggested by our partner Societies:

Talk Title	Speaker name	Society
The role of complement C5a Receptor 1 in diabetic kidney disease.	Sih Min Tan	ANZSN
Diabetic Kidney Disease Highlights	Catherine Godson	ASN
Glomerular Diseases Highlights	Kirk Campbell	ASN
Hypertension and Cardiorenal Disorders Highlights	Karen Griffin	ASN
How to best treat post-Tx hypertension? What are the gap of knowledge?	Jean-Michel Halimi	ESH
Renal denervation in 2023. Striking a balance	Roland E Schmieder	ESH
The calcium-sensing receptor stabilizes podocyte function in proteinuric humans and mice	Anne Mühlig	ESPN
Subclinical cardiovascular disease in children with chronic kidney disease. Does it matter for adult outcomes?	Stella Stabouli	ESPN
Development of new therapies to combat kidney disease	Masaomi Nangaku	ISN
Assisted PD in Europe: call for increased and equal access	Edwina Brown	ISPD
Cost effectiveness of implementing SGLT2 inhibitors in routine clinical practice	Hiroshi Nishi	JSN
The phenotypic difference of IgA nephropathy depends on molecular mechanisms	Hitoshi Suzuki	JSN
Oxygen metabolism in diabetic kidney disease	Tetsuhiro Tanaka	JSN
Activation of sympathetic signaling in macrophages blocks systemic inflammation and protects against renal ischemia-reperfusion injury.	Sho Hasegawa	JSN
Exosomal RNAs in kidney disease	Hyounghae Kim	KSN
Removal of large-middle molecules: clinical impact in hemodialysis patients	Jeong-Hoon Lim	KSN

The contribution of partner societies is officially recognized in the main programme of the Congress furthermore the speaker (the partner society's "Ambassador") and the title of the presentation proposed by the same societies is clearly identified in the Congress programme. The partner Societies reciprocate in a similar manner with ERA "Ambassadors" at their respective meetings. It is important to underline that in some cases YNP members are involved as ERA Ambassadors

Society partner	ERA speaker	Talk title	ERA speaker	Talk title	ERA speaker	Talk title
ISN	Albert Ong	Personalized Medicine in ADPKD: Opportunities and Challenges				
KSN	Andreas Linkermann	Cell death in kidney disease	Francesco Trepiccione (YNP)	Glycogen storage disease and kidney function: a translational approach		
VAS	Marc Vervloet	Vascular calcification in CKD				
ESH	Jennifer Lees (YNP)	GFR, cystatin C and CVD in CKD	Jose Valvedielso	Atherosclerosis in CKD		
JSN	Paola Romagnani	Regeneration in kidney disease	Christoph Wanner	Is the cure of chronic kidney disease just around the corner?	Rebecca Herzog	Immuno metabolism in Peritoneal Dialysis
ANZSN	Thimoteus Speer	Inflammation in CKD				
ESPN	Emilie Cornec-Le Gall	Genetics in CKD	Christoph Kuppe	Decoding human kidney and heart disease at single cell and single molecular resolution		





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Society partner	ERA speaker	Talk title	ERA speaker	Talk title	ERA speaker	Talk title
ASN	Roser Torra	Do All Collagen Variants Cause Glomerular Disease?	Hans-Joachim Anders	Drivers of C3 Glomerulopathy		
EULIS	Giovanni Gambaro	CKD and kidney stones				
EuroPD	Juan-Jesus Carrero	Nutrition in CKD				

Currently ERA has many different agreements, see the comprehensive list below:

1. ANZSN - Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology
2. ASN - American Society of Nephrology
3. EASO - European Association for the Study of Obesity
4. EDTNA/ERCA - European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association
5. EKPF - European Kidney Patients' Federation
6. ERKNet - European Reference Network for Rare Kidney Diseases
7. ESH - European Society of Hypertension
8. ESPN - European Society of Pediatric Nephrology
9. EULIS - EAU Section of Urolithiasis
10. EuroPD - European Peritoneal Dialysis
11. EURORECKD - European Association of Rehabilitation in Chronic Kidney Disease
12. IAHN - International Association for the History of Nephrology
13. ISN - International Society of Nephrology
14. ISPD - International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis

