

EUROPA DONNA

The European Breast Cancer Coalition

Annual Report

2020



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OVERVIEW

The fil rouge of this past year was unpredictability.

After the breakout of the COVID-19 pandemic, along came the unexpected success at finding a vaccine in an unprecedented short time. 2021 was a year dedicated to adapting to a new normal: crisis calls for minds to open to transformation, embracing the constant need to come up with alternative plans.

Hope and exasperation followed one another month after month. We learned the added value of flexibility, we looked into new communication means, striving to find new ways to reach out to advocates, patients and stakeholders. We implemented new strategies, opening paths toward opportunities to increase connection and interaction to bridge the gap of 3D physical energy.

As restrictions due to COVID-19 eased and then got strict again, major conferences such as the 17th St. Gallen International Breast Cancer Conference and the 2021 ESMO Congress - both of which saw active participation of our President Tanja Spanic - went digital.

Throughout the year, Europa Donna staff and Board members have been very involved with fellow European organisations and societies: we were invited to give a presentation or participate in panel discussions of a number of webinars, conferences and events such as the SPCC Course on Molecular Genomics, most of the thematic networks of the European Cancer Organisation (ECO), European Patient Forum (EPF) podcasts, the Breast Cancer in the Elderly webinar held by the European School of Oncology (ESO) and the ABC 6 International Consensus Conference held in November. Throughout the year we actively participated in all calls for awareness, informative webinars and written statements of the Transforming Breast Cancer Together (TBCT) initiative.

Europa Donna is very much committed to its ongoing collaborations in research (BIG, OECD PARIS Workgroup, H2020 projects) and is proud to be invited to many HEU applications to provide prospective projects with the added value of patient perspective. Our Senior Policy Advisor Susan Knox still cooperates with the ECIBC Guidelines Development Group in updating the European Breast Cancer Guidelines on a regular basis.

Notwithstanding the COVID-19 travel restrictions, we were super active engaging with EU Policy makers. Our President Tanja Spanic spoke at a European Parliament hearing on 18 March, she was asked to provide her input during a Virtual Conference of the European Council Trio presidency of Germany, Portugal and Slovenia on 7 September and was invited to a Live EPP EU Parliament group debate on breast cancer on 12 October. In November, Ellen Verschuur and I were invited by MEP Frances Fitzgerald to a meeting at the European Parliament to discuss a possible ED event in 2022.

Our 2021 MBC Advocacy Conference in June was successfully held online, as programmed. We had really hoped to have our Advocacy Training Course in person, but we were forced to switch to a webinar because of growing COVID numbers in Italy and all of Europe. We decided to cut the Communication and Advocacy Skills sessions from the programme to ensure that advocates who attended the 2021 digital event could participate in the full blown (hopefully live) 2022 course.

Finally, 2021 saw our first time ever digitally held Pan-European Conference. The 15th Pan-European Conference was a huge success with the key-note speech by Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides: superb speakers, excellent rhythm, great topics, and our Head Office team did a magnificent job organizing a flawless, well balanced, high quality event.


Our General Assembly unanimously voted for Tanja Spanic, Elizabeth Bergsten Nordström, Vesna Ramljak and Ellen Verschuur to serve on the ED Executive Board for a second three year term and at the Board meeting following the GA, Fiorita Poulakaki was elected Vice President of our organisation.

In the absence of live gatherings, we decided to implement a new programme of "Roundtables," regular Zoom meetings with advocates from our 47 countries to touch base, exchange ideas and best practices, listen to expert presentations, participate in short educational sessions, etc.

To tackle prevention, one of the key pillars of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, our Breast Health Day campaign was revamped, an awareness video was professionally made and will be followed by more. We also overhauled our digital communication programme and designed a brand-new website (which should go live in the first part of 2022), and we started a new Advocates Speak Out Video series, which we will build on in the coming year.

In October, Europa Donna launched a new social media campaign based on our Breast Health Day model and designed to spread factual information on MBC and simultaneously provide our national groups with materials they can adapt and use to run their own campaigns in their languages at the national level. Content has been largely determined by the results of a survey on MBC advocacy issues we also conducted this past Autumn.

I cannot wait to finally see you all in person at events and conferences in 2022!



