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Introduction

The officers of the European Renal Association (ERA), and the entire ERA Council are honoured to present this report highlighting the Society's most relevant activities in 2025.

During the 2024 Winter Meeting, the Council held a brainstorming session to identify a new long-term strategy for ERA, which was later launched at the 2025 Annual Congress in Vienna. Consequently, among other initiatives, the Council decided to launch two important new projects:

- 1) **ERA Education Meetings** (twice a year - to be held in collaboration with the local National Society of Nephrology)
- 2) **ERA Science Meetings** (once a year)

The first editions of both were held in 2025: ERA Education was held in Lisbon (Portugal) and in Istanbul (Türkiye) while ERA Science was held in Barcelona (Spain). ERA Education Lisbon, organized in March 2025, was attended by 164 participants from 27 countries, while ERA Education Istanbul, organized in September 2025, was attended by 214 participants from 41 countries.

The topic of the 2025 ERA Science Meeting was focused on rare diseases in nephrology and the title of the meeting was: "A roadmap towards implementation of precision medicine in genetic kidney diseases in Europe". A total of 44 topic experts were invited to participate and exchange their insights with each other in a closed setting.

A new project was launched concerning the **definition of diseases** in nephrology, a topic that is not addressed by any other society. **The first**

paper was published in 2025: "Disease-modifying anti-nephropathic drugs (DMANDs)—a definition proposed by the Immunonephrology Working Group (IWG) of the European Renal Association (ERA)". A similar initiative is the appropriate characterization of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) of unknown cause, one of the most common diagnosis of people initiating kidney replacement therapy in Europe. The publication on "Chronic Kidney Disease of unexplained cause (CKDx): a consensus statement by the Genes & Kidney Working Group of the ERA" proposes the novel CKDx (Chronic Kidney Disease unexplained) concept that aims at providing some structure to this diagnosis, by differentiating between an unknown cause due to the fact that diagnostic tests were not performed from an unknown cause despite the appropriate diagnostic tests were actually performed.

ERA also created a new Working Group linking nephrology and oncology: **Onconephrology (ONCO-ERA)**. The aim of this new Working Group is to address all aspects of kidney disease and cancer, by focusing on various clinical syndromes such as acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease, hypertension, proteinuria, and electrolyte disorders.

In 2025 ERA also implemented a new fellowship program dedicated to "**Interventional Nephrology**" where eleven fellowships were assigned. Fellowships were awarded to candidates from the following countries: one each from Albania, India, Poland, Slovenia, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom; two from Spain; and three from Greece.

Regarding the "**Knowledge Exchange Programme**", another initiative launched in 2025, four ERA members from Slovakia, Spain, Türkiye and





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Ukraine were granted funds allowing them the opportunity to promote the exchange of expertise and innovative clinical practices between leading nephrology professionals and institutions within the ERA geographical area.

The **current long-term and short-term fellowships** are becoming more and more successful and for this reason the Council decided to increase the budget for both initiatives. In 2025 six long-term fellowships were assigned, the fellows being from: Germany (2), Italy, Spain and The Netherlands (2). Regarding the short-term fellowships, eight grants were awarded to candidates from Armenia, Croatia, Georgia, Italy, Latvia, Mauritania, Poland and The Netherlands.

Both **Journals** also continued in 2025 the special Editorial Fellowship program to train younger professionals in this important field of medicine (the program started in 2024 for NDT and in 2025 for CKJ). The Editorial Fellows work hand-in-hand with the Journals' Associate Editors and are involved in all aspects of the editorial process. The 2025 call for Editorial Fellows was very successful, attracting a large number of applications from around the world. Each Journal has appointed 14 Editorial Fellows, reflecting a strong international representation. For NDT, the Fellows are based in Brazil, Croatia, Egypt, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Nepal, Portugal, the UK, and the USA. For CKJ, the Fellows are based in Australia, Egypt, Greece, India, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Serbia, and the USA.

In 2025, ERA funded a new special training program for women. Through the ERA Curatorium (ERAC), ERA provided grants to seven women (current ERA members) to attend courses at the Oxford Saïd Business School,

including the “Women Transforming Leadership Programme” and the “Oxford Healthcare Leadership Programme”. The initiative aimed to equip women nephrologists with essential leadership skills.

The Master Course in Clinical Trials (Oxford Population Health) launched in 2024, saw an important increase in applications in 2025. More importantly there was a rise in eligible candidates from the nephrology field thus showing a keen interest from our members to the program: 10 applications (7 eligible) in 2024, compared to 17 applications (14 eligible) in 2025.

ERA's new **e-learning** platform, launched at the end of 2024, and completely redesigned in 2025, shifted ERA's educational offer to an on demand model that improved accessibility and flexibility for learners worldwide. The aim was to enhance user experience and efficiency by adopting an open-source solution. This allowed us to benefit from a vast catalogue of features already available free of charge out-of-the-box, while simultaneously reducing costs and development times. During the year, more than 50 e seminars and educational events were delivered, attracting over 1,300 live attendees from dozens of countries, with extensive additional engagement through recorded educational contents. Key achievements included 12 Working Group e-seminars, generating 808 live participants with 1,920 pre registrations. Finally, the launch of modular e-courses marked an important strategic milestone for ERA education. Although uptake was still emerging by the end of 2025, the “Kidney Replacement Therapy in patients with AKI” course recorded the



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first 11 certificates of completion, establishing a scalable format with strong future potential as awareness grows.

Collaboration with key stakeholders continued in 2025.

ERA hosted a face-to-face meeting in its HQ to finalize the **European Nephrology Curriculum** and ensure that the current ESENeph exam is closely aligned with it (making the process more European-Centric). Furthermore, the ESNEph exam was also linked to the Neph-Manual - ERA's educational e-book - to which all members have full access.

This year, ERA also started collaborations with **ESE** (European Society of Endocrinology) for the joint production of a Hyponatremia Guideline.

The **62nd ERA Congress**, held in Vienna in 2025, reaffirmed its position as the leading European meeting in nephrology, bringing together a truly global community dedicated to kidney health, innovation, and patient care. The Congress welcomed a record 10,114 participants from 128 countries and was a fully hybrid Congress that enabled wide international and inclusive participation.

Beyond scientific excellence, ERA 2025 strongly reinforced its broader mission of kidney health advocacy. During the Congress, ERA organized kidney health **screening** activities that enabled participants to measure blood pressure, kidney function (creatinine and eGFR), and urine abnormalities. More than 400 Congress participants took part in these initiatives.

Awareness and kidney health education were also central themes of the Congress. In collaboration with the Austrian Society of Nephrology,

ERA invested in kidney health education for schoolchildren in Vienna, emphasizing that understanding kidney health should begin early in life. By teaching children from three different local schools (from disadvantaged areas within the city of Vienna), what kidneys do and why they matter, the initiative aimed at building long term awareness that supports healthier behaviors and earlier recognition of kidney disease later in life. Artwork was prepared by the children during these lessons, and the Congress participants elected the best one which then became the front cover of our flagship Journal (NDT – Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation). This reflects ERA's broader commitment to integrating kidney health into everyday public health knowledge, rather than limiting it to specialist settings.

Sustainability was another important focus, with the Congress certified as a Green Meeting and supported by concrete measures to reduce environmental impact. These included reduced use of printed materials, sustainable catering practices, and a €5,000 donation to the DonauCleanUp initiative, reinforcing the link between environmental responsibility and health.

The importance of including **patients** into ERA activities was highlighted by the nomination of two patients to sit in the editorial board of one of the Society's Journals, CKJ. The patients write 'patient views' on selected CKJ articles and evaluate papers that matter to the patient community. Furthermore, patients were fully involved in the "Protect your Kidneys, Protect your Future" campaign.



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In fact, for the first time, ERA has invested substantial resources in launching a public awareness and prevention campaign: the **ABCDE Campaign** which was called “Protect your Kidneys, Protect your Future”. A part from the activities launched during the annual ERA Congress, the campaign included the development of 6 educational resources (infographics, guides, toolkit, social media assets, leaflet) for the public, healthcare professionals and policymakers. It also included specific publications which were published in Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation (NDT) and The Lancet Regional Health Europe, as well as contributions to the European Commission call for evidence on the EU cardiovascular health plan. Dedicated Facebook and Instagram channels were opened and reached millions of views and hundreds of thousands of users. Furthermore, the campaign materials were translated into 14 languages, supporting Europe-wide adoption.

ERA was involved in a number of very important statements and articles in the field of Public Affairs that extremely relevant for the field of nephrology with very positive impact on the general population. In 2025 ERA responded to several consultations organised by the European Commission on relevant policy developments, providing evidence and policy recommendations:

- Consultation on the EU prevention, preparedness and response plan for health crises (together with EDTNA/ERCA, EKHA and EKPF)
- Consultation on the Cardiovascular Health Plan (now Safe Hearts Plan)
- Consultation on the Medical Devices and In-vitro Diagnostics regulations

The collaboration with **ASN (American Society of Nephrology) and ISN (International Society of Nephrology)** resulted in an extremely relevant publication “Chronic kidney disease and the global public health agenda: an international consensus” (published in Nature Reviews Nephrology in 2024 and that received 800 references and more than 200,000 views). In 2025, ERA - together with ISN, ASN and a number of international organizations - co-signed an open letter calling UN Member States to support the inclusion of kidney disease in the Political Declaration of the 4th UN High Level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) and Mental Health. The Political Declaration, including kidney disease, was finally adopted in December 2025. To transform this decision into an action plan, ERA leadership took a significant step by publishing an article in NDT, providing a roadmap and a practical framework for National Societies: ERA’s ABCDE framework for kidney disease prevention: turning the WHO kidney health resolution into action. European Renal Association (ERA) Council, ERA Senior Staff. Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, gfaf198, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ndt/gfaf198>. Both the 2025 WHO kidney health Resolution and the UN Political Declaration emphasize the prevention and early diagnosis of CKD as well as access to treatment.

This is in line with the long-term goal of the ERA to promote primary prevention of CKD, which started as a collaboration with KDIGO (**K**idney **D**isease: **I**mproving **G**lobal **O**utcomes) in 2023 that crystallized in the 2025 document “Preventing chronic kidney disease and maintaining kidney health: conclusions from a Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes





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(KDIGO) Controversies Conference” , which proposes to develop the novel concept of pre-CKD to maximize prevention opportunities.

Screening for CKD remains at the centre of ERA’s current strategy, and this involves guidance on how the **eGFR** (estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate) is calculated. There are various equations, worldwide, regarding this calculation and what is currently missing is a consensus on which would be the best one for Europe. In 2025 ERA started a collaboration with the European Federation of Laboratory Medicine (EFLM), the European Kidney Function Consortium (EKFC), the European Society of Paediatric Nephrology (ESPN) and the European Kidney Patients Federation (EKPF) to reach an important consensus, which will be published in 2026 and will hopefully and finally standardize this method throughout all European countries.

The activities of an important ERA body, the **Kidney Relief in Disasters Task Force**, continued in 2025 with the aim of raising awareness about the specific challenges faced by kidney patients during natural and man-made disasters. The Task Force developed practical educational resources for patients and healthcare professionals, including the publication of the booklet “Earthquakes and People on Dialysis” published on the ERA website and freely accessible. To facilitate accessibility this booklet was translated into 5 languages (Arabic, Bulgarian, Macedonian, Russian and German) but the plan is to extend the translations even further with the support of the National Societies of Nephrology in Europe.

ERA is also managing the “**ASN-ERA-ISN Kidney Support Initiative**”, which also focuses on delivering the best possible training for the nephrology community thus support to kidney patients during disasters, which in 2025 signed a very important collaboration with Direct Relief thus enabling medication and medical devices specifically needed by the kidney patients to disaster areas when needed and in a timely manner. The aim is to create a unified emergency response strategy and enhance global preparedness and response for nephrologists, healthcare workers, and patients. Ethical considerations, systematic training, and patient education materials, including booklets and infographics, are key priorities.

As already happened last year, in 2025 not only did ERA give complimentary memberships to all **Ukrainian** nephrologists but extended this benefit to all **Palestinian** nephrologists as well. Both benefits will continue till the end of the conflicts.

The Council considered **IT** aspects of utmost importance in the user experience of ERA’s members, but also in distributing in the most efficient way possible the outputs of the Society so that they can be immediately and quickly used by the members, in particular for clinical applications. For this reason, ERA decided to collaborate with a professional consultant in the IT world for such implementations but also to support the Council in risk assessment and mitigation of risk. ERA’s IT strategy emphasizes governance, long-term sustainability, cost optimization, and avoidance of vendor lock-in.



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Last, but certainly not least, the National Society **ERA Membership** project continued to expand successfully. By the end of 2025, ERA membership reached 30,462 members worldwide, confirming the steady growth of the Society which is now the largest one in the world in the field of nephrology.

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01 Education



CMEs organised by ERA Working Groups and Bodies

ERA Working Groups and Committees organised thematic educational courses to enhance knowledge and expertise in nephrology.

From January 15-17, 2025, the European Renal Osteodystrophy (EUROD) Registry, an initiative of the CKD-MBD Working Group, hosted the **8th EUROD Winter Meeting** in Leuven, Belgium. The event offered both in-person and virtual attendance, providing a significant platform for presenting recent research developments in CKD-MBD and encouraging collaboration among leading professionals. The central theme for 2025 focused on Diabetes Mellitus and CKD-MBD.

The ERA Registry's traditional **Introductory Course on Epidemiology** was held on March 13-14, 2025, in Thessaloniki, Greece. This course was developed for nephrologists, paediatric nephrologists, and researchers in nephrology, offering comprehensive instruction in the core principles of epidemiology.

Both CME courses were accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®), for a total of 22.5 credits, ensuring that participants received diplomas granting European CME credits (ECMEC®s).

These educational initiatives reflect ERA's ongoing commitment to advancing nephrology education and fostering collaboration across the nephrology community.





Young Nephrologists' Platform (YNP)



In June 2025, during the ERA Congress in Vienna, three Board members, H. Diniz (Portugal), L. Floyd (United Kingdom), and M. Theodorakopoulou (Greece), ended their terms. O. Cseprekál (Hungary) concluded her term as Chair and will continue to serve as Past Chair until June 2026. S. Mirioğlu (Türkiye) began his term as the new Chair. Finally, three new Board members, V. Ivković (Croatia), A. Matyjek (Poland), and J. Tavares (Portugal), began their terms in Vienna.

As of December 2025, the YNP had approximately 7,831 active members.

List of YNP Board

- Şafak Mirioğlu, Türkiye (Chair)
- Orsolya Cseprekál, Hungary (Past Chair)
- Fernando Caravaca-Fontán, Spain
- Michele Eisenga, The Netherlands
- Vanja Ivković, Croatia
- Anna Matyjek, Poland
- Balazs Odler, Austria
- Joana Tavares, Portugal
- Elisabeth Van Loon, Belgium

Initiatives

- *National Representatives:* In 2025, YNP had 31 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](#). As the terms of National Representatives come to an end, the YNP Committee continuously invites new representatives (and also new/missing countries) to join the network and encourages outgoing representatives to identify and nominate new young nephrologists to take over the role, ensuring ongoing engagement and expansion of the YNP community.
- *Free ERA Congress Membership Programme:* The programme was upgraded in May 2025 to include both abstract- and paper-based tracks, granting a Free ERA Congress Membership. The previous rules continued to apply to abstracts for the ERA Congress 2025 (20 memberships awarded, The full list of awardees is available [here](#)), while the new rules will apply from 2026 onwards.
- *Mentorship Programme:* The 2025 edition of the programme included 17 mentors. Following the open call for mentees in early December 2024, 14 formal applications were received, resulting in the formation of 14 mentor–mentee pairs. A significant milestone for the 2024 programme was the allocation of a special budget by the ERA Council to





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support the introduction of a one-week internship. This opportunity allows mentees to gain short-term hands-on experience and can be undertaken within six months after completing the mentorship programme, subject to the mentor's approval. Five mentees from the 2024 cohort completed the one-week internship, while participation from the 2025 cohort is still ongoing, as mentees have until September of the following year to complete it according to the programme timeline.

- YNP Speaker Database: This initiative aims to identify and gather active ERA YNP members who are highly qualified as young speakers and to propose them for ERA Congresses and other meetings and initiatives, such as CME courses, and joint meetings between the YNP and other societies. As of December 2025, the speaker database included 42 active YNP members. Seven members were transferred to the main ERA speaker database after they were no longer eligible as YNP members. In 2025, it was decided to make the database more dynamic by allowing YNP speakers included in the database to periodically update their profiles and information. The implementation of this update system is currently in progress.

Collaboration with Other Societies

- JSN: In 2025, the nominated YNP representative for the JSN Congress was Jasper Callemeyn (Belgium). For the 2025 ERA Congress, the JSN Young representative was Ryo Matsuura.
- ESPN: Michele Eisenga (The Netherlands) was nominated as the YNP representative for the ESPN Congress.
- KSN: For the ERA 2025 Congress, Cheol Ho Park was invited as representatives of the KSN and Andreas Kronbichler (Austria) was nominated as the YNP representative for the KSN Congress.
- ASN: For the 2025 ERA Congress the ASN representative was Vineeta Kumar.
- UEMS: As part of the ERA-UEMS collaboration, in 2025 two YNP Board members participated in the ERA & UEMS Renal Section Collaborative Group responsible for reviewing and finalizing the European Nephrology Curriculum as well as supporting the up-dating of the ESENeph exam. In addition, a joint ERA YNP-UEMS seminar is expected to be organised in 2026.
- KDIGO: A collaboration has been established with KDIGO to involve YNP National Representatives in the translation of the Top 10 Takeaways for Nephrologists and Patients on CKD, ANCA-associated vasculitis, Lupus, and Diabetes. Eighteen YNP members translated materials into 12 languages.