15. ISRNM - International Society of Renal Nutrition and Metabolism
16. JSN - Japanese Society of Nephrology
17. KDIGO - Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes
18. KSN - Korean Society of Nephrology
19. PKD International - Polycystic Kidney Disease International
20. SLANH - Sociedad Latino Americana de Nefrologia y Hipertension
21. VAS - Vascular Access Society

The collaboration with JSN is extremely successful and this includes a webinar series organized together with the Young representatives of both societies as well as a series of meetings organized between the leaderships of JSN and ERA throughout 2023 to organize a joint meeting on *Kidney Health in Aging and Aged Societies* to be held in September of 2024 in Japan.

Webinar series are also organized between the young representative of ESPN and the ERA and between ESOT (EKITA) and two of ERA's Working Groups (DESCArTES and EuDial) as well as Turkish Society of Nephrology and IWG.

ERA also continues its excellent collaboration with ASN (American Society of Nephrology) and ISN (International Society of Nephrology) and their joint initiatives. A full day retreat was held in Washington DC (USA) in December 2023.





## Collaboration with Other Societies

An important joint statement regarding one of the joint projects was issued at the end of 2023, announcing the societies' new plan to coordinate their efforts toward helping people with kidney diseases and their caregivers (including nephrologists) during natural disasters and human conflicts throughout the world.

Another joint activity is linked to the dissemination of an important article (to be published in 2024), also the result of a joint project, underlining how CKD is a public health threat which urgently needs attention.

A third project will instead focus on how the specialty of nephrology has evolved in recent years and what are the threats towards the specialty, but also underlining the wide range of opportunities and the clinical excellence that this field offers.

Finally, ERA actively collaborates with many other medical societies by being a member of various alliances:

1. Biomedical Alliance (ERA is actively involved in the CME Experts Permanent Committee; in the involvement of Data Protection issues for medical research in Europe; in funding opportunities for Research in Europe - BioMedScape; in the Policy Officers Task Force; in the Clinical Trial Task Force and in the Publication "Plan S" Committee)
2. EKHA (see separate report)
3. KHI (Kidney Health Initiative)
4. AC Forum (Associations and Conference Forum)





## EKHA

EKHA is an alliance of four societies created in 2007 to focus the attention of the political community and, through the media, of people at large, on the burden of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) considering patients' morbidity/mortality as well as the socio-economic impact of dialysis and transplantation in Europe: besides the ERA, the European Kidney Patients' Federation (EKPF, former CEAPIR), the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses' Association/European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA) and Dutch Kidney Foundation (DKF) are EKHA management committee members. The EKHA management committee, which includes two representatives of ERA nominated by the Council, works closely with the people involved in the European health organization to raise awareness about CKD throughout Europe.

Click [here](#) to download the EKHA Annual Overview 2023.





# 04 Institutional

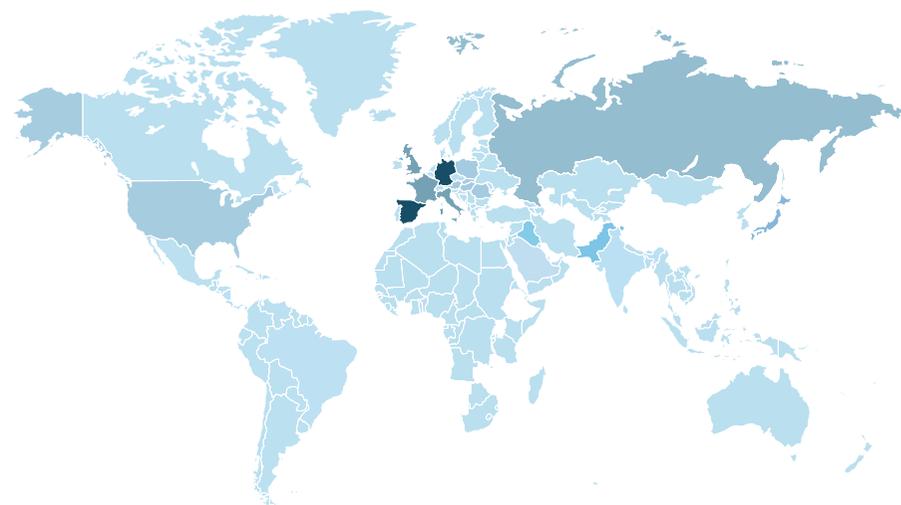


## Membership

At the end of 2023, the number of members was 22.326, including both active members 2023 & 2024.