Marzia Zambon
CEO, Executive Director

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

European Parliament

On 18 March Europa Donna President Tanja Spanic was invited to speak about breast cancer screening in the third panel during the session on Screening Programmes for Specific Cancers: extending targeted cancer screening? at the European Parliament Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA) hearing held at the European Parliament. During her presentation she gave an overview of ED's advocacy work for the implementation of population-based mammography screening programmes in all 47 member countries. She also highlighted the disparities that still exist in some EU countries such as Bulgaria, Greece and Romania which currently have no population-based mammography screening programmes aimed at lowering the incidence of breast cancer mortality. To conclude her presentation, she called on all MEPs present at this meeting to take ED's message to their own counties and help improve the situation in screening and early detection of breast cancer and all other cancer types.

On 12 October the European People's Party (EPP), the largest political group in the European Parliament, held a live debate via Facebook to highlight that no one should fight breast cancer alone. ED President Tanja Spanic participated along with Eva Maydell (Paunova) EPP Group MEP, and Dr. Roland Holsten, member of a support group for employees with breast cancer in the European Parliament.

On 16 November ED Executive Director Marzia Zambon and Board Member Ellen Verschuur were received at the European Parliament in Brussels by MEP Frances Fitzgerald, chair of Transforming Breast Cancer Together (TBCT) and Vice Chair of the EPP Parliamentary Group. At the meeting MEP Fitzgerald confirmed that breast cancer is high on the European agenda with the ultimate objective of improving outcomes for patients, survivors and their families. She stated that she is prepared to back and sustain an ED event at the Parliament, possibly in person, as soon as the COVID-19 situation allows.

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

The plan, an ambitious initiative tasked by European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen to Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety and former Europa Donna President, proposes actions at every stage of the disease: prevention, diagnosis, treatment and survivorship. On 12 October, ED President Tanja Spanic participated in the virtual conference Pulling Out All the Stops to Deliver High-Quality Care for European Cancer Patients hosted by EUCOPE and BPI on Europe's Beating Cancer Plan. She participated in the Panel on Making Advanced Diagnostics Available to European Cancer Patients, pointing out the inequalities among European countries when it comes to modern diagnostics and treatments; she called on Europe's Beating Cancer Plan to address this to make it easier for national advocates to lobby with their health ministries.

This conference brought together developers, clinicians and cancer patients for a discussion with decision-makers from the European Parliament and the European Commission around how advanced diagnostics and personalised therapies can be made more widely available to European cancer patients alongside foundational therapies.

Transforming Breast Cancer Together

ED participates in the Transforming Breast Cancer Together (TBCT) initiative, which was established when influential policy makers and organisations strongly committed to breast cancer began to collaborate in 2017.

TBCT organised a virtual event titled Shedding a Light on Women's Health: Discussing the realities of living with breast cancer during COVID-19, held 10 March, International Women's Day, to raise

awareness about the realities of living with breast cancer during COVID-19. The event was chaired by MEP Frances Fitzgerald, Chair of TBCT. Barbara Klein, ED Communications Officer, gave a testimony, offering insight into the daily reality of a breast cancer patient during the pandemic. On 26 May for the occasion of the European Week Against Cancer 2021 the TBCT initiative organized a webinar on Improving Breast Cancer Care: Using the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic as a blueprint? The virtual event was hosted by MEP Fitzgerald who gave the keynote presentation followed by a panel that included ED President Tanja Spanic, Brigitte Nolet (Roche) and Dr Isabel Rubio (President of EUSOMA and ESSO). Tanja spoke about the challenges that patients are facing during the pandemic as well as the positives that have come out such as telemedicine and electronic prescriptions. She stressed that health systems must get prepared for the next pandemic.

TBCT launched their renewed Call for Change on 1 June, which analyses the Commission's proposed actions on cancer and provides a set of recommendations aimed at reducing inequalities and ensuring better breast cancer care for the benefit of patients in the EU. On 2 July, TBCT released a statement in response to the European Parliament Special Committee's Beating Cancer (BECA) draft report on "Strengthening Europe in the Fight Against Cancer – Towards a comprehensive and coordinated strategy." The [statement](#) welcomed the focus on prevention as well as screening aimed at early detection, stressed the important contribution of patient and civil society organisations and expressed its concern regarding the fact that MBC/ advanced cancer are mentioned solely in the context of palliative care.

ED Executive Director Marzia Zambon took part in the TBCT Webinar: Different Access, Different Outcomes: Tackling inequalities in Breast Cancer care across the EU on 15 November. The webinar brought together MEP Fitzgerald, Luciana Neamtiu from the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, Fatima Cardoso from the Champalimaud Clinical Center and the ABC Global Alliance and MEP Pietro Fiocchi -BECA Member. During the webinar, Marzia stressed the importance of having common and uniform quality standards of care, and guidelines covering screening, early diagnosis, treatment and care in specialised cancer centers with multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) in order to fight inequalities.