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Joint e-seminars organized in 2025

- Two joint meetings between ERA–YNP and EMEUNET (EULAR – the Emerging EULAR Network) were held. The first meeting took place on the EULAR platform on March 20 and was titled “ANCA-Associated Vasculitis: From Diagnosis to Management.” The YNP speaker was Lauren Floyd (United Kingdom), and the panel member was Vanja Ivkovic (Croatia). It gathered 85 attendees from 36 countries. The second meeting was hosted by ERA on December 10 and was titled “Lupus Nephritis: What Do the New Guidelines Say?” This session had 90 participants from 40 countries. The YNP speaker was Marc Xipell (Spain), and the panel member was Şafak Mirioğlu (Türkiye).
- On April 11, the fourth joint e-seminar between YNP (ERA) and JSN (Japanese Society of Nephrology) was held, with 68 attendees from 17 countries. The YNP speaker was Rita Leal (Portugal). The seminar was titled "Kidney Transplantation from Living Donors: Insights from Europe and Japan."
- On May 14, a pilot collaborative seminar was held with the European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM). The seminar had 57 attendees from 27 countries. The title of the seminar was “Cardiorenal Syndrome: Perspectives from Nephrology and Internal Medicine.” The YNP speaker was Amaryllis Van Craenenbroeck (Belgium), and the panel member was Balázs Odler (Austria).
- The fourth joint e-seminar between YNP (ERA) and YPNN (ESPN) took place on September 15, with 90 participants from 44 countries. The YNP speaker was Sandrine Lemoine (France). The session was titled "Hyperoxaluria: From Childhood to Adulthood, Including Transition."
- On October 23, the YNP Board organized an additional e-seminar titled "Interventional Nephrology: A Beginner's Guide for Young Nephrologists." The meeting gathered 95 attendees from 57 countries. The YNP speakers were Raquel Teba and Marina Urrutia Jou (Spain), and Hugo Diniz (Portugal).

The ERA National Society of Nephrology Grant

ERA offers National Societies the opportunity to award the best abstract/poster presenter at their Annual Congress with three years of free ERA membership (including free access to NDT Online), along with one free ERA Congress Membership. In 2025, seven young authors were awarded the ERA National Society Grant (more details can be found in the National Society Annual report 2025).

Collaboration with NDT & CKJ

During 2025 there was an active collaboration between YNP and the ERA official journals.





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- **CKJ section: In Context – in collaboration with YNP:** In 2025, 8 articles were published, with 8 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 with a green flag and the Editorial Board Members regularly receive the list of Young Reviewers, so that they can easily identify them. As of December 2025, 121 YNP members were participating in this initiative.
- **Involvement of YNP members in The ERA Neph-Manual: Nephrology Unfolded!** In 2025, the YNP Board and YNP members have been actively participating as authors/coauthors and suggesting novel topics. Additionally, YNP members co-authored several chapters outside the

YNP invitation, having been invited directly by senior authors or by the Editor-in-Chief. In 2025, 8 more YNP members collaborated as authors and co-authors in new chapters. Finally, 10 YNPs have been appointed until the end of June 2027 as Theme Editors. They will be responsible for checking if certain chapters need to be up-dated (together with a senior editor per main category).

- **Editorial Fellowship programme:** The NDT fellowship was launched in 2023, followed by the CKJ fellowship in 2024. The programme aims to provide YNPs with valuable learning opportunity in the medical publishing process. Fellows work closely with an Associate Editor and participate in all aspects of the editorial workflow. In 2025, 13 YNPs joined CKJ as fellows, and 10 joined NDT.





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 CKJ Editor-in-Chief is Professor Jürgen Floege, Aachen, Germany.

The [Editorial Board](#) consists of 6 Associate Editors, 14 Editorial Fellows, 2 Patient Representatives, 1 Statistical Advisor, 3 Graphical Abstracts Editors, 2 Social Media Editors, and over 40 internationally renowned experts in nephrology.

The 14 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.

CKJ received 2,597 submissions (2,078 original and 519 revised) in 2025. The overall acceptance rate was 14.7%. 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 2025, CKJ continued publishing 'In Context' publications in collaboration with YNP in which key publications in the field of nephrology are explained

from a clinical point of view. We also again published the monthly 'ERA Registry Figure of the Month'.

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

In 2025, CKJ also continued publishing author videos on selected articles. The video library can be viewed [here](#).

In 2025, the journal received 1,692,231 full-text downloads. The impact factor is 4.6, ranking the journal 15/133 in the nephrology/urology category. 415 articles were published in the 2025 volume of CKJ.

The top cited articles contributing to the 2024 impact factor were:

- [Temporal trends in prevalence and mortality for chronic kidney disease in China from 1990 to 2019: an analysis of the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019](#)
- [EMPA-KIDNEY: expanding the range of kidney protection by SGLT2 inhibitors](#)
- [The ERA Registry Annual Report 2020: a summary](#)

In 2025, CKJ published the accepted, unedited manuscripts online within 1.1 working days after the author license had been signed. The accepted manuscript was then replaced by the final, typeset proof within 26.5 working days. The average review process took 2 to 3 weeks.





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CKJ published 2 Supplements in 2025:

- [New Perspectives on CKD-MBD](#)
- [Highlights of the 2025 European Renal Association Congress](#)

Each online CKJ 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 published in 2025 was: [Decongestion in patients with advanced chronic kidney disease coexisting with heart failure](#)

CKJ is widely promoted on social media. The CKJ X account (@CKJsocial) reached over 15,000 followers in 2025 and the ERA SoMe team posts reels on CKJ publications on the ERA Instagram account. As of end 2024, the journal has a Bluesky account (@ckj-era.bsky.social) with over 400 followers.

The journal has its own monthly Newsletter in which highlights of each new CKJ issue, important news, etc. are promoted. As of 2025, we also celebrate the team behind the journal in our Newsletters. We recognize and thank the people who make our publication possible and ask them to select their favourite CKJ article.

Until June 2025 (renewal under consideration), 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 2025, we grouped several ERA journals collections in [one single page](#) consisting of:

- [Clinical Guidance from the ERA Journals](#) (with all the CKJ 'Ten tips' publications)
- [High-Impact Articles from Clinical Kidney Journal \(CKJ\)](#)
- [Research influencing Europe](#)
- [The ERA Registry's 60th Anniversary](#)
- [Joint ERA and ESC Cardio-Kidney Collection](#)

In 2025, CKJ joined the new OUP-owned journal 'Research Connections'. For selected papers that are rejected for publication in CKJ, the Editor-in-Chief can offer the authors the possibility to transfer their paper to 'Research Connections'.

Important marketing initiatives in 2025 were:

- High-impact articles
- Clinical guidance from the ERA Journals hub
- Why Publish with CKJ?
- Targeted 'Read and Publish' promotion





ERA e-learning

The ERA e-learning platform serves as a comprehensive digital hub for nephrology education and professional development. In November 2025, a new and completely redesigned e-learning platform was launched offering an improved user experience and a variety of educational materials. The main change was the shift from live e-seminars to a model centred on pre-recorded content, which include both traditional e-seminars and newly created thematic e-learning courses produced by ERA bodies. The great benefit of this new format is the on-demand accessibility of all pre-recorded e-seminars, allowing learners with the flexibility to engage with the content at their convenience.

Key features include:

- **Recorded e-seminars:** a comprehensive library of sessions covering the latest hot topics and trends in nephrology
- **e-learning courses:** developed by ERA Bodies, these courses offer flexible, modular learning in kidney care
- **Neph-Manual:** an essential tool for study and the ESENeph exam preparation
- **Congress webcasts:** leading scientific sessions and lectures from the latest ERA Congress



With a comprehensive selection of content, this platform is designed to deliver reliable resources specifically curated to support ERA members in advancing their knowledge, fostering professional development, and maintaining leadership within the field of nephrology.

e-seminars



Type 1: Supported with Unrestricted Grants

- ERA Journal Club
- ERA Neph-Manual supported by ERAC
- Supported series

Type 2: By ERA WGs & Committees

- YNP jointly with other Societies
- EUROD Case Conferences
- Working Groups jointly with other Societies
- Working Groups: live e-seminars with ECMEC® credits (from January to July 2025)
- Working Groups & Committees recorded e-seminars (from November to December 2025)



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ERA e-learning

1. Supported with Unrestricted Grants

- **ERA Journal Club**



Six Journal Clubs were held between January and June. The total number of unique attendees was 243 from 84 countries.

1. January: Epidemiological and clinicopathological characteristics of vascular-limited renal AL amyloidosis, with 30 attendees from 18 countries.
2. February: The potential for improving cardio-renal outcomes in chronic kidney disease with the aldosterone synthase inhibitor vicadostat (BI 690517): a rationale for the EASi-KIDNEY trial, with 50 attendees from 22 countries.
3. March: Digital physical activity intervention via the Kidney BEAM platform in patients with polycystic kidney disease: a randomised controlled trial, with 22 attendees from 17 countries.
4. April: Disease-modifying anti-nephropathic drugs (DMANDs) – A definition proposed by the Immunonephrology Working Group (IWG) of the European Renal Association (ERA), with 27 attendees from 20 countries.
5. May: Potential and pitfalls of measuring circulating anti-nephrin autoantibodies in glomerular diseases, with 71 attendees from 38 countries.
6. June: SGLT2 inhibition for patients with ADPKD – closing the evidence gap, with 43 attendees from 29 countries.

- **ERA Neph-Manual**



In 2025, four live webinars were held within the ERA Neph-Manual series thanks to the support of ERAC (ERA Curatorium), featuring selected chapters from the ERA Neph Manual. This series covers various aspects of kidney disease, including pathophysiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis, and treatment.

1. January: Kidney diseases and pregnancy, and the relationship between complicated pregnancies and kidney diseases, with 123 attendees from 43 countries.
2. March: Slowing progression and preventing complications of chronic kidney disease, with 92 attendees from 39 countries.
3. April: Urology for the nephrologist, with 41 attendees from 29 countries.
4. May: Nephrology in disasters, epidemics, and wartime, with 29 attendees from 20 countries.

- **Supported series**



During 2025, there were 2 ongoing series supported with unrestricted educational grants.





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- **Nutritional Strategies for CKD Management (Nutrition Series):** A series of two webinars, with the first held in September 2024 and the second one on February 13, 2025:

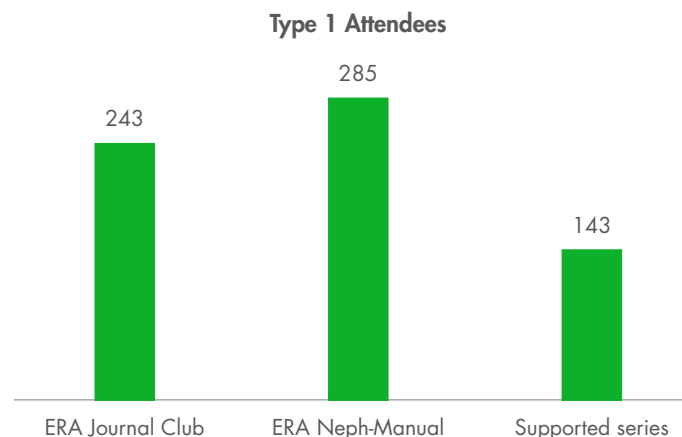
- ▶ Personalized Hemodialysis and Empowering Patients: New Approaches to CKD Management: with 91 attendees from 29 countries.

- **Evidence based in Cardiorenal protection in Diabetic and non/diabetic CKD patients (Evidence based series):** a series of 3 webinars held in collaboration with the ERA-ERBP Committee, with the first held in September 2023, the second one in November 2024, and the last on March 19, 2025:

- ▶ A European Renal Association (ERA) synopsis for nephrology practice of the 2023 European Society of Hypertension (ESH) Guidelines for the Management of Arterial Hypertension: with 52 attendees from 26 countries.

Following the conclusion of the live sessions, all webcasts have been published on the ERA e-learning platform.

Type 1 (JC, ERA Neph Manual and Supported with Unrestricted Grants): Total Pre-registered vs Total Attendees (TOT. 15 e-seminars)



2. By ERA WGs & Committees



- **YNP jointly with other Societies**

- **YNP (ERA) & JSN (Japanese Society of Nephrology):** a joint meeting by YNP & JSN was held on April 11. The meeting had 68 attendees from 17 countries. Title: Kidney Transplantation from Living donors: Insights from Europe and Japan.
- **YNP (ERA) & EFIM (European Federation of Internal Medicine):** a joint meeting by YNP & EFIM was held on May 14. The meeting





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had 57 attendees from 27 countries. Title: Cardiorenal Syndrome – Perspectives from Nephrology and Internal Medicine.

- **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 15. The meeting had 90 attendees from 44 countries. Title: Hyperoxaluria: From Childhood to Adulthood, Including Transition.
- **YNP (October 23, 2025) Interventional Nephrology:** A Beginner's Guide for Young Nephrologists. The meeting had 95 attendees from 57 countries.
- **YNP (ERA) & EMEUNET (EULAR):** two joint meetings between ERA - YNP and EULAR- EMEUNET (European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology - The Emerging EULAR Network) were held. The first meeting took place on the EULAR platform on March 20 and was titled 'ANCA-associated vasculitis from diagnosis to management'. It gathered 85 attendees from 36 countries. The second meeting was hosted by ERA on December 10 and was titled "Lupus nephritis: what do new guidelines say? This session had 90 from 40 countries.

- **EUROD Case Conferences**

Launched in 2023, the EUROD Case Conference series continued in 2024 and 2025. This series aims to increase the knowledge of renal osteodystrophy, specifically how to diagnose and treat renal bone disease. Three webinars have been held in 2025:

1. A patient with CKD5D on hemodialysis treated with denosumab (live session, March 18): 88 live attendees
2. A patient after kidney transplantation with fractures – bone anabolic therapy in CKD (live session, May 6): 50 live attendees
3. A dialysis patient with CKD-associated osteoporosis and hyperparathyroidism (recorded session, available from November): 96 attendees

- **Working Groups jointly with other Societies**

- G&K (ERA) & ESPN (European Society for Paediatric Nephrology): the joint e-seminar "Kidney stones: When to perform a genetic test? How to manage for paediatricians and adult nephrologists?" was held on February 4. The e-seminar was attended live by 151 participants from both associations.





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- CKD-MBD (ERA) & IFCC (International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine): the joint e-seminar “Targeting bone in CKD without biopsy - novel non-invasive treatment targets for management of CKD-MBD and CKD-associated osteoporosis” was held on April 15. The e-seminar was attended live by 73 participants from both associations.

Working Groups: live e-seminars with ECMEC® credits

Twelve live e-seminars were conducted in 2025 within the WGs e-seminar series.

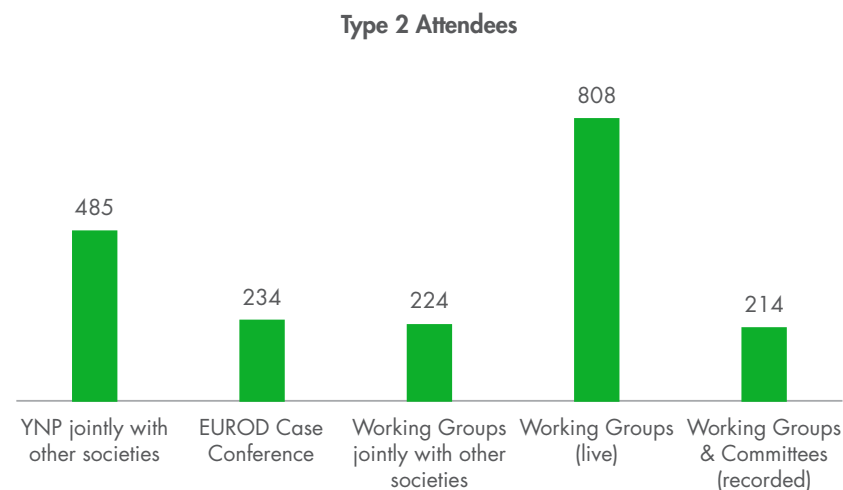
Facts & Figures:

- 12 hours of live sessions and 12 hours of webcasting available on the new ERA e-learning platform
- 808 live attendees
- 142 EACCME/UEMS diplomas downloaded

Working Groups & Committees recorded e-seminars

From November to December 2025, four e-seminars have been recorded by WGs and made available on the e-learning platform.

Type 2 (By ERA WGs & Committees): Total Attendees 1965 (TOT. 27 e-seminars)



e-courses



In 2025, a new educational format was launched featuring modular thematic e-learning courses comprising five 30-minute lessons. Each lesson includes an associated quiz, and participants receive a certificate of completion upon successfully finishing all lessons and passing the quizzes.

The first two courses have been prepared by the ERAKI (Acute Kidney Injury) Working Group:



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- **Acute Kidney Injury course:** 8 diplomas downloaded until end of 2025
- **Kidney Replacement Therapy in patients with AKI course:** 12 diplomas downloaded until end of 2025

ERA Neph-Manual



The 2025 update of the ERA Neph-Manual builds on the strong foundation established in 2024, with important expansions in content scope, educational functionality, and strategic focus areas, further strengthening its role as a core training resource for young nephrologists.

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). The Editor-in-Chief is Jeroen Kooman, The Netherlands, and whole editorial board is available [here](#).

Expanded scientific content

Compared with 2024, the 2025 version includes several **new chapters and thematic extensions**, notably:

- The addition of **Genetics in kidney disease**, strengthening the coverage of inherited and rare kidney disorders.
- New disease-specific chapters such as **IgA nephropathy, membranous nephropathy, podocytopathies, toxic and environmental nephropathies, and type IV collagen disorders**, offering deeper granularity within glomerular and tubulo-interstitial diseases.
- An expanded **AKI section**, now including a dedicated chapter on AKI pathophysiology, **diagnosis, and prevention**, complementing

treatment-focused content already present in 2024.

- New perspectives under Nephrology on the move, with the introduction of **environmental nephrology and sustainable kidney care and global epidemiology of kidney disease**, reflecting ERA's growing focus on sustainability, planetary health, and global burden of kidney disease.

Enhanced educational features

While the 2024 Manual already included case-based learning and multiple-choice questions, the 2025 version introduces a key pedagogical improvement:

- **Interactive "Test Yourself" multiple-choice questions**, allowing learners to answer questions directly online, significantly improving engagement and self-assessment.

Improved structure and usability

The thematic grouping of chapters introduced in 2024 has been **consolidated and expanded** in 2025, resulting in a more comprehensive and balanced coverage across:

- Physiology and genetics
- Glomerular and interstitial diseases
- CKD, hypertension, and diabetes
- Dialysis and transplantation
- AKI and critical care
- Life-course nephrology and emerging domains





ERA e-learning



Furthermore, the 2025 Manual was enhanced by platform improvements such as optimized layouts and advanced search capabilities, thereby increasing overall usability.