More membership details can be found in the following charts.

Members World Map - as of December 31, 2023



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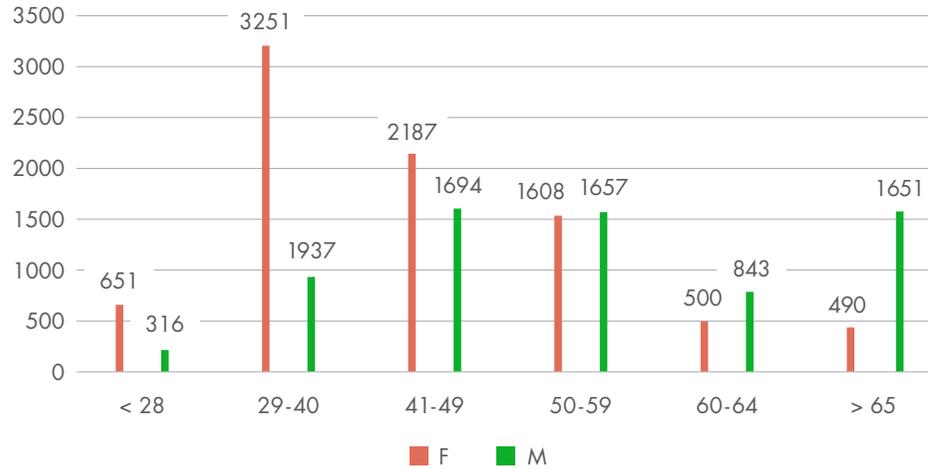


# Membership

The next chart presents ERA Member age and gender distribution in all countries.

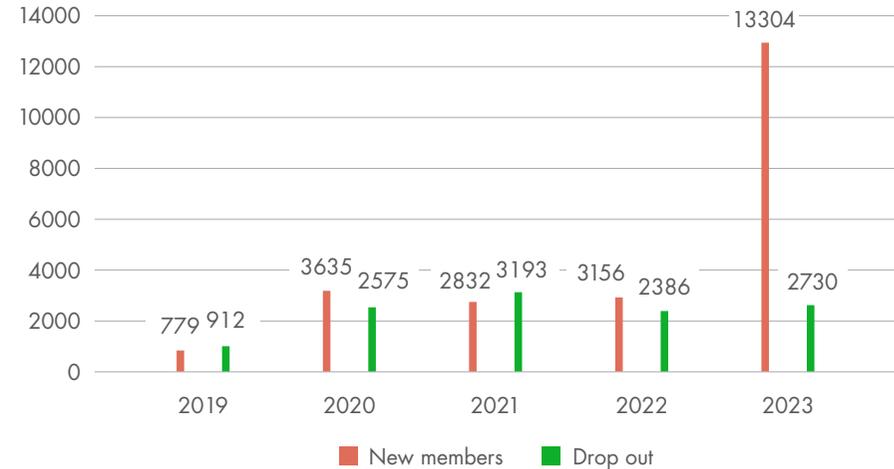
**Members by age and gender - as of December 31, 2023\***

\*age is not a mandatory field, thus we do not have all data.