European Council Trio Presidency

On 7 September, ED President Tanja Spanic participated in a Virtual Conference of the European Council Trio Presidency of Germany, Portugal and Slovenia. The focus of the conference was on the Principles of Successful Patient Involvement in Cancer Research, a compilation of the experience and findings from many national, European and international initiatives to foster patient involvement. During the conference, Tanja gave a presentation on the importance of involving patient advocates in Clinical Trials from their inception rather than after protocols have already been completed, and she called for a balance on Clinical Trial steering committees between researchers, payers and patient advocates. Tanja also participated in the Roundtable discussion on The Way Forward.

On 28 October, Tanja Spanic participated in the second European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) Public Policy webinar on The Clinical Trials Regulation: Challenges and burdens affecting non-commercial research. Here she spoke about the importance of patient involvement in clinical research and highlighted the paper, "Principles of Successful Patient Involvement in Cancer Research" that resulted from the 7 September conference.

RESEARCH

ED Survey on Metastatic Breast Cancer Quality of Care and Quality of Life from the Patient's Perspective in Europe

To kick off a new advocacy initiative for quality of care and quality of life improvement in patients with Metastatic Breast Cancer (MBC), ED conducted a survey of its member countries starting in September

2021 to learn about the patient's perspective on the current state of progress and areas that need improvement for people living with MBC in Europe. The purpose was to gather up-to-date information throughout European countries as part of a multi-phase ED project to drive change through the creation of a European-wide campaign to raise awareness of MBC and to promote optimal follow-up, rehabilitation, aftercare, survivorship and quality of life issues for

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and with women who have this disease. Thirty-two questions were posed, on the topics of: Treatment and Services for People with MBC, Legislation Protecting People with MBC and Advocacy for People with MBC. The resulting [report](#) is available on Europa Donna's website.

EBCC- 13 Manifesto Survey

ED is a co-organiser of the biennial European Breast Cancer Conference (EBCC) along with the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) and the European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists (EUSOMA). ED actively participates in the development of the scientific programme for each conference. ED President Tanja Spanic will Co-Chair the conference that will take place 16 – 18 November 2022 in Barcelona. Tanja and ED Vice President Fiorita Poulakaki serve on the Manifesto Committee. The EBCC Manifesto sets out key principles and recommendations on how to maximise the impact of multidisciplinary breast cancer care. This edition will focus on considerations for patients diagnosed with breast cancer and decisions related to prophylactic mastectomies. As part of the research, ED conducted a survey among its members in 2021; the results will help to formulate the manifesto and paper which will be published following EBCC-13.

Publication of OECD Paris PROMs Workgroup Survey

ED Executive Director Marzia Zambon represents ED on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Patient-Reported Indicator Survey (PaRIS) Breast Cancer patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) Working Group; this initiative aims at developing and implementing standardised patient-oriented measures of health-care performance. The data resulting from the Breast Cancer PROMs survey was later published in the 2021 OECD "Health at a Glance" [publication](#).

Europa Donna Involvement in Research

Europa Donna actively promotes the advancement of breast cancer research and seeks to ensure that all women fully understand any proposed treatment options, including entry into clinical trials and their right to a second opinion. As part of our commitment, we regularly take part in advisory and scientific research committees. In 2021, ED Representatives took part in the following virtual research meetings: Breast International Group (BIG) Scientific Meetings; BIG OlympiA, AURORA, MINDACT and POSITIVE Steering Committees; EBCTCG Early Breast Cancer Trialists Collaborative Group; OECD Working Group meeting; and the Lancet Breast Cancer Commission group.

Moreover, ED is the patient advocacy representative on the following six Horizon 2020 projects that have been funded and continued their work in 2021: Advisory Board member in the "MEtabolic Signaling STRATification- MESI-STRAT" Research Project, External Advisory Panel member for the "Predicting Effective Adaptation to Breast Cancer to Help Women to BOUNCE Back" project and for CardiOCare, an interdisciplinary approach for the management of the elderly multimorbid patient with breast cancer therapy induced cardiac toxicity, Independent Ethics and Data Monitoring Committee member of the "My Personal Breast Screening project – MyPEBS," PREFERABLE –"Project on Exercise for Fatigue Eradication in Advanced Breast Cancer to improve quality of life,"and INSPIRE - INnovative tools for Safety Pharmacology for Integrated cardiovascular safety assessment to Reduce adverse events and late stage drug attrition.