Continuity and growth

The 2025 update confirms the ERA Neph-Manual as a **living educational resource**, with regular chapter updates, continued involvement of young nephrologists as co-authors, and ongoing e-seminars linked to published chapters. The announcement that **final chapters will be released in 2026** reinforces the Manual's long-term developmental trajectory.



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European Renal Best Practice (ERBP)



In 2025, the European Renal Best Practice (ERBP) initiative concluded its longstanding contribution to ERA's clinical mission, following a strategic decision to formally close the ERBP Committee in **October 2025**. This final year focused on consolidating key scientific outputs while ensuring continuity of ERBP expertise within ERA structures.

Throughout 2025, ERBP continued to support nephrology practice through the publication and dissemination of **guideline commentaries and clinical practice documents** in ERA journals. These contributions provided a nephrology-focused interpretation of international guidelines, facilitating their implementation in real-world clinical care.

ERBP also maintained an active educational role. **Learn by Practice sessions** under the ERBP umbrella remained part of the 2025 ERA Congress programme, emphasising applied, case-based learning in complex CKD-related areas. In addition, ERBP contributed to ERA e-seminar activities, particularly those addressing guideline updates and evidence-based decision-making.

During 2025, ERBP activities were progressively aligned with ERA Working Groups, Councils and journal editorial structures, ensuring that ERBP expertise in evidence appraisal and clinical translation was embedded within ERA's broader governance framework. This approach supported an orderly transition and the completion of ongoing projects ahead of the committee's closure.

Following this transition, activities related to guideline commentary and dissemination are now led by ERA Working Groups or ad hoc task forces and are presented on the newly developed [ERA Guidance webpage](#).

Through this platform, ERA actively engages in collaborations with other professional societies to develop comprehensive clinical guidance. These joint initiatives integrate multidisciplinary expertise to ensure recommendations are evidence-based, practical, and aligned with the latest advances in nephrology, contributing to harmonised standards of care and improved patient outcomes.

ERBP Publication

- [Iatridi F, Carrero JJ, Cornec-Le Gall E, Kanbay M, Luyckx V, Shroff R, Ferro CJ. KDIGO 2024 Clinical Practice Guideline for the Evaluation and Management of Chronic Kidney Disease in Children and Adults: a commentary from the European Renal Best Practice \(ERBP\). Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, 2025; 40\(2\): 273–282.](#)
- [Müller RU, Cornec-Le Gall E, Degenhardt J, Gansevoort R, Halbritter J, Taubert R, Drenth JPH. KDIGO 2025 ADPKD guideline: a commentary on diagnosis and management of hepatopancreatic manifestations by the ERA Working Group Genes & Kidney. Nephrol Dial Transplant. 2025 Dec 23;41\(1\):171-179.](#)





European Renal Best Practice (ERBP)

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- [Arzu Velioglu, Artemios G Karagiannidis, Erol Demir, Rachel Hellemans, Ilaria Gandolfini, Rachel Thomas, Annelis de Weerd, Ivana Dedinska, Andreas Kousios, Matej Samoš, Reyhan Diz Küçükkaya, Helen Erlandsson, Adnan Sharif, Mario Schiffer, Christophe Mariat, Luuk Hilbrands, Management of antithrombotic therapies in kidney transplantation candidates and recipients: an ERBP clinical practice document by the DESCaRTES Working Group of ERA and the EKITA Committee of ESOT, Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, 2026; gfag024.](#)
- [Kanbay M, Copur S, Sarafidis P, Ferro CJ, Ortiz A. 2025 AHA/ACC/AANP/AAPA/ABC/ACCP/ACPM/AGS/AMA/ASPC/NMA/PCNA/SGIM Guideline for the Prevention, Detection, Evaluation and Management of High Blood Pressure in Adults: a commentary from the European Renal Best Practice \(ERBP\). Nephrol Dial Transplant. 2026 Mar 10;gfag055. doi: 10.1093/ndt/gfag055. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 41805831.](#)





ERA Education Meetings

ERA Education – Lisbon

The first ERA Education Meeting, in collaboration with the Portuguese Society of Nephrology, took place on March 27-28, 2025, in Lisbon, Portugal. The meeting was attended by 164 participants from 29 countries. Most attendees came from Portugal, but there were attendees from all over Europe and even Asia, Africa and South America.

The meeting programme contained short introduction lectures followed by clinical cases presented by junior presenters (selected by the Portuguese Society of Nephrology). In four sessions, the programme covered CKD diagnosis and the role of pathology and genetic testing, CKD management, comorbidities, and the translation of basic science into clinical practice.

To support YNP ERA members, Travel Grants were available to support several young nephrologists to attend the ERA Education Meeting and in total 18 grants were awarded.

The meeting was very well evaluated by the participants and faculty with an overall score of 4.6 out of 5.

The meeting was organized and mainly funded by ERA. Support was received from Alnylam, AstraZeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim and CSL Vifor.

Scientific Committee

- Danilo Fliser, Renal Science Chair, Germany (Meeting Chair)
- Ana Carina Ferreira, Local representative, Portugal
- Orsolya Cseppekál, YNP Chair, Hungary
- Beatriz Fernandez Fernandez, CME Chair, Spain
- Jorge Malheiro, Local representative, Portugal



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ERA Education Meetings

ERA Education – Istanbul

The second ERA Education Meeting, in collaboration with the Turkish Society of Nephrology, took place on September 5-6, 2025, in Istanbul, Türkiye. The meeting was attended by 214 participants from 35 countries. About half of the attendees came from Türkiye, but there were attendees from all over Europe and even Asia, Africa and South America.

The meeting programme included four sessions, covering immune-mediated kidney diseases, genetics for nephrologists, chronic kidney disease and transplantation. For the first time two KDIGO sessions focused on their guidelines and controversy conferences. In addition, Hands-on Courses were added to the programme to provide additional training for the attendees on lung ultrasound in daily practice and ultrasonographic assessment of AV fistula.

To support YNP ERA members, Travel Grants were available to support several young nephrologists to attend the ERA Education Meeting and in total 30 grants were awarded.

The meeting was very well evaluated by the participants and faculty with an overall score of 4.6 out of 5.

The meeting was organized and mainly funded by ERA. Support was received from Alexion, Bayer, CSL Vifor and Novartis.

Scientific Committee

- Alberto Ortiz, Renal Science Chair, Spain (Meeting Chair)
- Şafak Mirioğlu, YNP Chair, Türkiye
- Beatriz Fernandez Fernandez, CME Chair, Spain
- Mustafa Arici, Local representative, Türkiye
- Serhan Tuglular, Local representative, Türkiye





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Participants



- 10,114 total registrations
- 8,033 onsite registration
- 657 virtual registrations
- 1,424 industry registrations
- 128 countries



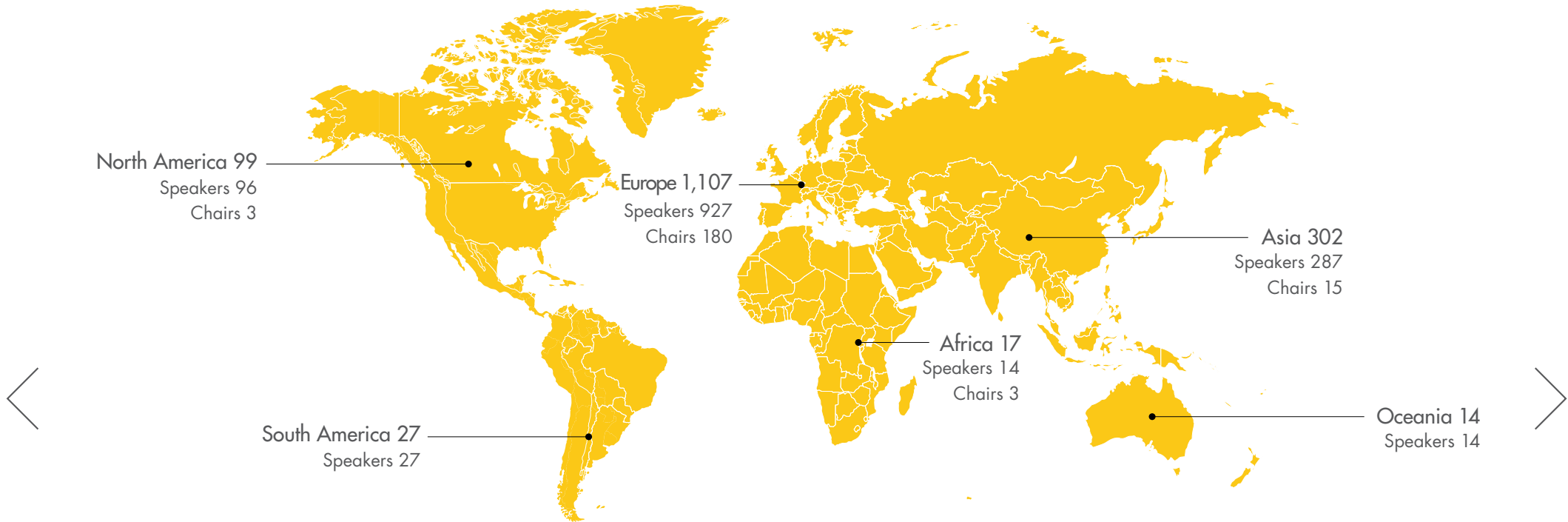
Top 10 countries

United States	United Kingdom	Germany	Spain	Italy	Philippines	Switzerland	France	Austria	P.R. China
629	574	568	523	384	337	318	317	287	282



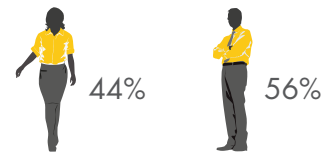
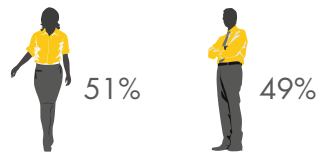


Unique Speakers



1,365 Unique Speakers

200 Unique Chairs





Session distribution

	N. Sessions	N. Speakers	N. Chairs
CME	10	60	20
Hands on Courses	4	26	8
Symposia	64	166	106
Plenary Lectures	3	3	6
LBCT	2	7	4
Free Communication + Minilectures	24	146	48
Focussed Orals	70	919	70
Creative labs	3	3	3
Lean by practice	1	2	1
Moderated e-poster	56	814	56





Top attended sessions

Wednesday, June 4

- CME 1 - Primary and secondary GN, vasculitis and autoimmune diseases: 1,250
- Opening Lectures + Opening lectures: 1,390

Thursday, June 5

- S 0.1 Late breaking clinical trials I: Cutting-Edge Clinical trials in Nephrology: 2,090
- Plenary Lecture 1 - APOL 1 and precision nephrology: 1,370
- S 0.5 Nephrology breakthroughs: editors' panel on innovation: 900

Friday, June 6

- S 0.2 Late breaking clinical trials II: 3,000
- Plenary Lecture 2 - Celi and gene therapy in clinical practice: feasible, but available?: 845
- S 2.1 Game changers in IgA Nephropathy: 835

Saturday, June 7

- Plenary Lecture 3 - Obesity: now a treatable disease + Closing lecture: 925
- S 0.7 Navigating IgA Nephropathy Management in the Era of New KDIGO Guidance: 390















Submitted Abstracts

- Total number of submitted Abstracts: **2,835**
- From **95** Countries
- Categories:
 - ▶ Chronic Kidney Disease (734); Dialysis (669); Glomerular & Tubulo-interstitial Disease (542); Kidney Transplantation (312); AKI & Critical Care Nephrology (236); Physiology, Cell Biology & Genetic Disease (191); Hypertension & Diabetes (150)



Top 10 countries

Spain	Italy	P.R.China	United Kingdom	Uzbekistan	Korea, Rep of South	United States of America	India	Portugal	Japan
									
271	220	201	151	120	114	112	106	106	95





Accepted Abstracts: 2,334



- 144 Free Communication
 - ▶ Divided over 24 FC sessions
- 961 Focussed Orals
 - ▶ Divided over 70 FO sessions
- 1,229 e-Posters (Virtual mode only)
 - ▶ Displayed at the Research Zone area on a special wall (divided by tracks)
 - ▶ 4 times lots of 90 minutes each to give authors the opportunity to present their work
 - ▶ 20 touch-screens available and a schedule with authors invited to be present at a specific time





ERA Science Meeting

The ERA Science Meetings are new topic-focused meetings intended to address very important topics in the field of nephrology. The meetings will bring together key experts and opinion leaders as well as stakeholders in a particular subject for an in-depth discussion on new developments and highly impactful new research. The goal is to create concrete outcomes and potential white papers and calls to action in the name of ERA. Attendance to the ERA Science Meeting is by invitation only and the meetings are fully funded by ERA.

The first edition was organized on November 27-28, 2025, in Barcelona, Spain and focused on A roadmap towards implementation of precision medicine in genetic kidney diseases in Europe. The meeting was organized by ERA Council, who nominated a Scientific Committee of experts from the field, and in particular from the ERA Council itself, the Scientific Advisory Board and the ERA Working Group on “Genes and Kidney”.



Scientific Committee

- Alberto Ortiz, Renal Science Chair, Spain (Meeting Chair)
- Olivier Devuyst, Belgium (Meeting Co-Chair)
- Emilie Cornec-Le Gall, France
- Roman-Ulrich Müller, Germany
- Albert Ong, United Kingdom
- Marina Vivarelli, Italy

The programme covered the main theme in four sessions covering: understanding of genetic kidney disease, diagnosis and risk stratification, treatments, and moving from trial design to implementation. In addition, there was a special lecture by the Minister of Science and Universities of Catalonia, who discussed From Stem Cells to model systems: a journey to target kidney disease.

The meeting and programme were very well evaluated by the participants and faculty with an overall score of 4.8 out of 5.

Keep an eye out for the publications in preparation by the meeting faculty and participants!





Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)



List of SAB Members

- Giovambattista Capasso, Italy – SAB Chair
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- Juan Francisco Navarro-González, Spain
- Francesco Pesce, Italy
- Kültigin Türkmen, Türkiye
- José Manuel Valdivielso, Spain
- Marianne Verhaar, The Netherlands
- Marina Vivarelli, Italy

In 2025, the SAB supported the ERA in its scientific activities, it advised the Council on the Awards, Educational and Research activities and the ERA Fellowship Programmes.

Furthermore, the SAB has developed educational materials and comprehensive review articles addressing the future directions of nephrology, which are scheduled for publication in 2026.

ERA Fellowship Programme

In 2025, several ERA Fellowship calls have been launched, and fellows will be able to access host institutions and carry on their educational/clinical (Short-term and Interventional Nephrology Fellowships) and research (Long-term Fellowships) activities.

Thanks to the **Short-term Fellowship** programme eight fellows will start their educational experience in early 2026:

- El Atigh Aminetou (Mauritania) hosted by the Kidney transplant institute at CHU, Grenoble-Alpes (France)
- Giulia Bartoli (Italy) hosted by the Bellvitge University Hospital, Barcelona (Spain)
- Dino Kasumović (Croatia) hosted by the Hospital Universitario 12 de Octubre, Madrid (Spain)
- Patrícia Kleinová (Netherlands) hosted by the Radboud University Medical Centre, Nijmegen (The Netherlands)
- Ewa Pawłowicz-Szlarska (Poland) hosted by the University Medical Center Groningen, Groningen (The Netherlands)
- Evita Skruļa (Latvia) hosted by the Pediatric nephrology program in Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos (Lithuania)
- Mariam Stepanyan (Armenia) hosted by the Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS, Milano (Italy)
- Ana Surmanidze (Georgia) hosted by the Heidelberg University Hospital, Heidelberg (Germany)





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Thanks to the **Interventional Nephrology Fellowship** programme eleven fellows will start their educational experience in early 2026:

- Shubham Dubey (India) hosted by the University Hospital of Nephrology, Skopje (North Macedonia)
- Beatriz Fuentes Huertas (Spain) hosted by the Hospital Curry Cabral, Lisbon (Portugal)
- Panagiotis Giannakopoulos (Greece) hosted by the University Hospital of Patras, Rio Achaia (Greece)
- Elena Gjecka (Albania) hosted by the Hospital Curry Cabral, Lisbon (Portugal)
- Vasiliki Gkika (Greece) hosted by the Hospital Curry Cabral, Lisbon (Portugal)
- Ewa Kotwica-Strzałek (Poland) hosted by the Hospital Curry Cabral, Lisbon (Portugal)
- Paloma Livianos Arias-Camisón (Spain) hosted by the University Hospital of Nephrology, Skopje (North Macedonia)
- Tadej Petreski (Slovenia) hosted by the Unidade Local de Saude Sao Joao, Porto (Portugal)
- Arjun Sabharwal (UK) hosted by the Wroclaw Medical University, Department and Clinic of Nephrology, Transplant Medicine and Internal Medicine (Poland)
- Ferah Taran (Türkiye) hosted by the Wroclaw Medical University, Department and Clinic of Nephrology, Transplant Medicine and Internal Medicine (Poland)
- Nikolaos Vasileios Volis (Greece) hosted by the Wroclaw Medical University, Department and Clinic of Nephrology, Transplant Medicine and Internal Medicine (Poland)

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

Eight projects have been selected and a call for fellows will be launched in early 2026:

- DESCaRTES: Diabetes screening in kidney transplant candidates with a Glucose loading tEST (DIGEST 2.0)
- ERN: Safety of healthy versus restricted potassium plant-based diet for patients with chronic kidney disease: A pilot study (SAFE K)
- EuDial: Linking PROMs and Recovery Time with Hemodialysis Data for Patient-Centered Care
- EuReCa-M & WERA: Sex differences in cardiovascular outcomes after kidney transplantation
- G&K: Deciphering the contribution of non-coding variation to Congenital Anomalies of the Kidneys and Urinary Tract (CAKUT)





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- IWG: Long-term avacopan-based treatment strategies in patients with ANCA-associated vasculitis – the AVAC-EUR study
- IWG & YNP: Classification Criteria of Kidney Diseases (CCKDs): Anti-GBM Disease
- ONCO-ERA: A(K)I for K

In 2025, the following fellows started their ERA Long-term Fellowship projects. These fellows were selected through the call launched in 2024 among the ERA Working Groups to identify 12-month research projects within the long-term fellowship programme.