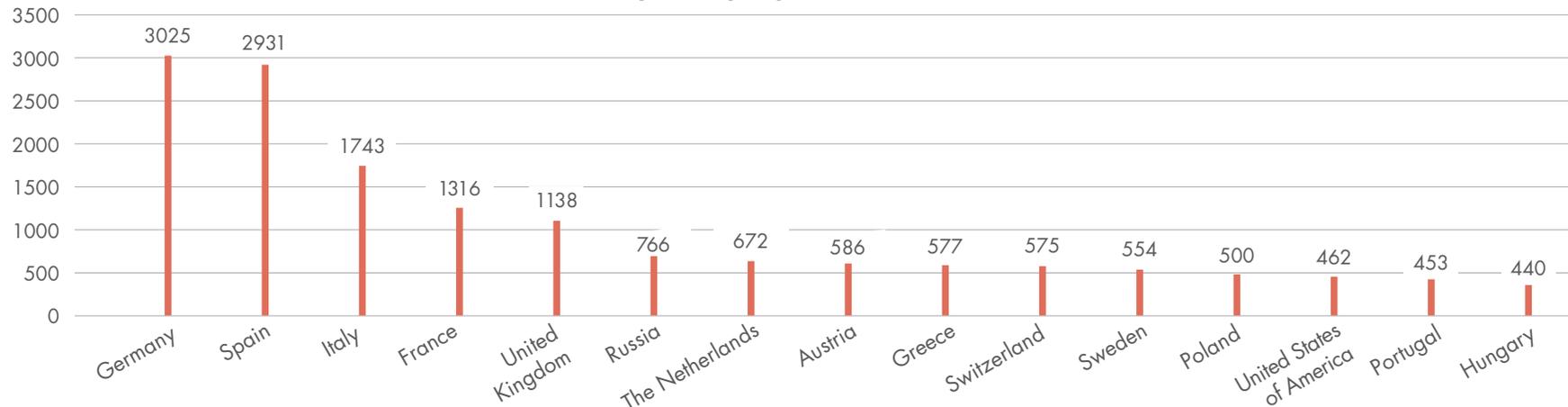
The following chart illustrates an overview of the drop-out vs. new member fluctuations in all countries from 2019 until 2023.

**Membership turnover**



The following chart shows the ERA Membership numbers by country.

**Members by country (top 15 - as of December 31, 2023)**



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## ERA Curatorium (ERAC)



The ERA Curatorium (ERAC) is a platform where members of the industry (supporting members) and members of the ERA Council sit together to bring forward diverse initiatives. The aim is to have an open and balanced discussion between ERA bodies and supporting members to find out common themes and to build a bridge between industry and academia in a broader sense of the nephrology.

In 2023, seven members from the ERA worked counterbalanced by seven supporting members from (in alphabetic order) AstraZeneca, Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim, CSL Vifor, Fresenius Medical Care, GlaxoSmithKline, and Novartis.

During the ERA 2023 Congress in Milan, the second General Assembly was held as well as the ERA Symposium titled: CKD diagnosis and management in the primary care setting, with around 130 live participants. The Symposium was chaired by Alexander Rosenkranz and Jaquie Finn with Naresh Kanumilli, Daniel Gallego and Kieran McCafferty as panel members.

Additionally, two face-to-face meetings were held among the ERAC supporting members and ERA HQ.

In 2023, the ERAC was active in supporting several initiatives, covering a wide range of topics. The initiatives are listed below:

- *Support of Turkish Society of Nephrology (earthquake aid):* ERAC responded to the earthquake that struck Turkey in February by supporting dialysis patients who depend on regular treatment. Nearly 1,000 to 8,000 patients in the affected provinces were transferred to surrounding provinces.
- *Support of 3 fellowships (for nephrologists) for the MSc in Clinical Trials (Oxford Population Health):* This initiative consisted of a two-year part-time distance and in person learning course that provided in-depth training in the principles and practice of conducting large-scale, randomised clinical trials. The open call was from October 2, 2023 to January 5, 2024, receiving 7 eligible applications.
- *ERA Neph-Manual:* the aim of this new ERA publication is to promote medical expertise by combining the presentation of interesting case examples with a discussion of pathophysiological mechanisms and therapeutic principles. The manual is exclusively reserved for ERA members and is specifically designed for young nephrologists to support their training and broaden their knowledge in the field of nephrology.