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Europa Donna National Fora Online Roundtables

In early 2020, Europa Donna began holding online roundtables with leaders of our national groups since we were unable to meet in-person to discuss issues of importance. These roundtables continued in 2021:

On 11 February, ED held a roundtable on the COVID-19 vaccine for breast cancer patients with 31 of our National Representatives and Delegates from 23 countries attending. Adriana Bonifacino, Surgeon/Oncologist and Head of the Breast Unit at Rome Sapienza University, gave an overview of the current vaccine situation in Europe.

A follow-up discussion was held on 15 March with 28 of our National Representatives and Delegates from 18 countries during which advocates from 8 countries gave an update on the vaccine roll-out in their countries.

On 31 May, ED held its roundtable focused on Exercise for Breast Cancer Survival. Dr. Joachim Wiskemann, Head of Research Group Oncological Exercise Science Department of Medical Oncology, National Center for Tumor Diseases (NCT) in Heidelberg, gave an overview of the importance of being physically active after a breast cancer diagnosis to help with side effects from treatment and reduce risk of recurrence. PhD Student Annelie Volland gave an overview of the research survey the NCT was conducting on community-based exercise programmes for cancer patients in Europe and neighbouring countries.

Europa Donna Metastatic Breast Cancer Advocacy Webinar

On 18 and 19 June, Europa Donna held its yearly metastatic breast cancer (MBC) advocacy meeting for women to learn more and share strategies to advocate with and for other women with this disease. Forty participants from 20 of the Coalition's 47 member countries connected. Olivia Pagani, Breast Cancer Programme Coordinator for the European School of Oncology and former ED Board member, gave two comprehensive presentations on treatment and research. Covering psychosocial support and dealing with an MBC diagnosis, Luzia Travado, of the Champalimaud Clinical Center in Portugal described the challenges of an MBC diagnosis and how to ensure that MBC does not take over a woman's life. This was followed by three best advocacy practice presentations from expert MBC activists and a workshop to discuss advocates' experience and advocacy strategies related to survivorship and psychosocial support.

The second day of the course consisted of advocacy skills training workshops, designed specifically for this event.

15th Pan-European Conference

On 23 and 24 October, Europa Donna hosted its 15th Pan-European Conference for some 130 advocates from its 47 member countries to connect with experts and other advocates.

Stella Kyriakides, EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, and a past president of Europa Donna, in her keynote address told advocates that the pandemic has accentuated the urgent needs in cancer care and prevention, and the wide disparities in access to care and medications. She highlighted Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, launched in February 2021, which is to offer solutions in four main action areas: cancer prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment, and improved quality of life. She said that there is a concrete plan, with a budget and the plan is on target and needs to continue being implemented.

The conference, held virtually due to COVID-19 disruptions, also provided updated information to help advocates improve breast services in their countries, making use of lessons learned in the pandemic. Scientific experts provided lectures on research, breast imaging and the role of AI in screening, breast surgery and testing for biomarkers and personalized care. Implementation of the ECIBC project was covered as well as topics of interest to advocates such as return to work after breast cancer and dealing with long term effects of breast cancer treatment. Advocates participated in workshops giving practical guidance on managing long term survivorship, strategies for return to work, genetic risk and personalized medicine, and MBC. A detailed account of the conference can be found in Europa Donna's 2021 [Newsletter](#).

Breast Health Day 2021 Campaign

On 15 October, Europa Donna celebrated the 14th annual Breast Health Day to disseminate information about breast health and to raise awareness of prevention and early detection of breast cancer among women and girls across Europe. This year ED launched a new [video campaign](#) that shows the importance of making daily #HealthyChoices for your Breast Health. We encouraged all advocates to be part of the campaign by sending in their own mini video.

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In addition, this year, ED Communications Officer Barbara Klein contributed to the Women's Health Campaign from Media Planet UK with an article on "[Why Living a Healthy Lifestyle is Important for Your Breast Health.](#)" which was also distributed as a supplement in British newspaper The Guardian.

► **MBC Campaign**

In October 2021, Europa Donna launched a new, on-going social media campaign based on our Breast Health Day model and aimed at the European public, especially women; it is designed to spread factual information on MBC and simultaneously provide our national groups with materials they can adapt and use to run their own campaigns in their languages at the national level. Our

aim is to reach as many people as possible with education about the physical, psychological, social and personal life issues people who have been diagnosed with MBC have to face.