- Jan Bochas (Germany) - project "SGLT-2 inhibitors to prevent acute kidney injury", proposed by the ERAKI Working Group
- Grazia Dea Bonelli (Italy) - project "Improving Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) follow-up to limit Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progression", proposed by the ERAKI Working Group
- Maite Caus Enriquez (Spain) - project "Crosstalk between vascular vitamin D signaling and bone homeostasis in CKD. Implications in mineral metabolism", proposed by the EuReCa-M and CKD-MBD Working Groups
- Emrecan Dilmen (Netherlands) - project "INDIGO: Identifying new treatments for Nephrogenic Diabetes Insipidus using a Groundbreaking Organoid-based personalizable model system", proposed by the Genes & Kidney Working Group

- Jiasi Hao (The Netherlands) - project "A novel artificial intelligence-powered nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR)-based blood test to predict coronary artery calcification", proposed by the CKD-MBD Working Group
- Lisa Le-Gall (France) - project "Return to dialysis after kidney transplant failure: typical profiles & impact of immunosuppression strategies on the hazard of hospitalization, death and retransplantation", proposed by the EuDial and DESCaRTES Working Groups
- Paul Spiesecke (Germany) - project "Assessing the role of MRI- and MRE-based imaging biomarkers in ADTKD-MUC1/UMOD", proposed by the Genes & Kidney Working Group
- Manuela Yepes Calderon (Netherlands) - project "Benzoic Acid and Nutritional and Clinical Health in Kidney Transplantation (BANCH) trial", proposed by the ERN and DESCaRTES Working Groups

In addition, a call dedicated to the ERA Registry has been launched to allow a 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.

In 2025, the **ERA Registry short-term fellowship** has been awarded to Britt Ceuleers (Belgium), who will complete her 12-week training and research period at the University Medical Centres over the period between December 2025 and October 2026.





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Knowledge Exchange Programme

This is a new initiative launched in 2025 to promote the exchange of expertise and innovative clinical practices between leading nephrology professionals and institutions. The duration of the exchange is 1 month.

- In 2025, four ERA members have been granted this opportunity:
- Ivana Dedinská (Slovakia) hosted by Charité – University Medicine Berlin (Germany)
- Mónica Furlano (Spain) hosted by Royal Free Hospital (United Kingdom)
- Vitalii Kaminskyi (Ukraine) hosted by Fundació Puigvert (Spain)
- Gülşah Şaşak Kuzgun (Türkiye) hosted by Sheffield Kidney Institute (United Kingdom)

2025 Awards

At the 62nd ERA Congress Vienna & Virtual, during the Welcome Ceremony (June 4, 2025), the following ERA Awards were given:

- ERA Award for Outstanding Basic Science Contributions to Nephrology: Carsten Wagner, Switzerland
- ERA Award for Outstanding Clinical Contributions to Nephrology: Colin Baigent, United Kingdom
- ERA Award for Research excellence in nephrology (clinical or basic science): Ingeborg Bajema, The Netherlands

- ERA Award for Outstanding contribution to the Society: Francesca Mallamaci, Italy
- ERA Award for Excellence in the field of sustainable nephrology: Faissal Tarras, Morocco
- ERA Rosanna Gusmano Award for Young Investigators in basic science: Florian Siegerist, Germany
- ERA Stanley Shaldon Award for Young Investigators in translational science: Markus Rinschen, Denmark, and Eleni Stamellou, Greece (ex-aequo)
- ERA Eberhard Ritz Award for Young Investigators in clinical science: Dearbhla Kelly, Ireland, and Robin Vernooij, The Netherlands (ex-aequo)





Working Groups

Working Groups' publications in 2025

CKD-MBD



Chronic Kidney Disease – Mineral and Bone Disorder Working Group

[The role of nutritional vitamin D in chronic kidney disease–mineral and bone disorder in children and adults with chronic kidney disease, on dialysis, and after kidney transplantation—a European consensus statement](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, April 2025

[Clinical management of peripheral arterial disease in chronic kidney disease—a comprehensive review from the European Renal Association CKD-MBD Working Group](#)

Clinical Kidney Journal, May 2025

[Real-world data from a national survey on management of CKD-associated osteoporosis among Italian nephrologists](#)

Archives of Osteoporosis, July 2025

[Calciprotein Particles and the Mineral Buffering System of Blood. Preventing the Toxicity of Mineral Stress](#)

Journal of the American Society of Nephrology, August 2025

[Calciphylaxis diagnosis, management and future directions: a comprehensive update on behalf of the European Renal Association CKD-MBD Working Group](#)

Clinical Kidney Journal, November 2025

[A consensus statement on the management of vertebral fractures in CKD stages G4–G5D](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, November 2025

DESCaRTES



Developing Education Science and Care for Renal Transplantation in European States

[Living Kidney Donation Practices in Europe: A Survey of DESCaRTES and EKITA Transplantation Working Groups](#)

Transplant International, July 2025





Working Groups

Diabetesity



Diabetes and Obesity Working Group

[The future of glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists in cardiovascular–kidney–metabolic diseases considerations from the ERA Diabetesity Working Group](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, January 2025

[How to individualize renoprotective therapy in obese patients with chronic kidney disease: a commentary by the Diabetesity Working Group of the ERA](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, May 2025

[Obesity as a modifiable risk factor in patients with chronic kidney disease](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, October 2025

ERAKI



European Renal Acute Kidney Injury Working Group

[DEFENDER trial: dapagliflozin for critically ill patients with acute organ dysfunction—implications for clinicians](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, January 2025

[Kidney expert consultation and the outcomes of in hospital acute kidney injury](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, February 2025

ERN



European Renal Nutrition Working Group

[Dos and Don'ts in Kidney Nutrition: Practical Considerations of a Panel of Experts on Protein Restriction and Plant-Based Diets for Patients Living with Chronic Kidney Disease](#)

Nutrients, June 2025

[Sarcopenia and Its Individual Traits Independently Predict Mortality in Patients on Dialysis: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis](#)

Journal of Cachexia, Sarcopenia and Muscle, October 2025

EuDIAL



European Dialysis Working Group

[Haemodiafiltration versus high-flux haemodialysis—a Consensus Statement from the EuDial Working Group of the ERA](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, February 2025

[Suicide risk in patients undergoing hemodialysis: a systematic review and meta-analysis of prevalence](#)

Renal Failure, June 2025

[Medical device regulation and dialysis practice—impact on patients, doctors and manufacturers](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, December 2025





Working Groups

EuReCa-M



European Renal & Cardiovascular Medicine

[Stratified medicine for blood pressure targets in type 2 diabetes mellitus](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, January 2025

[Very low SBP targets and the boom-and-bust cycle of benefit and adverse kidney events](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, January 2025

[Myocardial ischaemic syndromes in chronic kidney disease: risky pathways from non-acute to acute events](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, July 2025

[New kidneys, old risks: cardiovascular challenges after transplantation](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, November 2025

G&K



Genes & Kidney Working Group

[Nephrectomy in autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease: a consensus statement of the ERA Genes & Kidney Working Group](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, January 2025

[The impact of the new WHO classification of renal cell carcinoma on the diagnosis of hereditary leiomyomatosis and renal cell carcinoma](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, February 2025

[Global access to management of primary hyperoxaluria: a survey on behalf of OxalEurope, G&K Working Group of the ERA and ESPN](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, February 2025

[Chronic Kidney Disease of unexplained cause \(CKDx\): a consensus statement by the Genes & Kidney Working Group of the ERA](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, June 2025

[10 tips on how to take a proper family history in CKD patient care](#)

Clinical Kidney Journal, August 2025

[KDIGO 2025 ADPKD guideline: a commentary on diagnosis and management of hepatopancreatic manifestations by the ERA Working Group Genes & Kidney](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, August 2025

[Transition of patients with hereditary nephropathies from paediatric to adult care](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, September 2025





Working Groups

IWG

Immunonephrology Working Group



[Disease-modifying anti-nephropathic drugs \(DMANDs\)—a definition proposed by the Immunonephrology Working Group \(IWG\) of the European Renal Association \(ERA\)](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, February 2025

[Quo Vadis Standardization of Anti-Nephrin Antibody Detection?](#)

Glomerular Diseases, April 2025

[Malignancies and glomerulonephritis: when to suspect and when to screen?](#)

Clinical Kidney Journal, April 2025

[Complement activation in secondary thrombotic microangiopathies](#)

Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, May 2025

[The 2025 KDIGO IgA nephropathy guideline update: an ERA Immunonephrology Working Group perspective](#)

Clinical Kidney Journal, October 2025

[The 2025 KDIGO guideline on the management of nephrotic syndrome in children: a comment of the European Renal Association Immunonephrology Working Group](#)

Clinical Kidney Journal, December 2025

ONCO-ERA

Onconeurology Working Group



ONCO-ERA is the newly established ERA Working Group, initiated in 2025. Since its establishment, the Board has made significant efforts to incorporate onconeurology into the educational and research initiatives 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 *NDT* Editor-in-Chief is Professor Hans-Joachim Anders from Munich, Germany.

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. *NDT* moved to an online only journal as of 2025.

The [Editorial Board](#) consists of 8 Associate Editors with 14 Editorial Fellows, 4 Statistical Advisors, a Kidney Art and 3 YouTube Editors, 3 Graphical Abstracts Editors, 11 Social Media Editors and over 80 internationally renowned experts in nephrology.

The 14 Editorial Fellows were selected after a 'Call for Editorial Fellows'. The Editor-in-Chief launched this Editorial Fellowship program in 2023 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. There are 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 cover images are 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 2547 submissions (2156 original and 391 revised) in 2025. The final 2025 acceptance rate was 10.7%. Articles published in *NDT* were downloaded 2.703.390 times in 2025. The journal's Impact Factor is 5.6, ranking *NDT* 13/133 in the nephrology/urology category and 3/31 in the transplantation category. 285 articles were published in the 2025 volume of *NDT* of which 45% were published open access (compared to 39% in 2024).

The top cited articles contributing to the 2024 impact factor were:

- [The rationale, design and baseline data of FLOW, a kidney outcomes trial with once-weekly semaglutide in people with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease](#)
- [An update on the use of tolvaptan for autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease: consensus statement on behalf of the ERA Working Group on Inherited Kidney Disorders, the European Rare Kidney Disease Reference Network and Polycystic Kidney Disease International](#)





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- [Design of the COmbination effect of Flnerenone anD EmpaglifloziN in participants with chronic kidney disease and type 2 diabetes using a UACR Endpoint study \(CONFIDENCE\)](#)

NDT published the accepted, unedited manuscripts online within 1.3 working days after the author license had been signed. The accepted manuscript was then replaced by the final, typeset proof within 25.2 working days. The average review process took 2 to 3 weeks.

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 published in 2025 was: [Optimal glucocorticoid therapy in lupus nephritis](#)

NDT is widely promoted on social media. The NDT X account (@NDTsocial) reached over 18.500 followers in 2025 and the ERA SoMe team monthly posts reels on NDT publications on the ERA Instagram account. The journal also has a Bluesky account (@ndt-era.bsky.social) since 2024 which has over 400 followers. NDT has its own monthly Newsletter in which highlights of each new NDT issue, videos, important news, etc. are promoted. As of 2025, we also celebrate the team behind the journal in our Newsletters. We recognize and thank the people who make our publication possible and ask them to select their favourite NDT article.

NDT continued to publish author videos on selected articles. The video library can be viewed [here](#).

NDT published three Supplements in 2025:

- [Combination therapy of chronic kidney disease](#)
- [CONNECT: What Has Been Done and What Needs to Be Done](#)
- [62nd ERA Congress, 4-7 June 2025: Congress Abstracts](#)

Until June 2025 (renewal under consideration), 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](#).

NDT also continued the collaboration with the YouTube channel [MARKUS@HOMe](#).

We, for example, again had a '[Post ERA Congress Special](#)' during which the best of late-breaking science was discussed.

In 2025, we grouped several ERA journals collections in [one single page](#) consisting of:

- [Clinical Guidance from the ERA Journals](#) (with all the NDT Treatment Standard publications).
- [High-Impact Articles from Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation \(NDT\)](#)
- [Research influencing Europe](#)
- [The ERA Registry's 60th Anniversary](#)
- [Joint ERA and ESC Cardio-Kidney Collection](#)





Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation (NDT)

In 2025, *NDT* published local Indian editions and joined the new OUP-owned journal 'Research Connections'. For selected papers that are rejected for publication in *NDT*, the Editor-in-Chief can offer the authors the possibility to transfer their paper to 'Research Connections'.

Important marketing initiatives in 2025 were:

- High-impact articles
- Clinical guidance from the ERA Journals hub
- Why Publish with *NDT*?
- Targeted 'Read and Publish' promotion
- *NDT* Insights on Regulatory T Cells: Celebrating the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2025



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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.

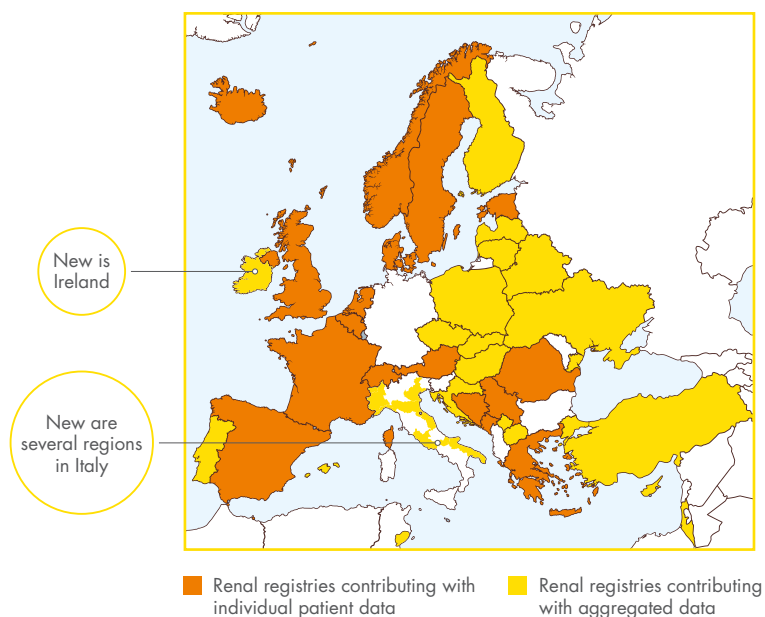


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ERA Registry

National and regional registries that contributed data to the 2023 ERA Registry Annual Report



Achievements in 2025

Scientific work

- 21 papers published
- 10 ERA Registry Figure of the month in CKJ
- Continuation of EQUAL

- Continuation of European CKD Burden Consortium
- Expansion of ERA Registry database
- Starting up an ERA-CKD Registry
- 23 (focused) oral presentations

ERA coding systems

- Updating coding system for primary renal disease
- Updating coding system for causes of death

Education

- Teaching of CME Introductory course on epidemiology
- 13 research fellows at ERA Registry
- Continuation 2 series of educational papers in NDT and CKJ
- Chapter on "Epidemiology of CKD and KRT" for ERA Neph-Manual (submitted)

Various

- Positive evaluation of the ERA Registry Committee
- Online meetings with Registry Committee members and renal representatives to discuss ongoing studies
- Serve as statistical editor in CKJ and editorial board of NDT
- Professionalizing visibility of ERA Registry
- Professionalizing ERA Registry annual report for NEN-EN ISO 9001:2015 and certification for ISO 27001:2013
- Renewal of certification for NEN-EN ISO 9001:2015 and certification for ISO 27001:2013





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ERA Registry Annual Report papers

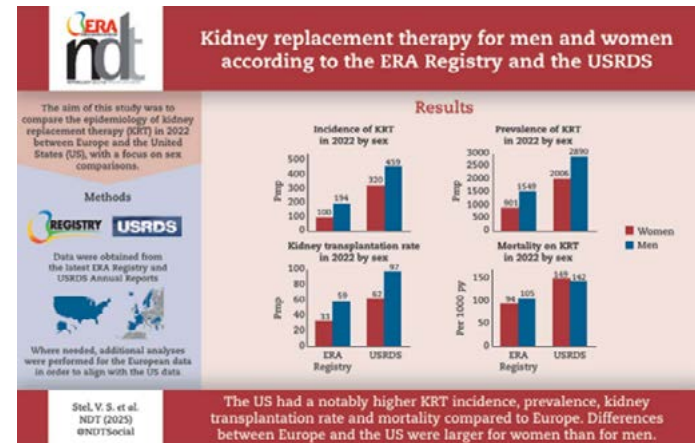


Summary in CKJ

- Since 2009 (annually)
- Focus on comparison between countries

Summary in NDT

- Since 2024 (annually)
- Focus on comparison between Europe and US



The ERA Registry Annual Report 2022: Epidemiology of Kidney Replacement Therapy in Europe

The ERA Registry collects data on kidney replacement therapy (KRT) in patients with end-stage kidney disease. This paper summarizes the ERA Registry Annual Report 2022, with a special focus on comparisons by sex.

Methods

ERA Registry on KRT

- 53 registries, 35 countries (530 million people covered)
- Individual patient data: 34
- Aggregated data: 19

Outcomes included in the report:

- KRT incidence and prevalence (per million population, pmp)
- Survival probabilities (confidence interval, CI)
- Expected remaining lifetimes

By modality: kidney transplantation (KT), haemodialysis (HD), and peritoneal dialysis (PD)

Report is available as Supplementary Material

Results

	Incident KRT	Prevalent KRT
Number (pmp), unadjusted	80,389 (132 pmp)	567,440 (1,074 pmp)
Median age (years)	68.0	63.9
Proportion male	64%	62%
Most common primary renal disease	Diabetes (22%)	Miscellaneous (18%)
Treatment modality distribution	83% HD, 12% PD, and 5% KT	56% HD, 5% PD, and 39% KT

In 2022: 21,261 KTs performed (40 pmp)

- 46% from deceased donors (DD)
- 30% from living donors (LD)

Unadjusted 3-year patient survival:

- Dialysis: 41.3% (95% CI 41.0–41.5)
- DD KT: 85.1% (95% CI 84.7–85.4)
- LD KT: 94.2% (95% CI 93.8–94.6)

Conclusion: In 2022, the incidence of KRT in Europe was 152 pmp and the prevalence was 1,074 pmp. Unadjusted 3-year survival was higher for patients who received a transplant from a living versus a deceased donor.