## ERA Curatorium (ERAC)

- *Support Direct Relief to Help Ukrainian Patients:* patients on Automated peritoneal dialysis (APD) have lately had an incredibly difficult time given the regular power shortages in many parts of Ukraine. The only way to continue with APD in situations with a limited availability of electricity is to have a powerful battery at your disposal. The Renal Disaster Relief Task Force (RDRTF) has been able to help APD patients.
- *Support of ESPN/ERA registry:* ESPN is the European Society of Paediatric Nephrology. Together with ERA/Registry they are responsible for the Renal Registry which includes paediatric patients on kidney replacement therapy.
- *ERAC Awards 'Innovation in Nephrology in the Age of Digital Revolution':* It aims to recognise excellence in innovation in nephrology by individual ERA members in the field of kidney/renal disease as well as the quality of young talented researchers. It is dedicated to young investigators/researchers who develop new ideas, projects, technologies and services in the field of nephrology that solve specific challenges. This award will be given to young talents who have developed innovative and cutting-edge solutions to a specific problem.

All the current initiatives funded by ERAC are available [here](#).

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## Ethics Committee



During the 2023 the Ethics Committee worked on the:

- Preparation of scientific articles:
  - ▶ The use of organs of euthanized patients (J. Buturović-Ponikvar).
  - ▶ Ethical issues related with re-transplantation in patients, who lost their first graft due to non-adherence (J. Buturović-Ponikvar).
  - ▶ Ethical issues considering kidney patients during mass disasters (V. Luyckx).
  - ▶ An Ethical lens on Big Data in nephrology (W. Van Biesen): this manuscript was finished at the end of 2023 and will be submitted in early 2024.
- In addition, one article was published:
  - ▶ [Kidney transplantation during mass disasters - from COVID-19 to other catastrophes A Consensus Statement by the DESCARTES Working Group and Ethics Committee of the ERA.](#)
- Participation at the ERA Congresses:
  - ▶ At the 60th ERA Congress Prof. Sever participated as a speaker in the Session “Ethical issue in kidney transplantation” and also chaired the session titled “Armed Conflicts, Kidney Patients and Nephrologists”. Furthermore, Prof. Luyckx participated as a speaker in the session “Ethics in Publication (research ethics and good clinical practice)” which was part of a new ERA initiative called “Creatives Labs”.

- Participation as member of other ERA Bodies:
  - ▶ In 2023, Prof. Luyckx became a member of ERA’s new Strong Kidney Task Force which was created to promote awareness for kidney diseases among non-specialists (i.e. family doctors, policy makers, etc.).
  - ▶ Since 2022, both Prof. Sever and Prof. Luyckx became members of ERA’s Kidney Relief in Disasters Task Force which was created immediately after the invasion of Ukraine to support the nephrology community, and their patients, in Ukraine.

### List of the Ethics Committee Board as of December 31, 2023:

- Mehmet Sukru Sever, Türkiye (Chair)
- Wim Van Biesen, Belgium
- Jadranka Buturović-Ponikvar, Slovenia
- Peter Heering, Germany
- Valerie Luyckx, Switzerland





## Fellow of the ERA (FERA)

The Distinguished Fellow of the ERA (FERA) is an important recognition given by the ERA Council. This title is given to persons who have been very active in the initiatives and life of the Society, as well as in the clinical and research fields regarding nephrology and its related subjects.

In 2023 the ERA Council awarded FERA titles to:

- Marcin Adamczak, Poland
- Ioannis Boletis, Greece
- Emilie Cornect-Le Gall, France
- Martin de Borst, The Netherlands
- Ivana Dedinska, Slovakia
- Beatriz Fernandez Fernandez, Spain
- Will Herrington, United Kingdom
- Ewout Hoorn, The Netherlands
- Enrique Morales, Spain
- Paola Romagnani, Italy
- Vianda Stel, The Netherlands
- Marianne Verhaar, The Netherlands





# ERA Ordinary General Assembly



Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary General Assembly ('OGA') of the Association will be held on May 25, 2024, at 9:45 - 11:15 (CEST) (Central European Summer Time). The OGA will be held in a hybrid way, thus live and virtually. Please find here the [Agenda](#).

By order of the Board

- Prof. Christoph Wanner (ERA President)
- Prof. Ivan Rychlik (ERA Secretary-Treasurer)

## ERA Ordinary Council Member Elections 2024

During the Ordinary General Assembly, three Ordinary Council Members must be elected. More information about the candidacies on the [website](#).