► **Europa Donna Advocacy Training Course**

The Europa Donna European Advocacy Training course took place virtually on 19 - 20 November. This was the 20th year that the course has been held and 30 advocates from 18 countries participated. Advocates heard presentations both on the science of breast cancer, and on EU breast cancer care guidelines and recent EU policy initiatives.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

► **European Patients' Forum Podcast**

To mark International Day of Action for Women's Health, which is celebrated every year on 28 May and established as a reminder to address the multiple causes of disease and death that affect women all over the world, ED Communications Officer Barbara Klein was an invited guest on the European Patients' Forum EU Patients Podcast where she discussed the importance for women with breast cancer to have access to quality health care and what can be done to make sure that said access is guaranteed to all women in Europe and worldwide.

► **European Cancer Organisation Meetings**

ED Executive Director Marzia Zambon takes part in the European Cancer Organisation's (ECO) Prevention Steering Committee, co-chaired by Dr. Isabel Rubio and Dr. Jan van Meerbeeck, and she participated in an online meeting held on 24 March. The Prevention Network aims at developing fresh consensus and stronger collaboration in all areas of cancer prevention among key interested expert groups and policymakers at the European and international levels.

On 28 May, Marzia spoke about ED's Alcohol and Policy Propositions during the ECO - Primary Prevention meeting, co-chaired by Matti Aapro, President, European Cancer Organisation and EU Cancer Mission Assembly member, and Rui Medeiros, President, Association of European Cancer Leagues & Co-Chair, ECO HPV Action Network. During her presentation, Marzia called on all national member countries to promote a joint media campaign (to be financed through taxes and public funding from EU4Health and EBCP programmes) possibly using ED's Breast Health Day campaign as a prevention programme model.

The ECO held its Community 365 Roundtable Meeting on Early Detection and Screening on 22 June and focused on three areas: key scientific and technological developments in improving early detection for all cancers, reviewing the experience of EU level initiatives on Breast and Colorectal cancer screening since 2003, and the case for EU level initiatives to support lung cancer screening and early detection strategies for prostate cancer. ED President Tanja Spanic contributed to the session on EU Level Screening Initiatives: What have we learned so far? during which she pointed out that many of the patient representatives who have, with time, stepped down from their position in ECIBC have not been replaced. ED strongly believes this should change in order to guarantee that the patients' perspective always has an essential role in developing the EC Guidelines, as well as others.

Finally, ED Executive Board Members Sema Erdem and Ellen Verschuur, Executive Director Marzia Zambon and Communications Officer Barbara Klein attended the European Cancer Summit 2021, From Plans to Action on 17 - 18 November in Brussels. This summit focused on the implementation of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and the EU Cancer Mission's recommendations, through the ECO's Focused Topic Networks. Sema Erdem serves as Co-Chair, Patient Advisory Committee of the ECO and participated in the session on Supporting the Drivers for Implementation: The cases of the oncology workforce on 17 November. ED has also endorsed the Declaration from the Summit.

ED is a member of the Prevention, Early Detection and Screening Network and the Inequalities Network of the ECO.

► **SPCC Course on Molecular Genomics**

ED Executive Director Marzia Zambon participated in the Sharing Progress in Cancer Care (SPCC) course that was held virtually 1 - 5 March 2021. The course was organized by SPCC under the auspices of Europa Donna, EUSOMA and the European Society of Pathology. The aim of the course was to take stock of current and future tools that help optimize the care of patients with breast cancer. Marzia provided the patient advocacy perspective on Molecular Diagnostics and Genomics in Breast Cancer and highlighted its importance as a tool that will enable the understanding of genetic abnormalities and give the cancer patient community great hope in truly effective early detection and in the opening of a «next generation» treatment and care.

► **17th St. Gallen International Breast Cancer Conference 2021**

ED President Tanja Spanic provided the patient perspective on What Patients Want: Tradeoffs, preferences and thresholds in the first on demand session of the 17th St. Gallen International Breast Cancer Consensus conference held virtually 17-21 March. The session covered the News in Breast Cancer Care Since St. Gallen 2019: Challenges and opportunities. In the presentation, Tanja shared data from ED's Survey of our National Fora on the Current State of Breast Cancer Services and highlighted the fact that there are still many inequalities among and throughout our countries.