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The Annual Report is supplement of CKJ paper

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- Adult outcomes of childhood kidney replacement therapy in Europe from 2008 to 2019: an ERA Registry study. Montez de Sousa I. *NDT*



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ERA Registry

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- Inter-organ crosstalk: The kidney's role in systemic health and disease. Zoccali C. *J Int Med*





ERA Registry

ERA Registry Figure of the month in CKJ (up to 1000 views per Figure)

1. January: Time trends in dialysis incidence across age groups and countries
2. February: Patient survival on dialysis and kidney transplantation
3. March: Trends in kidney transplantation rate across countries
4. April: Expected remaining years of life for dialysis and kidney transplant patients
5. May: Inherited kidney disease and CAKUT are common causes of kidney failure
6. June: Adult prognosis of childhood kidney replacement therapy
7. July: Living and deceased donor kidney transplant rates across Europe
8. August: Varying mortality risks among patients with primary glomerular disease starting KRT
9. September: Time trends in preemptive kidney transplantation in Europe
10. October: Time trends in home dialysis

*2 other Figures of the Month were published in November and December 2024

ERA Registry costs vs budget - 2025

Employee / budget item	Actual numbers		Budget		
	Average fte	Costs	Average fte	Budget	Surplus
Subtotal staff incl overhead and legal labor cost	7,19	729,546	6,88	779,980	50,434
Hardware/software (incl SAS)/servers		7,648		7,000	
Office		0		1,500	
Travel/congress		6,505		12,000	
Miscellaneous*		7,740		8,000	
Subtotal other costs		21,892		28,500	6,608
Total		751,439		808,480	57,041

1. Current contract surplus for 2025 up to €57,041; Proposal: up to €57,041 to be returned to ERA
2. Installments: ERA has paid all 2025 installments to AMC (€808,480)

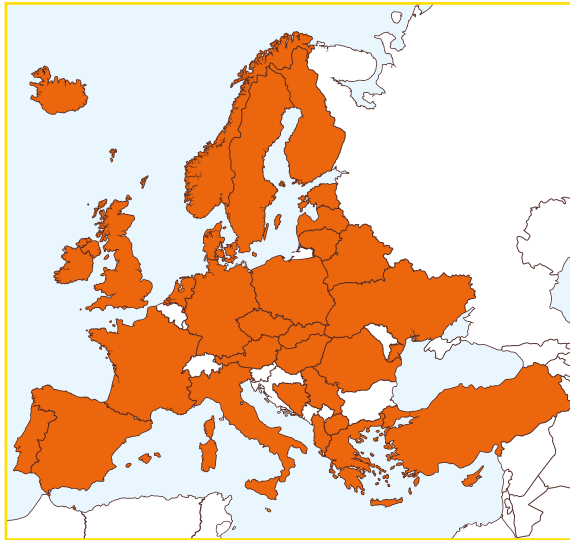
*Miscellaneous includes publication costs



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ESPN/ERA Registry achievements



Total 2025

- 35 countries
- ~ 30,000 patients

Published papers

- Adult outcomes of childhood KRT from 2008 to 2019. Montez de Sousa I. *NDT*
- Access to kidney (re)transplantation. Preka J. *NDT*
- Outcomes of pediatric KRT after childhood cancer. Kaijansinkko H. *Am J Transplant*

PhD thesis "Understanding the trajectories and related risk factors in European children on kidney replacement therapy (KRT) through epidemiological studies" at the University of Bordeaux by *Evgenia Preka*.

ESPN/ERA Registry costs vs budget - 2025

	Average fte	Costs	Budget	Surplus
Subtotal staff incl overhead and legal labour costs	1,22	108,216	116,912	8,696
Hardware and SAS software		2,266	1,200	
Office		0	300	
Travel		2,790	1,600	
Miscellaneous		0	2,000	
Subtotal other costs		5,056	5,100	44
Total		113,272	122,012	8,740

1. Current contract surplus for 2025 up to € 8,740; Proposal: up to € 8,740 to be returned to ERA
2. Installments: ERA has paid all 2025 installments to AMC (€ 122,012)





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Kidney Relief in Disasters Task Force



The Kidney Relief in Disasters Task Force (KRDTF) of ERA is dedicated to supporting members, kidney patients and healthcare professionals in countries within ERA's geographical region affected by natural or man-made disasters.

In 2025, the KRDTF further strengthened its activities, with a particular focus on preparedness, patient education, global collaboration, and the development of practical tools to support kidney care in humanitarian settings. In recognition of its strategic importance and long-term relevance, the ERA Council approved the transition of the KRDTF from a Task Force into a permanent ERA Committee during the Council Meeting held in Leiden (October 8–11, 2025), further reinforcing ERA's commitment to disaster preparedness and global coordination in nephrology.

List of Task Force Members

- Mehmet Şükrü Sever, Türkiye (Chair)
- Dina Abdellatif, Egypt
- Mabel Aoun, France
- Martin Ford, United Kingdom
- Giuseppe Grandaliano, Italy
- Rümeyza Kazancıoğlu, Türkiye
- Valerie Luyckx, Switzerland
- Ewa Pawlowicz-Szlarska, Poland
- Andrej Skoberne, Slovenia
- Raymond Vanholder, Belgium





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Key Achievements in 2025

- [Patient-centred educational resources](#)

In 2025, the KRDTF developed practical, patient-oriented educational materials for use in disaster situations, including booklets, infographics and checklists tailored to patients undergoing haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and kidney transplantation.

A major achievement of the year was the publication of the booklet Earthquakes and Kidney Patients.

In addition, patient checklists for refugees with kidney diseases were completed, covering CKD, haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and transplant patients, and structured around the phases before, during and after a disaster.

Translations were deemed a key element of this project, and the booklet is currently available on the ERA website in multiple languages, including Arabic, Bulgarian, Macedonian and Russian, with translations actively supported through collaboration with National Coordinators and National Societies, further expanding its accessibility across different regions.

Furthermore, a dedicated infographic on peritoneal dialysis patients in disasters was developed and finalised in collaboration with the M&C

ERA headquarters team, representing an additional practical tool for patient education and awareness.

All materials were designed to be simple, accessible, and adaptable to low-resource environments, including situations involving displacement or limited access to healthcare.

- **ERA website as a central disaster hub**

The KRDTF further consolidated the dedicated section of the ERA website as a centralised hub for disaster nephrology.

During 2025, the structure of the webpage was reviewed and reorganised to better address the needs of patients, healthcare professionals and relief coordinators, improving clarity, usability and accessibility. Educational resources, including booklets, infographics and training materials, were integrated into the webpage as a practical and immediately accessible reference point during emergency situations.

The possibility of direct homepage visibility during crisis situations was also established.

- **Disaster Nephrology Manual (DNM)**

Significant progress was achieved in 2025 in the development of the Disaster Nephrology Manual, a comprehensive resource aligned with





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World Health Organization (WHO) principles and covering the full spectrum of kidney care in disasters.

During the in-person Board meeting in Parma (April 10–11, 2025), the extended outline of Chapter I was approved, and the structure of Chapter II was discussed in detail.

Further progress was made during the KRDTF extraordinary Board meeting held in Vienna (June 4, 2025), in the context of the ERA Congress 2025, where the extended outline of Chapter II was finalised and made ready for drafting.

By November 2025, Chapter 3 had been completed, and the Manual had reached approximately 40,000 words, covering acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease, dialysis and transplant patients.

- **E-learning and training activities**

The KRDTF contributed to ERA's e-learning platform through the development of a dedicated educational framework on disaster nephrology.

In 2025, the learning objectives and structure of the course were defined, and Prof. Mabel Aoun was confirmed as E-learning Coordinator. The programme includes content addressing preparedness, acute response and patient management in crisis situations.

In addition, short interviews with nephrologists were recorded during ASN Kidney Week in Houston in 2025 to assess baseline awareness levels of disaster nephrology. These recordings were subsequently compiled into a final video to be used as introductory material for the KRDTF e-course on the ERA e-learning platform, supporting capacity building and awareness among nephrologists worldwide. This video will be used as an introduction to this e-learning course that will be launched in 2026.

- **Survey on disaster preparedness**

In 2025, the KRDTF developed a Kidney Disaster Preparedness Survey to assess preparedness across the nephrology community.

The structure and objectives of the survey were defined, and the first draft was prepared and internally reviewed.

Collaboration with international partners, including EDTNA/ERCA and ESPN, was established to ensure broader representation and data quality. In particular, ERA and EDTNA/ERCA updated their Memorandum of Understanding in 2025 to include collaboration on joint projects, providing a formal framework for cooperation on initiatives such as the Kidney Disaster Preparedness Survey.

Draft translations of the survey were also prepared. The survey will be officially launched in 2026.





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- **Global collaboration and coordination**

The KRDTF continued its active contribution to the ASN–ERA–ISN Kidney Support Initiative throughout 2025, supporting the development of a coordinated global strategy for disaster response in nephrology.

Collaboration with [Direct Relief](#) reached its final stages, strengthening the capacity to support the delivery of essential medications and medical devices to disaster-affected areas.

Further progress was made in strengthening collaboration with National Societies, including the identification of local coordinators and the adoption of tools to support disaster monitoring and coordination.

By June 2025, 34 coordinators from 25 countries had joined the initiative, with additional National Societies engaged in identifying further representatives. This marked an important step towards building a coordinated international network to support preparedness and response in disaster settings.

- **Overall impact**

Through its activities in 2025, the KRDTF significantly strengthened ERA's leadership in humanitarian nephrology. Key achievements included the development of patient educational materials, the expansion of multilingual resources, the consolidation of the ERA disaster webpage,

substantial progress on the Disaster Nephrology Manual, and the advancement of e-learning and preparedness initiatives.

In addition, the expansion of the National Coordinators network and the transition from Task Force to Committee marked important milestones, further reinforcing ERA's preparedness, educational capacity and international coordination in disaster nephrology.

Strong Kidneys Task Force



During 2025, The Strong Kidneys Task Force aims at promoting awareness of kidney health with basic information about kidney health and disease for the public, policy makers and medical professionals.

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
- Jennifer Lees, United Kingdom





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- Antonia Lopez, Italy
- Merike Luman, Estonia
- Jolanta Malyszko, Poland
- Milena Krasimirova Nikolova-Vlahova, Bulgaria
- Fiita Romero, Switzerland
- Chrysanthi Skalioti, Greece
- Carla Alexandra Ribeiro dos Santos Araújo, Portugal
- Ieva Ziedina, Latvia

Ongoing projects

On February 27, 2025, the Strong Kidneys Task Force proudly launched an awareness campaign: “**Protect Your Kidneys, Protect Your Future campaign**”. This campaign has been designed to shine a light on the vital role kidneys play in our health, the importance of maintaining healthy kidney function, and the risks of chronic kidney disease.

The Task Force with this campaign aimed to raise **awareness of kidney health** and provide members of the **public and the healthcare community** with the knowledge and tools they need to safeguard kidney health and detect any potential issues early.

To achieve this goal, the TF produced **6 resources** (infographics, guides, a toolkit, social media images, and a leaflet). Two channels (**Facebook** and **Instagram**) were launched under the **Strong Kidneys** name to reach the

general public through organic posts and paid campaigns. Thanks to the work of the Task Force Members and YNP National Representatives, the 6 resources have been translated into **7 official languages**, plus additional ones, for a total of **14 languages** (Albanian, Armenian, Bulgarian, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Turkish).

Publications

In 2025, the Task Force delivered the following outputs:

- [ABCDE to identify and prevent chronic kidney disease: a call to action](#), Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, March 2025
- [A call for urgent action on chronic kidney disease across Europe](#), The Lancet, July 2025. Published a Bulgarian translation of the manuscript in a national Bulgarian journal (August 2025).
- Highlighted the [top 10 insights](#) from The Lancet Seminar on chronic kidney disease (CKD).

Advocacy activities

In 2025, the Task Force Members actively disseminated the campaign through participation in the following events and initiatives:

- European Kidney Health Forum, EKHA & EKPF – January 28, 2025
- EACH





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- Cardio(kidney)metabolic health check, ESC – August 2025
- 32nd European Congress on Obesity, EASO – May 2025
- National Societies' Networking Meeting – 62nd ERA Congress, Vienna, June 3, 2025. *C. Ferro – ABCDE Awareness Campaign: a Europe-wide initiative to support National Societies in promoting kidney health through targeted education, social media and multilingual tools.*
- Campaign featured in university courses, professional lectures, and training programs for physicians organized by the EU and Ministry of Health
- Continued involvement in the task force on cardiovascular-renal-metabolic health checks alongside organizations such as EACH, ESC, and EKHA; these efforts contribute to policy recommendations for implementing the EU Safe Hearts Plan, also adopted in December
- Campaign promotion during ASN Kidney Week 2025 in Houston, Texas
- Conference on Abnormal Weight, CVD and CKD; Psychiatric Conference 2025; Endocrinology Congress 2025

Sustainable Nephrology Task Force



During 2025, the Sustainable Nephrology Task Force has continued raising awareness about the consequences of environmental and climate change and their impact on health and disease, as well as guiding actions to improve environmental sustainability in relation to kidney care.

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

Publications

The articles published in 2025 by the Task Force are as follows:

- [Nephrology meets AI - environmental perspective. Editorial in NDT \(February 2025\).](#)
- [Towards carbon footprint measurement of the ERA Congress: five key strategies for greener events. Editorial in NDT \(November 2025\).](#)





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- The following articles are in preparation:
 - Green Nephrology is just a step ahead - Time to put theory into practice
 - Editorial "Greener Care, Smarter Spending: Economic Opportunities in Sustainable Nephrology."
 - Carbon footprint of meetings: A Comparative Analysis of Diverse Formats (in-person, online): Collaborative work between Prof. Dr. Thomas Rösch from Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany, ERA-Sustainable Nephrology Task Force and ECENT.
 - **Collaboration with other societies**
 - Susi Knoller was invited to participate in the KDIGO Controversies Conference on Green Dialysis: Environmentally Sustainable Care, Growth, and Innovation, held in Berlin, Germany.
 - Ivo Laranjinha continues to officially represent ERA in the initiative Green-K - Global Environmental Evolution in Nephrology and Kidney Care led by the ISN. One of the activities was the development of a joint statement on sustainable procurement in kidney care (waiting to be released soon).
 - The Sustainable Nephrology Task Force (SNTF), in collaboration with EDTNA/ERCA, is developing a survey to assess waste management practices in haemodialysis across Europe and to explore differences between European countries.
 - Maryvonne Hourmant and Anna Julie Peired are members of the Greener Trials Working Group within the MRC NIHR Trials Methodology Research Partnership ([TMRP](#)).
 - **Ongoing projects**
 - Nano/Microplastics in Hemodialysis fluid and wastewater: implications for environment and human health: exploratory study investigating the presence of nano and microplastics in the wastewaters of haemodialysis and in the water distribution system of haemodialysis. Patients Exposure and Environmental Impact (Ivo Laranjinha, Anna Julie Peired, Ana Carina Ferreira and two other researchers from the University of NOVA, Lisbon, Portugal). This project is being funded by the Portuguese Society of Nephrology (€15,000).
 - Survey on Sustainability and Climate Change Education in Nephrology Residency in Europe: Pilot survey assessing the integration of sustainability and climate change topics in nephrology training across Europe, with results informing future educational and advocacy initiatives.
- Additionally, the Task Force has been continuously contributing to the ERA Congress. In 2025, their contributions included:
- Contributed to updating the Tips for delegates and Tips for exhibitors for a sustainable Congress made available for the 2025





Task Forces

ERA Congress in Vienna. The initiative aims to highlight ERA's efforts to encourage Congress participants and exhibitors to adopt sustainable practices, reduce their carbon footprint, and support environmentally responsible initiatives.

- ERA Sustainable Challenge: In collaboration with ERA HQ and ECENT (external consultant), the parameters for the Sustainable Challenge were developed and implemented, and members of the Task Force served on the jury to select the three winning exhibitors.
- Award for Excellence in Sustainable Nephrology: The Task Force actively provided recommendations for candidates and institutions to the Council for consideration in the Awards nomination.
- A symposium titled: The path for an environmentally responsible (and sustainable) nephrology:
- Moderator: Ivo Laranjinha
 - How to green the Dialysis prescription? Speaker: Giorgina Piccoli
 - Hemodialysis Unit – Let's look at it as a circular economy. Everything you throw out has its value. Speaker: Tarral Faissal
 - How do I evaluate the carbon footprint of my Unit? Speaker: Joachim Beige

Women of ERA Task Force



In 2025, the WERA Task Force had completed its second year, continuing to support gender balance across all ERA activities and advancing education projects related to this goal.

WERA is dedicated to fostering gender equity in nephrology and supporting the active involvement of female nephrologists in scientific research and knowledge dissemination. A core objective is to increase female participation at educational events by facilitating opportunities for women to serve as speakers and contributors. In 2025, one of the targeted goals was to provide women in nephrology with leadership skills by offering grants for attendance at leadership courses at Oxford Saïd Business School. Furthermore, the Female Leadership Virtual Mentorship Programme, scheduled for launch in 2026, has been designed to enable knowledge transfer from those who completed the Oxford leadership programmes to other female ERA members.

List of Task Force Members

- Lucia Del Vecchio, Italy (Chair)
- Olga Balafa, Greece
- Ana Garcia-Prieto, Spain
- Magdalena Jankowska, Poland
- Nilufar Mohebbi, Switzerland
- Amaryllis Van Craenenbroeck, Belgium





Task Forces

During 2025

- A new questionnaire was conducted among ERA members to assess awareness of gender balance within the field of nephrology, gathering valuable insights on professionals' experiences, challenges, and views, especially regarding gender equity, career development, and work-life balance. Results will be presented as abstracts at ERA26 and in future publications on ERA journals.
- A symposium on gender issues in nephrology was held at ERA25 in Vienna, covering sex differences in kidney disease, gender balance in artificial intelligence, hidden barriers, and findings from the WERA survey.
- With financial support from ERA Curatorium and ENDI Foundation, WERA provided grants to support the training of seven female ERA members who attended courses at Oxford Saïd Business School, including the Women Transforming Leadership Programme and the Oxford Healthcare Leadership Programme.
- The ERA Female Leadership Virtual Mentorship Programme, scheduled to launch in 2026, was developed to facilitate an exchange of experiences among participants. Each mentee, who is a female professional, is paired with a mentor—an ERA member who has participated in an ERA-supported course at Oxford Saïd Business School.
- An e-seminar on sex hormones in kidney diseases was jointly recorded with the Immunonephrology Working Group and is available on the ERA e-learning platform.