## Ex-officio nominations

The ERA Council at its last meeting (Edinburgh, United Kingdom, February 2024) nominated the ex-officio officer mentioned below whose term will begin in 2025. He must be ratified at the General Assembly in Stockholm, Sweden. He should normally participate in the Council for one year before taking office (Vienna 2025) with voice but without vote:

\*ERA Renal Science Chair: Alberto Ortiz, Spain

\*The position of the Renal Science Chair will also include the duties of the ex-officio position of the Chair of the ERA Registry. This is subject to the approval by the ERA Ordinary General Assembly of the Constitutional Changes that will be submitted to the 2024 OGA (May 25, 2024) for discussion/approval.

More information on the [website](#)





## Accounts

Consolidated statement of financial activities  
year ended December 31, 2023

	Group 2023 Total unrestricted funds €	Group (Restated) 2022 Total unrestricted funds €	Charity 2023 Total unrestricted funds €	Charity (Restated) 2022 Total unrestricted funds €
<b>Income from:</b>				
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations	53,330	—	53,330	—
Gift aid payments from subsidiary	—	—	2,455,370	1,450,603
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4,811,170	4,308,242	4,811,170	4,308,242
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Trading activity - Exhibition space, industry symposia, sponsorship and other ancillary services	4,250,628	3,849,945	—	—
Other trading activity – Euromeetings	—	—	—	—
<b>Investments</b>				
Income from investments	—	—	—	—
Interest received	19,791	376	19,791	376
<b>Other income</b>	34,783	47,492	34,783	47,492
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,169,702</b>	<b>8,206,055</b>	<b>7,374,444</b>	<b>5,806,713</b>





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year ended December 31, 2023

	Group 2023 Total unrestricted funds €	Group (Restated) 2022 Total unrestricted funds €	Charity 2023 Total unrestricted funds €	Charity (Restated) 2022 Total unrestricted funds €
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<b>Raising funds</b>				
Promotional activities	248,954	213,273	240,953	165,332
Other trading activity - Euromeetings	—	—	—	—
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6,538,777	5,861,987	5,203,429	4,386,991
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,787,731</b>	<b>6,075,260</b>	<b>5,444,382</b>	<b>4,552,323</b>
<b>Net income before net gains on investments</b>	2,381,971	2,130,795	1,930,062	1,254,390
Currency movements on translation	(61,288)	(18,918)	(4,445)	(18,918)
Net (losses)/gains on investments	238,248	(388,968)	238,248	(388,968)
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>	2,558,931	1,722,909	2,163,865	846,504
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward	12,918,390	11,093,345	10,223,353	9,274,713
Prior year adjustment	(102,136)	—	(102,136)	—
Total funds brought forward – Restated	12,816,254	11,093,345	10,121,217	9,274,713
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>15,375,185</b>	<b>12,816,254</b>	<b>12,285,082</b>	<b>10,121,217</b>





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year ended December 31, 2023

	Group 2023 €	Group (Restated) 2022 €	Charity 2023 €	Charity (Restated) 2022 €
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	929,561	534,095	929,561	534,095
Intangible fixed assets	14,162	—	14,162	—
Investments	3,292,219	3,060,090	3,292,223	3,060,095
	4,235,942	3,594,185	4,235,946	3,594,190
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors	1,276,769	1,249,612	718,687	616,746
Cash at bank and in hand	11,704,440	10,329,553	8,811,822	7,725,871
	12,981,209	11,579,165	9,530,509	8,342,617
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	1,666,404	2,213,939	1,305,811	1,672,433
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	11,314,805	9,365,226	8,224,698	6,670,184
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>15,550,747</b>	<b>12,959,411</b>	<b>12,460,644</b>	<b>10,264,374</b>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more one year	175,562	143,157	175,562	143,157
<b>Net Assets</b>	15,375,185	12,816,254	12,285,082	10,121,217
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>				
Unrestricted funds	15,375,185	12,816,254	12,285,082	10,121,217
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>	<b>15,375,185</b>	<b>12,816,254</b>	<b>12,285,082</b>	<b>10,121,217</b>