Sustainability & Impact

In 2025, ERA further strengthened its commitment to sustainability and societal impact, positioning the annual Congress not only as a leading scientific event, but also as a platform for responsible action and meaningful engagement with society. The Vienna Congress marked a significant step forward in integrating environmental accountability with tangible public health impact, aligning operational choices with ERA's broader mission to promote kidney health at both global and community level.

Sustainability at the ERA Congress

Sustainability efforts at the 62nd ERA Congress were guided by a structured and data-driven approach, including a comprehensive carbon footprint assessment based on the Greenhouse Gas Protocol methodology. The Congress also achieved the Austrian Green Meetings certification, reinforcing ERA's ambition to embed sustainability into all aspects of event delivery.

Key sustainability measures implemented included:

- Promotion of a **hybrid congress format**, reducing travel-related emissions.
- Selection of **central European location** (Vienna) to optimise travel impact and accommodation footprint.



- **Reduction of printed materials**, with a shift towards digital-first resources.
- Use of **eco-friendly materials**, reusable structures, and minimised decorations.
- **Elimination of single-use catering items** and increased availability of sustainable food options.
- Implementation of the **ERA Sustainability Challenge**, engaging industry partners in reducing the environmental impact of exhibition activities.
- Collaboration with **local sustainability initiatives**, including a donation supporting environmental clean-up activities along the Danube.

From a carbon perspective, total emissions were estimated at approximately **23,110 t CO₂e**, with **participant mobility representing the largest contributor (over 98%)**, highlighting travel as the key area for future action. At the same time, significant improvements were achieved in areas such as materials, catering, and logistics, demonstrating ERA's ability to drive measurable progress while identifying clear priorities for future editions.



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Sustainability & Impact

Societal Impact and Legacy

Beyond environmental sustainability, the 2025 Congress introduced a strong and visible societal impact dimension, translating ERA's mission into concrete actions targeting both the general public and future generations.

Key initiatives included:

- **Legacy project in Vienna schools**
 - Educational sessions delivered in local schools to raise awareness on kidney health.
 - Interactive activities involving students, including creative outputs later showcased at the Congress.
 - Engagement of the nephrology community in voting and visibility, linking education with scientific culture.
- **Kidney health screening initiatives**
 - A **screening booth within the exhibition area** for Congress delegates.
 - A **mobile screening truck positioned outside the venue**, targeting the general public.
 - Delivery of **basic health checks** (blood pressure, creatinine, eGFR, urine testing) with personalised follow-up recommendations.
 - **Over 400 individuals screened onsite**, contributing to early detection and awareness of chronic kidney disease.



These initiatives were developed under the umbrella of the ERA **Strong Kidneys campaign**, reinforcing prevention, early diagnosis, and public engagement as core pillars of the Association's strategy.

The 2025 Congress represents a key milestone in ERA's journey towards integrating sustainability and societal impact into a unified strategic framework. The experience gained in Vienna highlights the importance of moving beyond compliance-based approaches towards a more targeted, data-driven and impact-oriented model - where environmental responsibility and public health engagement are fully embedded in the design of future Congresses.

This integrated approach will continue to evolve, with the ambition of positioning ERA not only as a leader in nephrology science, but also as a reference point for sustainable and socially responsible medical congresses.





Marketing & Communication

In June 2025, the Electronic Communication Committee, which was responsible for overseeing ERA’s communication activities - including social media channels, the website, podcasts, and the Social Media Team - ended its term.

The Marketing & Communication (M&C) Supervisor role has been introduced to replace the ECC term. Jennifer Lees has been appointed as Council Representative for this role since June 2025.

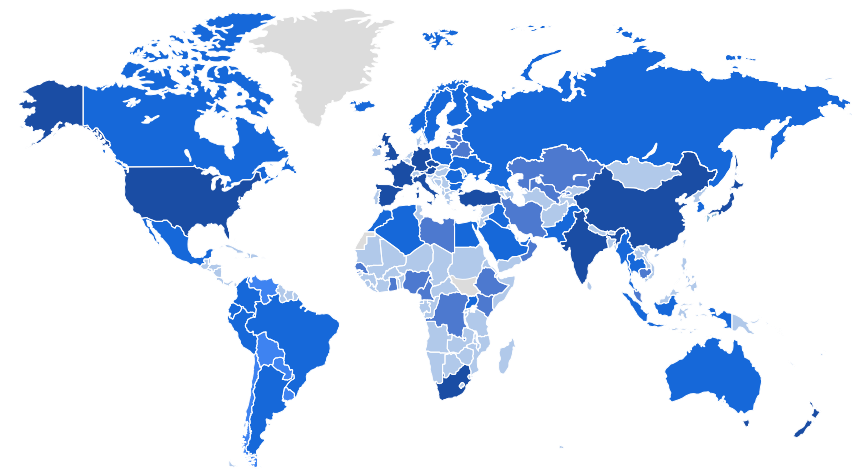
Web statistics

From January to December 2025, the ERA web properties registered the following key metrics:

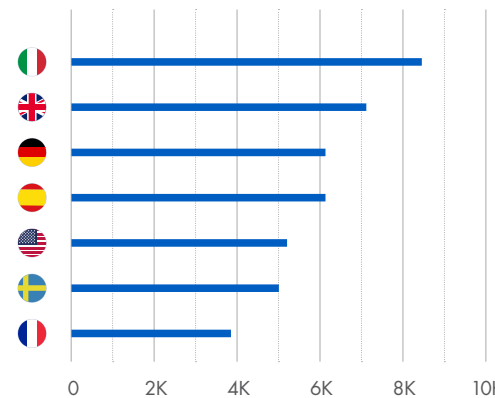
- 102k users
- 247k sessions
- 488k pageviews

The users are based worldwide, and the list of the top 7 countries highlights the global reach of the Association: see opposite.

Active Users by Country



Country



Active Users

Italy	8,5 K
United Kingdom	7,8 K
Germany	6,2 K
Spain	6,2 K
United States	5,3 K
Austria	5 K
France	3,9 K



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Social media

The ERA Community on social media increased during the year*, especially on **LinkedIn** (+25.4%), **Instagram** (+24.1%) and **YouTube** (+15.14% subscribers). The follower base grew also on Facebook, with a +8.19% increase in followers and X (+6.51% followers) experienced steady growth. At the end of the year, the total Community size on social media reached 66,872 followers.

In January 2025 a **Threads** account was created, focused on sharing educational materials, such as e-seminars, Neph-Manual content, podcasts, and Journals EiC Choice.

To send essential reminders, such as open calls and important deadlines, a new **WhatsApp Channel** was created in January 2025.

LinkedIn newsletters were introduced in February 2025 as a fresh way to engage followers and encourage subscriptions.

ERA's social media channels cover **key topics** across Congress, Institutional updates, Education, Science, and Networking. Congress promotions highlighted abstracts, registrations, initiatives, and scientific sessions. Institutional posts featured membership benefits, open calls, elections, sustainability and equity topics, and ERA Community stories. Education content included live e-seminars, monthly e-learning updates, ERA Education Meetings, CME courses, fellowships, tweetorials, Trivia Tuesday quizzes by YNP, and Neph-Manual quizzes and visual abstracts. Science updates showcased ERA Registry reports, publications, and infographics.



Networking efforts promoted public affairs activities, Task Force activities, posts for HCPs related to the Strong Kidneys awareness campaign, podcasts, and National Societies Grants.

The best performance in terms of impressions and interactions was achieved during the Congress period (June 2025). During this time, the official hashtag #ERA25 generated 3,100 mentions and the following impressions:

- 316,385 content impressions on X
- 338,999 content impressions on Instagram
- 118,565 stories impressions on Instagram

* Source: Emplifi





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Social Media Team

In March 2025 the Council approved the nomination of two co-leaders: Sarah Gleeson (United Kingdom) and Cristina Adriana Popa (Romania).

In September 2025 the appointment of four new Board Members was also approved by the Council: Raquel Barba (Spain), Eirini Leptokaridou (Greece), Elsa Morgado (Portugal), Arunkumar Subbiah (India).

In October 2025, following an open call launched in September, the Council approved 16 new Members from 11 countries.

Throughout the year, the SoMe Team promoted educational activities through e-seminars tweeterials on X.

During the Congress, the SoMe Team focused on CME courses and main sessions coverage, moderated and covered Focussed oral sessions and conducted speaker interviews.

Below is the full list of the team (29 members):

- Sarah Gleeson, United Kingdom – Co-leader
- Cristina Adriana Popa, Romania – Co-leader
- Raquel Barba, Spain – Board Member
- Eirini Leptokaridou, Greece – Board Member
- Elsa Morgado, Portugal – Board Member
- Arunkumar Subbiah, India – Board Member
- Nihal Bashir, United Arab Emirates – Member
- Jonathan Briggs, United Kingdom – Member

- José Jesús Broseta Monzó, Spain – Member
- Lázaro Ibrain Cobiellas Carballo, Mexico – Member
- Ana Luisa Correia, Portugal – Member
- Juliana Damas, Portugal – Member
- Erol Demir, Türkiye – Member
- Oriana De Marco, Italy – Member
- Agavriiloaei Bogdan Dumitru, Romania – Member
- Mohammed Abdel Gawad, Egypt – Member
- Badr Khbouz, Germany – Member
- Naveen Kumar Mattewada, India – Member
- Diana Rodriguez Espinosa, Spain – Member
- Anant Sakharam Pilawan, India – Member
- Rezzan Eren Sadioğlu, Türkiye – Member
- José Luís Silvano, Portugal – Member
- Katrina Spensley, United Kingdom – Member
- Anca Elena Stefan, Romania – Member
- Ana Tchikaberidze, Georgia – Member
- Tina Thomson, United Kingdom – Member
- Vaibhav Tiwari, India – Member
- Ernesto Francisco Valga Amado, Spain – Member
- Federica Neve Vigotti, Italy – Member



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Newsletters

In 2025, ERA sent 236 newsletters registered with an average open rate of **46.25%***.

ERA distributed 28 **e-seminars Weekly updates**, later replaced by the **Monthly updates** sent in November and December, and 21 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 **Congress Editions** from January to May 2025 to give relevant information about the Congress topics (Abstract submission, registrations, scientific programme, etc.).

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

* Source: Brevo

Podcasts

In January 2025, the second season of the podcast series **A pinch of Salt – A podcast by ERA** has been launched. The second season, hosted by **Andrej Skoberne** (Slovenia) and **George Kosmadakis** (France), consists of **30 episodes** in a format of three episodes and three trailers per month till May 2025, replaced then by a single trailer.

The total count for the 30 episodes and the 18 trailers is 20,815 downloads from the podcast's platforms (Apple Podcasts | Spotify | Podcast Index | Overcast | Amazon Music | Podcast Addict | Castro | Castbox | Podchaser | Pocket Casts | Deezer | Listen Notes | Player FM | Goodpods | Podfriend) and 6,835 streams on YouTube, making a total of **27,650*** overall downloads.

Overall, in 2025 the podcast reached a total of 59,346 downloads (Seasons 1 and 2 combined), with 41,619 on streaming platforms and 17,727 on YouTube.

An open call was launched in July 2025, to select the new Podcast Team Members. **Hugo Diniz** (Portugal) was approved by the Council in October 2025 to start his term in 2026.

* Sources: Buzzsprout and Youtube





Press & Media Relations

In 2025, ERA further strengthened its positioning as a leading voice in global kidney health not only through Congress-related media activities, but also via **a coordinated and proactive press strategy supporting key advocacy milestones**. Throughout the year, ERA ensured the dissemination of high-impact statements and announcements, reinforcing its role in shaping the international health agenda and elevating kidney disease within global policy discussions. Key outputs included:

- ASN–ERA–ISN Joint Statement on the Kidney Support Initiative, outlining a coordinated global response to support kidney patients during humanitarian crises (February 2025).
- Direct Relief-ASN-ERA-ISN Press Release on the global initiative launched to protect kidney patients during crises and emergencies, bringing together clinical expertise and operational support to ensure continuity of care in vulnerable settings (May 2025).
- ERA Statement on the inclusion of kidney health in the United Nations Political Declaration on Universal Health Coverage (September 2025).

These activities reflect ERA's increasingly integrated approach to communications - where press, public affairs, and scientific dissemination converge to maximise impact, visibility, and policy influence at international level. This strategic positioning also contributed to reinforcing the relevance and authority of ERA's media presence during the annual Congress, further amplifying the visibility of its scientific outputs.

The ERA Congress 2025 in Vienna confirmed the continued strength and evolution of the Association's press and media activities, with a growing focus on high-quality, science-driven coverage. A total of **66 accredited journalists** attended the Congress, supported by a structured media engagement programme including targeted invitations, press registration management, and dedicated on-site support.

In collaboration with the appointed PR agency, ERA developed and distributed three press releases based on late-breaking scientific content, addressing key topics such as kidney transplantation outcomes, innovative therapies for IgA nephropathy, and new combination treatments in chronic kidney disease. These releases were strategically timed under embargo to maximise visibility and coordinated with authors and experts for accuracy and impact.

The Congress generated **1,454 media editorials** across **48 countries**, reaching an estimated **1,8 billion opportunities to see (OTS)**. While slightly lower than the previous year due to reduced coverage in mass media outlets, the 2025 results reflect a stronger positioning within specialised and trade media, reinforcing ERA's role as a leading scientific authority in nephrology.

In addition to media relations, ERA delivered a comprehensive press toolkit, Daily Congress Bulletins and a Congress Review, further supporting consistent messaging and engagement. The overall approach demonstrates a mature and increasingly targeted communication strategy, aligned with ERA's broader objective of strengthening its global visibility and reputation.





Endorsements & Non-financial support

ERA endorses high-quality scientific and educational events worldwide. In 2025, over 35 congresses and meetings, held both within and outside Europe, were granted ERA Endorsement. In addition, endorsement was extended to key international policy and advocacy initiatives.

[List of ERA Endorsements](#) (in chronological order)

- **Advanced Kidney Care Symposium** (February 27, 2025, London, United Kingdom) – King’s College London
- **Scientific and Practical Conference of the Russian Dialysis Society dedicated to World Kidney Day 2025** (March 13, 2025, St. Petersburg, Russia)
- **7th Congress on Osteoporosis and Alterations of Bone Mineral Metabolism in the General Population and in Chronic Kidney Disease** (March 19–21, 2025, Padua, Italy)
- **Transplant practices with expert opinions & discussion on tailoring maintenance immunosuppression to improve graft survival** (March 15, 2025, CME Live Meeting)
- **Kidney Health for All** (April 12, 2025, Tashkent, Uzbekistan)
- **Gastroenterology at the Crossroads of Nephrology and Endocrinology, an Interdisciplinary Course** (April 14 – May 26, 2025, Yerevan, Armenia)
- **First Middle East and Africa Home Summit** (May 29–31, 2025, Amman, Jordan)
- **The Seventh International Renal Meeting with Mayo Clinic in Sardinia** (May 29 – June 1, 2025, Cagliari, Italy)
- **XXIV North-Western Nephrology School of the Russian Dialysis Society and XXV International Nephrology School** (May 30 – June 1, 2025, St. Petersburg, Russia)
- **43rd Vicenza Course AKI-CRRT-EBPT and Critical Care Nephrology** (June 24–26, 2025, Vicenza, Italy)
- **Coast-to-Coast Challenge** (June 28–29, 2025, Italy)
- **1st International Meeting on Cellular and Molecular PD Research** (July 4–5, 2025, Kiel, Germany)
- **Kasr Elaini Annual Kidney Conference 2025** (July 10–11, 2025, Cairo, Egypt)
- **The Columbia Renal Biopsy Course** (July 16–18, 2025, New York, USA)
- **29th Budapest Nephrology School** (August 25–29, 2025, Budapest, Hungary)
- **23rd Paulista Congress of Nephrology** (September 10–13, 2025, Campinas, Brazil)
- **Nephro Update Europe 2025** (September 12–13, 2025, Leiden, The Netherlands)
- **CKD-MBD Master Class 2025** (September 12–13, 2025, Rome, Italy)
- **AIRP: 20 years of commitment in the fight against Polycystic Kidney Disease** (September 20, 2025, Milan, Italy)





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- **International Kidney and Monoclonal Gammopathy Research Group Meeting** (September 26–27, 2025, Lisbon, Portugal)
- **AKI and Extracorporeal Therapies in Intensive Care** (September 30, 2025, Rome, Italy)
- **Nephrology Diagnostic and Interventional Course** (October 6, 2025 – April 6, 2026, online and practical sessions in Portugal)
- **Annual Symposium on Kidney Diseases – Immune System & Kidney** (October 17, 2025, Portugal)
- **66th Annual Meeting of the Italian Society of Nephrology** (October 21–24, 2025, Riccione, Italy)
- **ZKC Preparation Course for ESENeph 2025** (October 23–24, 2025, Zurich, Switzerland)
- **IV Pamplona Nephrology Update** (November 14–15, 2025, Pamplona, Spain)
- **Russian Dialysis Society Conference and International Nephrology School** (November 14–16, 2025, Moscow, Russia)
- **Encontro Renal – Portuguese Congress of Nephrology** (November 19–22, 2025, Estoril, Portugal)
- **13th National Congress SINCAR** (November 20–21, 2025, Milan, Italy)
- **Virtual CVOT Summit 2025** (November 20–21, 2025, Munich, Germany)
- **PoCUS Summit 2025** (November 21–22, 2025, Estoril, Portugal)

- **12th ESPEN Symposium – Nutritional care in chronic kidney disease** (November 30 – December 1, 2025, Sweden)
- **Central Asian Congress “Current Opportunities and Priority Areas in Nephrology”** (December 4–5, 2025, Almaty, Kazakhstan)
- **Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology 2025** (December 5–7, 2025, Taipei, Taiwan)

Non-financial support

In 2025, ERA provided non-financial support to a number of high-quality initiatives aligned with its mission to advance nephrology, promote research and education, and contribute to global health policy and awareness.

Non-financial support was granted across the following areas:

Research initiatives

ERA supported five European research project applications within the Horizon Europe framework, addressing key priorities such as artificial intelligence, dialysis safety, nutritional management in CKD and innovative therapies:

- Sensors and Artificial Intelligence for Enhancing the Quality of Life of People with Intellectual Disabilities on Dialysis (Dr Stefano Bianchi, Italy)
- CLINICSAFE (Dr Bernd Stegmayr, Sweden)
- RENAL-FOOD – Improving Nutritional Therapy in CKD (Dr Wesley Visser, The Netherlands)





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- MEDIUS – Multi-agent GenAI Framework for Care Continuum (GenAI4EU) (Prof Alberto Ortiz, Spain)
- Monoclonal antibodies to marinobufagenin as a novel therapy for CKD (Dr Kirill Smirnov, Russia)

Policy and advocacy initiatives

ERA actively contributed to international policy and advocacy efforts, including endorsement of the BioMed Alliance statement on EU health funding and participation in the Open Letter supporting the WHO Resolution on Kidney Health at the 78th World Health Assembly, reinforcing ERA's role as a stakeholder in global kidney health policy.

Awareness and public health initiatives

ERA participated in the initiative "Together for Better Liver Health" (Geneva, May 2025) and engaged with WHO-related networks, including the European Alcohol Health Alliance, contributing to cross-disciplinary awareness and prevention strategies.

Non-financial support (special cases)

ERA provided non-financial support to an unbranded educational video developed with the support of Boehringer, aimed at raising awareness of the link between diabetes, chronic kidney disease and cardiovascular disease, and promoting CKD screening.

The initiative was evaluated and approved under the "non-financial support – Special Cases" procedure by the dedicated committee (ERA President,

Renal Science Committee Chair and Secretary General), based on its scientific relevance and absence of commercial content.

ERA's support was granted in full compliance with its regulations on independence and visibility, including restrictions on logo placement. The initiative was published in the awareness section of the ERA website (Strong Kidneys platform).

Revision of the non-financial support procedure

In 2025, ERA revised its internal procedure to streamline the evaluation of non-financial support requests.

While previously all requests required committee review and Council approval, the updated process allows standard applications to be approved directly by the ERA President, ensuring faster and more efficient decision-making.

More complex or industry-related cases may still be reviewed with the Secretary General and the Chair of the Renal Science Committee or submitted to the Council if needed.

This revised model improves efficiency while maintaining appropriate governance and alignment with ERA's mission.





Collaboration with the National Societies of Nephrology

In 2025, ERA further strengthened its collaboration with the National Societies of Nephrology through structured engagement, expansion of the Membership Programme and enhanced opportunities for interaction, visibility and joint initiatives. These activities remain a cornerstone of ERA's mission to build a cohesive and globally connected nephrology community.

Networking and Engagement with National Societies

A key highlight of 2025 was the National Societies' Networking Meeting, held on June 3, 2025, in Vienna, on the evening before the opening of the ERA Congress.

The meeting brought together Presidents, official delegates and Young Nephrologists' Platform (YNP) representatives from a wide range of National Societies, providing a dynamic platform for exchange of strategic priorities, sharing of best practices and discussion of future collaborative initiatives.

The session included presentations on key collaborative initiatives:

- Roser Torra – Welcome and introduction
- Mehmet Şükrü Sever – Disaster Nephrology Manual
- Charles Ferro – ABCDE Awareness Campaign
- Christoph Wanner – KDIGO guideline translation initiatives
- Federico Torres – Public affairs and advocacy



Participation included representatives from a broad range of countries, reflecting the geographical diversity and continued expansion of the ERA network. Attending societies included:

- Armenian Nephrological Association
- Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology (ANZSN)
- Austrian Society of Nephrology
- Czech Society of Nephrology
- Dialysis, Nephrology and Kidney Transplantation Union of Georgia
- Francophone Society of Nephrology Dialysis and Transplantation (SFNDT)
- German Society of Nephrology
- Hellenic Society of Nephrology
- Hungarian Society of Nephrology
- Irish Nephrology Society
- Kazakhstan Society of Nephrology
- Latvian Association of Nephrology



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- Lithuanian Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation Association
- Netherlands Federation of Nephrology
- Polish Society of Nephrology
- Portuguese Society of Nephrology
- Scottish Renal Association
- Slovak Society of Nephrology
- Slovenian Society of Nephrology
- Society of Nephrology, Dialysis and Kidney Transplantation in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Spanish Society of Nephrology
- Spanish Dialysis and Transplantation Society
- Swedish Society of Nephrology
- Turkish Society of Nephrology
- Ukrainian Association of Nephrology
- UK Kidney Association

The strong attendance and active participation confirmed the value of this meeting as a central moment for dialogue and alignment between ERA and National Societies.



Dedicated Area for National Societies – ERA Congress 2025

A dedicated area was set up at the ERA Congress 2025 in Vienna to give greater visibility to the National Societies of Nephrology that had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ERA for the National Society Membership Project. This space served as a hub for interaction, exchange and networking, allowing Societies to showcase their activities and connect with Congress participants. This initiative contributed to reinforcing the sense of community and collaboration within the nephrology field.

Collaboration on Strategic Initiatives

In 2025, National Societies played an active role in supporting several key ERA initiatives.

National Societies contributed to the dissemination and local adaptation of the ABCDE Campaign (“Protect your Kidneys, Protect your Future”), enhancing its reach and impact across multiple countries.





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They also contributed, together with the YNP National Representatives and with the support of several National Societies, to the dissemination of the KDIGO Top 10 Takeaways, improving accessibility and facilitating implementation at national level.

In addition, National Societies collaborated with ERA in identifying national representatives for Disaster Nephrology, contributing to the development of an international network aimed at strengthening preparedness and response in crisis situations.

National Society Membership Programme – 2025 Highlights

The National Society Membership Programme continued to expand and consolidate in 2025, confirming its strategic importance within ERA.

A total of 49 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were in place for the 2026 membership period and beyond.

Breakdown of developments:

- 21 National Societies renewed their agreements in 2025 (validity 2026–2028)
- 5 Societies signed an MoU for the first time in 2025
- 23 National Societies already had valid agreements covering 2026

New societies joining included:

- Bulgarian Nephrology Association (BNA) – NEW!
- Irish Society of Nephrology – NEW!
- Palestinian Society of Nephrology – NEW!
- Serbian Society of Nephrology – NEW!

ERA also continued to expand its collaboration beyond Europe, with agreements including:

- Sociedad Latinoamericana de Nefrología e Hipertensión (SLANH)
- Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology (ANZSN) – NEW!
- Indian Society of Nephrology (ISN)
- Kuwait Nephrology Association (KNA)
- Uzbekistan Nephrology Service

Special provisions were maintained for societies in challenging geopolitical contexts, with selected organisations (Ukraine and Palestine) granted complimentary membership and Congress registration, reinforcing ERA's commitment to supporting the community in its geographical area.



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Collaboration with the National Societies of Nephrology

The continued expansion of the National Society network also contributed to the overall growth of ERA membership, further strengthening engagement with both European and international nephrology communities.

Additional details on membership trends and programme impact are available in the dedicated [ERA Membership Annual Report](#).

ERA National Society of Nephrology Grant

ERA continued to support young nephrologists through the National Society Grants, which provide three years of free ERA membership (including access to NDT Online) and one free ERA Congress registration to outstanding abstract or poster presenters selected by National Societies.

In 2025, the following young authors received the ERA National Society Grant (listed in alphabetical order according the Country):

- Belgian Society of Nephrology: Nicolas Gemander
- Cyprus Renal Association: Loucia Asaelof
- Danish Society of Nephrology: Mette Boye Boes
- German Society of Nephrology: Pouneh Mirkheshti
- Hungarian Society of Nephrology: Petra Anna Kurucz
- Polish Society of Nephrology: Damian Gojowy

- Russian Society of Nephrology: Olga Lemeshevskaya
- Scottish Renal Association: Christopher Grant
- Slovak Society of Nephrology: Karol Granak
- Spanish Society of Nephrology: Caroli Arana Aliaga
- Swiss Society of Nephrology: Anna Faivre
- Uzbek Society of Nephrology: Nodir Sultonov

Conclusion

Through these activities, ERA continued to strengthen its collaboration with National Societies as a key strategic pillar. The expansion of joint initiatives, increased engagement at Congress level and the continued growth of the Membership Programme further reinforced ERA's global network and its capacity to support nephrology communities worldwide.





Collaboration with Other Societies

In 2025, ERA further strengthened its collaboration with national and international societies through joint scientific activities, educational initiatives and strategic partnerships. These activities were aligned with ERA's objective of enhancing its global presence while ensuring high-quality scientific output and meaningful engagement with the wider nephrology community.

Scientific and Educational Collaborations

In 2025, ERA strengthened its collaboration with international partner societies through a range of joint scientific and educational initiatives, involving both ERA's Working Groups and the Young Nephrologists' Platform (YNP). These activities promoted interdisciplinary exchange, global engagement and high-quality educational output.

Several joint e-seminars were organised in collaboration with partner societies and aligned scientific organisations:

- **ERA G&K Working Group & European Society for Paediatric Nephrology (ESPN)**
 - “Kidney stones: When to perform a genetic test? How to manage for paediatricians and adult nephrologists?”
 - Held on February 4, 2025
 - 151 live participants

- **ERA CKD-MBD Working Group & International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC)**
 - “Targeting bone in CKD without biopsy - novel non-invasive treatment targets for management of CKD-MBD and CKD-associated osteoporosis”
 - Held on April 15, 2025
 - 73 live participants
- **ERA YNP & Japanese Society of Nephrology (JSN)**
 - “Kidney Transplantation from Living Donors: Insights from Europe and Japan”
 - Held on April 11, 2025
 - 68 participants from 17 countries
- **ERA YNP & European Society for Paediatric Nephrology (ESPN)**
 - “Hyperoxaluria: From Childhood to Adulthood, Including Transition”
 - Held on September 15, 2025
 - 90 participants from 44 countries

In addition, the YNP Board organised an independent educational e-seminar:





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- **ERA YNP**

- “Interventional Nephrology: A Beginner’s Guide for Young Nephrologists”
- Held on October 23, 2025
- 95 participants from 57 countries

In addition to joint educational activities, collaboration with international partners resulted in important scientific outputs. A key achievement was the consensus paper “A consensus statement on the management of vertebral fractures in CKD stages G4–G5D”, [published in Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation in 2025](#). This work involved multiple international organisations, including the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF), ESCEO and EUROD, and provided comprehensive recommendations for the management of skeletal fragility in advanced CKD.

These activities contributed to strengthening ERA’s international collaborations and the development of high-impact scientific outputs.

Ambassador Programme and Scientific Exchange

Collaboration with partner societies was further strengthened through participation in major international congresses via the ERA Ambassador Programme.

In 2025, ERA representatives, including senior experts and Young Nephrologists’ Platform (YNP) delegates, contributed to several key international meetings:

- **World Congress of Nephrology (WCN), New Delhi**

- Alberto Ortiz (Speaker)

- **Korean Society of Nephrology (KSN), Seoul**

- Mehmet Şükrü Sever (Awardee / Speaker)
- Andreas Kronbichler (YNP Awardee / Speaker)

- **Vascular Access Society (VAS), Padova**

- Giorgina Barbara Piccoli (Awardee / Speaker)

- **European Society of Hypertension (ESH), Milan**

- Marieta Theodorakopoulou (YNP Board / Speaker)

- **Japanese Society of Nephrology (JSN), Yokohama**

- Roser Torra (Speaker)
- Jasper Callemeyn (YNP Awardee / Speaker)
- Danilo Fliser (Speaker)

- **Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology (ANZSN), Perth**

- Jonathan Barratt (Speaker)





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- **European Society for Paediatric Nephrology (ESPN), Athens**
 - Kerstin Amann (Awardee / Speaker)
 - Michele Eisenga (YNP Board / Speaker)
- **American Society of Nephrology (ASN), Houston**
 - Dimitrios Goumenos (Speaker)
 - Giorgina Piccoli (Speaker)
- **European Urolithiasis Society (EULIS), Madrid**
 - Mathias Loberg Haarhaus (CKD-MBD Chair / Speaker)
- **Sociedad Latinoamericana de Nefrología e Hipertensión (SLANH)**
 - Ariela Benigni (Awardee / Speaker)
 - Beatriz Fernandez Fernandez (CME Chair / Speaker)

Through these contributions, ERA enhanced its scientific visibility and strengthened strategic relationships with partner societies worldwide.

Reciprocal Participation at ERA Congress 2025 (Vienna)

ERA hosted representatives from partner societies during the ERA Congress 2025 in Vienna, where international ambassadors actively contributed to the scientific programme as invited speakers. These contributions covered key scientific areas, including hypertension in CKD, advanced CKD management, paediatric nephrology, genetic kidney disorders, acute kidney injury and ageing-related kidney research.

Representatives in Vienna 2025 included:

- **American Society of Nephrology (ASN)**
 - Morgan Grams
 - Vineeta Kumar
- **European Society of Hypertension (ESH)**
 - Roland Schmieder
- **Korean Society of Nephrology (KSN)**
 - Cheol Ho Park
- **European Society for Paediatric Nephrology (ESPN)**
 - Djalila Mekahli
 - Karl Peter Schlingmann
- **Japanese Society of Nephrology (JSN)**
 - Motoko Yanagita
 - Ryo Matsuura
- **International Society of Nephrology (ISN)**
 - María José Soler
- **International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD)**
 - Rajnish Mehrotra





Collaboration with Other Societies

- **Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology (ANZSN)**
 - Ana Nunez-Nescolarde
- **Sociedad Latinoamericana de Nefrología e Hipertensión (SLANH)**
 - N. Gopalkrishnan
- **European Association for the Study of Obesity (EASO)**
 - Ad hoc scientific contributions

Evolution of the Collaboration Model – Ambassador Exchange

In 2025, ERA undertook a strategic review of its collaboration framework with partner societies, particularly in relation to the Ambassador exchange model linked to the annual Congress.

Following this review, ERA decided to discontinue the existing Ambassador format, as defined in previous Memoranda of Understanding, with changes taking effect from 2026. This decision reflects the increasing size, complexity and scientific ambition of the ERA Congress, and the need to ensure optimal programme coherence, visibility and quality.

All partner societies involved in this exchange model were duly informed of these changes during 2025.

A more flexible and strategically aligned model will be adopted, enabling continued collaboration with partner societies through invited speakers, joint

sessions and scientific contributions, while ensuring greater adaptability to future developments.

Conclusion

Through these initiatives, ERA further consolidated collaboration with partner societies as a strategic pillar of its activities. Moving beyond traditional exchange formats, ERA is increasingly focusing on high-impact scientific output, structured partnerships and sustainable international cooperation, further strengthening its role as a leading global organisation in nephrology.





Public Affairs & Advocacy

ERA was involved in a number of very important statements and articles in the field of Public Affairs that extremely relevant for the field of nephrology with very positive impact on the general population. ERA responded to several consultations organised by the European Commission on relevant policy developments, providing evidence and policy recommendations.

Activities & achievements

- **Articles & Statements**

- WHO Kidney Resolution (and UN NCD political declaration). Draft ready, not published yet
- Clinical research in CKD. Draft ready, not published yet

- **Responses to European Commission consultations**

- CVD Health Plan
- Medical Devices Regulation
- Cross-border health crisis preparedness (jointly with EKHA, EKPF and EDTNA/ERCA)

- **Multistakeholder Task Force – EU CVD Health Plan**

- Members: CVD, Kidney, Diabetes, Obesity and other associations
- Kidney community representatives: ERA (Prof. Charles Ferro) and EKHA
- Goal: Recommendations to the Commission on cardiovascular-renal-metabolic health check

- Achievement: Task Force agreed to use the term CRM and to include albuminuria and eGFR in the recommendations to Commission for CRM checks

- **EU funds**

- EU funds monitoring system
- Preparatory activities for FP10 advocacy actions (2026 onwards)

- **Other activities**

- Strong Kidneys Campaign
- WHO-led Alliance against alcohol
- Presentation at National Societies Networking meeting
- Meetings at ERA Congress, Vienna (e.g. UEMS, EKHA, etc.)
- Presentation at Working Groups Board meeting

Collaborations

ERA actively collaborates with many other medical societies by being a Member of various Alliances:

- Biomed Alliance - Biomedical Alliance in Europe ([read here the 2025 report](#))
- EKHA – European Kidney Health Alliance ([read here the 2025 report](#))





04 Institutional

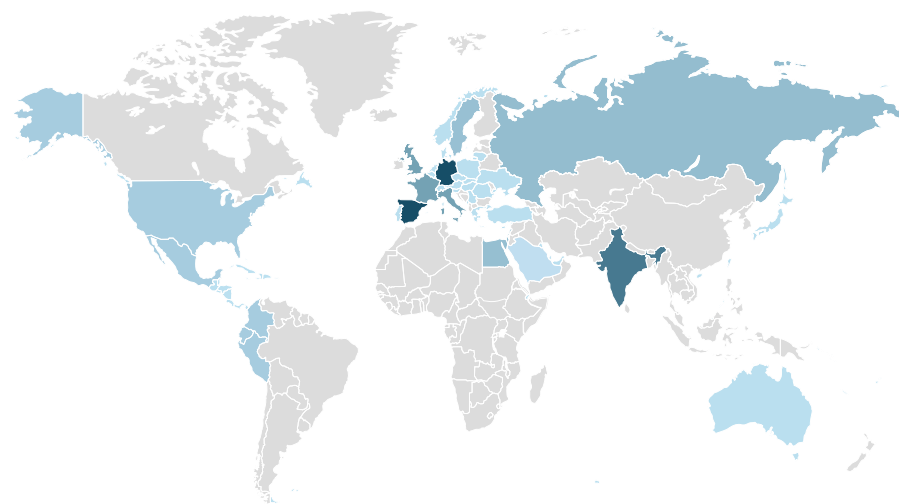


Membership

At the end of 2025, the number of members was **30,462**, including both active members 2025 & 2026.

More membership details can be found in the following charts.

Members World Map - as of December 31, 2025



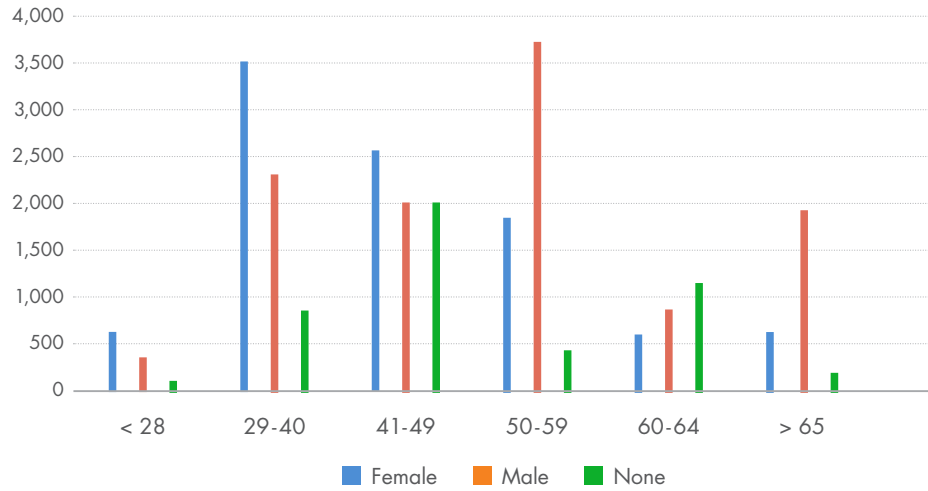
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Membership

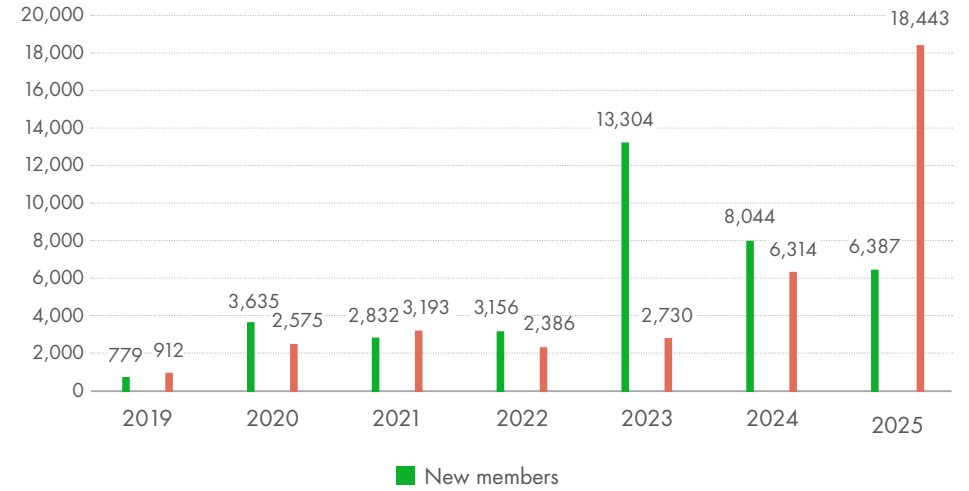
The next chart presents ERA Member age and gender distribution in all countries.

Members by age and gender - as of December 31, 2025



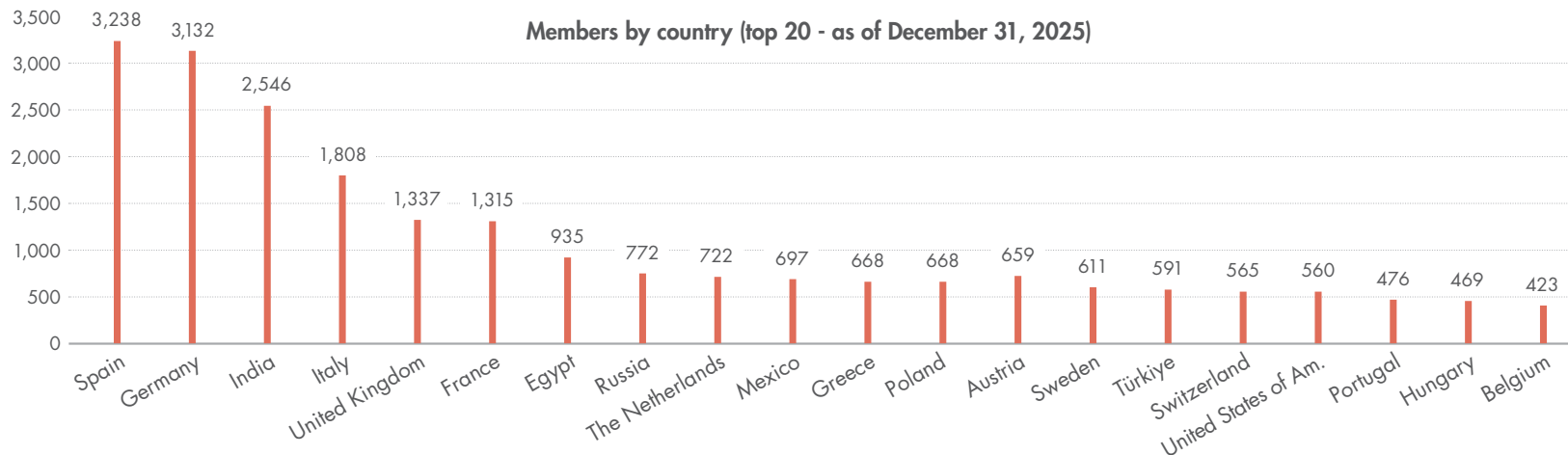
The following chart illustrates an overview of the drop-out vs. new member fluctuations in all countries from 2019 until 2025

Membership turnover



The following chart shows the ERA Membership numbers by country

Members by country (top 20 - as of December 31, 2025)





ERA Curatorium (ERAC)



The ERA Curatorium (ERAC) is a platform where representatives from industry (supporting members) and members of the ERA Council come together to develop and advance joint initiatives. The aim is to promote open and balanced discussions between ERA bodies and supporting members, identify common themes, and build bridges between industry and academia within the broader field of nephrology.

In 2025, there were eight representatives from ERA. Of these, four members completed their term in June 2025: Danilo Fliser, Kathrin Eller, Romana Rysava, and Christoph Wanner. Kathrin Eller continued for an additional term, while Marcin Adamczak, Roberto Minutolo and Siren Sezer, joined as new members.

The ERA members worked alongside eight supporting members from (in alphabetical order): Astellas, AstraZeneca, Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim, CSL Vifor, Fresenius Medical Care, Novartis, and Novo Nordisk.

- **Participation at the ERA Congress**

- During the ERA 2025 Congress in Vienna, the fourth General Assembly was held.
- The ERAC Symposium, held in the format of a panel discussion and titled “Improving Patient Care with Real-World Data Insights,” was chaired by Dimitrios S. Goumenos (Chair of ERAC) and Jacquie Finn (Vice-Chair of ERAC). The speakers included Samira Bell (Current Landscape in Nephrology), Vittoria Ardito (Bridging Regulatory and Reimbursement Pathways), and Christoph Wanner (Future Directions).

- **Ongoing supported initiatives**

In 2025, the ERAC was active in supporting several initiatives, covering a wide range of topics. The initiatives are listed below:

1. **ERA-ERAC MSc in Clinical Trials (Oxford Population Health)**

ERAC continued supporting this initiative for the second year, providing three fellowships for nephrologists to attend the two-year, part-time MSc in Clinical Trials at Oxford Population Health, which combines distance learning and in-person teaching and offers advanced training in the design and conduct of large-scale randomized clinical trials. The call for applications was open from 8 November 2024 to 8 January 2025, receiving 14 eligible applications. Gianmarco Luigi (Italy) was awarded the fellowship and started the programme in October 2025 (2025–2027 cohort).

ERA Headquarters monitors the fellows’ progress, and fellows are encouraged to acknowledge the ERA-ERAC MSc in Clinical Trials Fellowship in publications arising from their MSc work. One such publication has already been produced: Yang et al. Physical Activity Elements and Adverse Outcomes in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease in Guangdong (PEAKING) project: protocol for a prospective cohort study. *BMJ Open* 2024;14(10):e086509.

[doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2024-086509](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2024-086509) (Corresponding author: Guobin Su – ERAC Fellowship recipient). In October 2025, ERAC agreed to continue supporting this initiative for the 2026–2028 period.





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2. ERA Neph-Manual

An e-book designed for young nephrologists to support their training and broaden their knowledge in nephrology. The book currently includes 39 chapters, with 8 subchapters on transplantation and 3 on dialysis. Each chapter features summaries, graphical abstracts, case presentations, and “test yourself” questions. ERAC supported the publication of the first edition in 2023 and agreed in 2025 to continue supporting the updated version.

3. ERA Neph-Manual e-seminars

ERA, with the support of ERAC, launched the Neph-Manual e-seminars series in 2024, initially planned as a monthly initiative. In 2025, four e-seminars were held, each focusing on a selected Neph-Manual chapter discussed by its author, invited panelists, and Jeroen Kooman (Editor-in-Chief) as moderator. The selection of chapters for future seminars is currently under evaluation.

4. Support of ESPN/ERA registry

The European Society of Paediatric Nephrology (ESPN), together with the ERA Registry, maintains the renal registry for paediatric patients receiving kidney replacement therapy. The registry aims to improve the long-term health outcomes of children with end-stage kidney disease, both during childhood and into adulthood.

5. ERA Curatorium Awards in Innovation in Nephrology in the Age of Digital Revolution

This annual award recognizes young nephrologists and non-nephrologist researchers who have developed innovative ideas, projects, technologies, or services addressing challenges in nephrology and kidney disease. The initiative, approved in 2024, was launched for the first time in 2025. The first call, open from 15 November 2024 to 9 January 2025, received five eligible applications (two in the young nephrologist category and three in the non-nephrologist category).

The awards were presented during the ERA Congress in Vienna in 2025. The winners were Anne Lauren Faucon (Sweden) in the Young Nephrologist category, and Roman David Bülow (Germany) in the Young Scientist category.

6. Support of the ERA e-learning

This platform is a digital hub for nephrology education and professional development, featuring live e-seminars, on-demand e-courses, Neph-Manual and last Congress webcast.

7. ERAC Grants for Oxford Leadership Programmes

This initiative, approved in 2025, aims to support young women in nephrology by providing leadership training to help them lead scientific initiatives, particularly in clinical trials, and become leading speakers





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in the field. Through the WERA (Women in Nephrology) Task Force, and with the support of the ERA Curatorium, five grants were offered to attend leadership courses at the University of Oxford. The call was open from 1 April to 15 June 2025. A total of 22 applications were received, 13 candidates were admitted, and 5 grants were awarded to candidates from Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Poland and Spain. Since only two candidates were accepted to the Oxford Healthcare Leadership Programme, the remaining grant was transferred to the Women Transforming Leadership Programme.

8. ERA-ERAC MSc in Clinical Trials Fellowship (Oxford Population Health)

This initiative aims to support the development of clinical research expertise in nephrology by providing fellowships for the part-time MSc in Clinical Trials at Oxford Population Health. The programme combines online learning with in-person teaching and offers advanced training in the design, conduct, and analysis of large-scale clinical trials. In 2025, ERAC supported this initiative, offering fellowships to early-career nephrologists across Europe. The call for applications was open from 8 November 2024 to 8 January 2025. A total of 17 applications were received. All applicants were evaluated, scored and interviewed by the Oxford MSc in Clinical Trials evaluating Committee. One candidate from Italy was approved and invited to join the programme. They began their studies in October 2025.

9. ERA Female Leadership Virtual Mentorship Programme

This initiative was launched following a suggestion from ERAC's supporting members. The programme aims to promote equity in nephrology by supporting the professional development, visibility, and leadership pathways of women, thereby contributing to reducing the gender gap in the specialty. The mentorship programme facilitates the exchange of experiences between participants. Each mentee, a female professional and ERA YNP Full member, is paired with a mentor who is an ERA member and a graduate of one of the ERA-supported leadership programmes at Oxford Saïd Business School (Women Transforming Leadership Programme or Oxford Healthcare Leadership Programme). The programme was launched in February 2026.

• Meetings

Two face-to-face meetings were held between ERAC supporting members and ERA HQ, both in Parma, Italy, in February and October 2025. The purpose of these meetings is to strategize, align objectives, and evaluate ongoing initiatives. In addition, the supporting members hold monthly update meetings to discuss progress and review the status of the various initiatives. In addition, regular monthly meetings were held throughout the year to monitor progress and review the status of the various initiatives.





ERA Curatorium (ERAC)

- **Future projects**

Building on recent strategic discussions, ERA and ERAC is developing initiatives to strengthen collaboration across healthcare communities and enhance early detection and prevention of chronic kidney disease. These efforts focus on improving awareness, education, and risk assessment, while promoting healthier behaviours and patient empowerment across diverse populations. Collectively, they aim to support sustainable collaboration, knowledge dissemination, and ERA's broader advocacy role in kidney health.

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





ETHICS Committee



During 2025, the Ethics Board was composed of four members.

In June 2025, Jadranka Buturović-Ponikvar (Slovenia), Peter Heering (Germany), and Wim Van Biesen (Belgium) ended their terms. Two new Board members then began their terms: Gülçin Kantarcı (Türkiye) and Željka Večerić-Haler (Slovenia).

Valerie Luyckx (Switzerland) will continue as Chair until June 2027, and Simon Sawhney (United Kingdom) will serve as a Board member until June 2029.

List of the ETHICS Committee Board

- Valerie Luyckx, Switzerland (Chair)
- Gülçin Kantarcı, Türkiye
- Simon Sawhney, United Kingdom
- Željka Večerić-Haler, Slovenia

Publications

The articles published in 2025 by the Committee were the following:

- [Van Biesen W, Jadranka Buturovic Ponikvar, Monica Fontana, Peter Heering, Mehmet S Sever, Simon Sawhney, Valerie Luyckx. Ethical considerations on the use of big data and artificial intelligence in kidney research from the ERA ethics committee. Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation, 2024; gfae267.](#)

In progress

- Ethical issues related with re-transplantation in patients, who lost their first graft due to non-adherence (J. Buturović-Ponikvar*, on behalf of the ETHICS Committee)
- The use of organs of euthanized patients (J. Buturović-Ponikvar*, on behalf of the ETHICS Committee)

*Board member from June 2020 to June 2025

Abstracts presentations

The following abstracts were presented at the International Conference on Clinical Ethics and Consultation (ICCEC), held in Switzerland in June 2025. Both abstract were submitted on behalf of the ERA Ethics Committee.

- Taylorism and AI as partners in crime to push the care out of Health Care (Oral presentation). Author: W. Van Biesen**
- The case of organ donation after euthanasia (poster presentation). Author: J. Buturović-Ponikvar

**Board member from June 2020 to June 2025





ETHICS Committee

Participation at the 62nd ERA Congress

- ETHICS Committee Symposium: Pro & Cons: Organ donation after assisted suicide/euthanasia
 - Moderators: V. Luyckx and J. Buturović-Ponikvar
 - Introduction: J. Buturović-Ponikvar
 - Outline of legal, procedural and safety issues: R. Marsman
 - Outline the ethics issues: S. Sawhney
 - Patient's perspective: D. Gallego Zurro

Future Projects

The following manuscript is under initial development and intended for future submission to a peer-reviewed journal.

- Perspective on Xenotransplantation (Lead author: Ž. Večerić-Haler)



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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 2025 the ERA Council awarded FERA titles to:

Austria

- Emanuel Zitt

Belgium

- Rachel Hellemans
- Francois Jouret
- Djalila Mekahli

France

- Mabel Aoun
- Maryvonne Hourmant

Germany

- Jan Halbritter

Greece

- Olga Balafa
- Stylianos Panagoutsos
- Evangelia Ntounousi
- Dimitrios Petras

Italy

- Giuseppe Castellano
- Luca De Nicola
- Francesco Trepiccione

The Netherlands

- Jeroen Kooman
- Liffert Vogt

Poland

- Magdalena Jankowska
- Magdalena Krajewska

Portugal

- Ivo Laranjinha

Spain

- Jose Emilio Sánchez Álvarez
- Luis Fernando Quintana Porras

Sweden

- Marie Evans

Switzerland

- Antonio Bellasi
- Valerie Luyckx
- Nilufar Mohebbi

Türkiye

- Rümeyza Kazancioğlu
- Şafak Mirioğlu





ERA Ordinary General Assembly



Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary General Assembly ('OGA') of the Association will be held on June 3, 2026, at 16:15 – 17:15 (BST-time zone). The OGA will be held in a hybrid way, thus live and virtually. Please find here the [Agenda](#).

By order of the Board:

- Prof. Roser Torra (ERA President)
- Prof. Dimitrios Goumenos (ERA Secretary General)

ERA Ordinary Council Member Elections 2026

During the Ordinary General Assembly, three Ex-Officio Council Members will be announced, and two Ordinary Council Members must be elected. More information about the candidacies on the [website](#).





Accounts

Statement of cash flows year ended December 31, 2025

	Notes	Group 2025 €	Group 2024 €	Charity 2025 €	Charity 2024 €
Net cash from operating activities	1	830,312	2,680,809	1,167,856	2,662,766
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchase of fixed assets		(25,260)	(28,712)	(25,260)	(28,712)
Interest received		216,796	200,468	216,796	200,468
Purchase of investments		(2,100,000)	—	(2,100,000)	—
Purchase of intangibles assets		(45,149)	(3,094)	(45,149)	(3,094)
Cash (used in) / provided by investing activities		(1,953,613)	168,662	(1,953,613)	168,662
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	2	(1,123,301)	2,849,471	(785,757)	2,831,428
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		14,553,911	11,704,440	11,643,250	8,811,822
Total cash and cash equivalents carried forward	3	13,430,610	14,553,911	10,857,493	11,643,250



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Accounts

Notes to the statement of cash flows year ended December 31, 2025

Notes	Group 2025	Group 2024	Charity 2025	Charity 2024
	€	€	€	€
1	Reconciliation of net movements in funds to net cash flow from operating activities			
Net movement in funds for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	1,035,744	2,906,257	1,159,214	3,031,987
Adjustments for:				
Net gains on investments	(117,567)	(307,592)	(117,567)	(307,592)
Depreciation	45,616	45,226	45,616	45,226
Amortisation	23,159	8,111	23,159	8,111
Interest received	(216,796)	(200,468)	(216,796)	(200,468)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(316,676)	516,732	(146,635)	143,014
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	376,832	(287,457)	420,865	(57,512)
Net cash generated from operating activities	830,312	2,680,809	1,167,856	2,662,766





Accounts

Notes to the statement of cash flows year ended December 31, 2025

Notes	Group 2025 €	Group 2024 €	Charity 2025 €	Charity 2024 €
2	Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Balance at January 1	14,553,911	11,704,440	11,643,250	8,811,822
Net cash (outflow) / inflow	(1,018,656)	2,825,033	(594,504)	2,727,878
Exchange (losses) / gains on cash	(104,645)	24,438	(191,253)	103,550
Balance at December 31	13,430,610	14,553,911	10,857,493	11,643,250
3	Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Cash at bank and in hand	13,430,610	14,533,911	10,857,493	11,643,250