► **European School of Oncology- Breast Cancer in the Elderly Online Course**

The European School of Oncology Course on Breast Cancer in the Elderly took place 1 - 2 October Online. The course was co-chaired by Laura Biganzoli and former ED Executive Board Member Olivia Pagani and aimed to provide a broad panorama on how to address the complexity of different disease settings in older patients and to help clinicians to understand and select the best available choices in routine clinical practice, when sitting in a multidisciplinary meeting or in front of the patient. During the course, ED Executive Director Emeritus Susan Knox gave the Keynote lecture on The Value of Being Older and ED Executive Board Member Elizabeth Bergsten Nordström gave the patient advocate's experience in the session on Needs and Expectations of Elderly Breast Cancer Patients.

► **Advanced Breast Cancer Sixth ESO-ESMO International Consensus Conference (ABC6)**

The Advanced Breast Cancer Sixth ESO-ESMO International Consensus Conference (ABC6) was held virtually 4 - 6 November with a mix of live sessions and on-demand sessions. ED Executive Board Member Elizabeth Bergsten Nordström served on the Patient Advocacy Committee and presented in the on-demand session, Oncobrain: Not an excuse but a common reality. She also served as a Consensus panelist in the Consensus session where discussion focused on updating the ABC Guidelines. ED Executive Director Marzia Zambon presented an e-poster on "Effective Advocacy for Women with Metastatic Breast Cancer: A European perspective," and ED had a booth in the virtual exhibition.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

During 2021 **EUROPA DONNA** served on the following committees:

- ▶ BIG Scientific Committee
- ▶ BIG-NCTN 2021 Annual Retreat
- ▶ MINDACT Steering Committee
- ▶ AURORA Steering Committee
- ▶ POSITIVE Trial Steering Committee
- ▶ INSPIRE Annual Meeting
- ▶ Early Breast Cancer Trialists' Collaborative Group (EBCTCG)
- ▶ OLYMPIA Clinical Trial Steering Committee
- ▶ Horizon 2020 Projects: BOUNCE, CardiOCare, INSPIRE, MyPEBS, MESI-STRAT, PREFERABLE
- ▶ OECD Working Group meeting
- ▶ PARIS Breast Cancer PROMS Working Group
- ▶ EBCTCG Early Breast Cancer Trialists Collaborative Group
- ▶ Ethics Committee of IBCSG- International Breast Cancer Study Group

During 2021 **EUROPA DONNA** participated in the following organisational activities:

Policy

- ▶ European Patients' Forum
- ▶ Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
- ▶ Transforming Breast Cancer Together Initiative
- ▶ EPP group cancer event
- ▶ BECA European Parliament Group

Conferences

- ▶ BECA European Parliament Group
- ▶ Europa Donna 15th Pan-European Conference
- ▶ Europa Donna MBC Advocacy webinar
- ▶ Europa Donna Advocacy Training Course
- ▶ ECO 2021 European Cancer Summit
- ▶ 17th International St. Gallen Breast Cancer Conference
- ▶ ESMO 2021 Virtual Congress
- ▶ EUCOPE-BPI Conference on Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
- ▶ EPF Congress
- ▶ EURACTIV Conference on MBC
- ▶ 6th Advanced Breast Cancer International Consensus Conference
- ▶ Oncoplastic Breast Consortium (OPBC) Consensus Conference 2021
- ▶ MBN2021 GRADE-based Consensus Conference

Other Meetings

- ▶ Europa Donna Roundtables (virtual) with National Representatives
- ▶ EBCC-13 Organising and Steering Committees
- ▶ ECIBC Working Group meetings
- ▶ EBC Council - European Breast Cancer Council
- ▶ SPCC Precision Medicine in Breast Cancer webinar
- ▶ SPCC course on Molecular Diagnostics, Genomics and Epigenics in Clinical Oncology (virtual)
- ▶ EPF AGM & Extraordinary GA
- ▶ ESO Course: Breast Cancer in the Elderly
- ▶ ESMO Public Policy Webinar on the Clinical Trials Regulation
- ▶ ABC Global Alliance GA
- ▶ ESTRO Multidisciplinary Management of Breast Cancer Course
- ▶ 7th Annual World Cancer Series: Europe 2021

Publications/Videos

- ▶ 2021 Annual Report
- ▶ Breast Health Day leaflet
- ▶ Breast Health Day Video
- ▶ 2021 Annual Newsletter
- ▶ ED General Brochure
- ▶ Highlights from ED's MBC Advocacy Webinar
- ▶ Four editions of ED Electronic News

FINANCIAL

Our annual financial statement has been prepared by an independent auditor and is posted on our website at www.europadonna.org.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2021

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Net Fixed Assets	10,273	Reserve Fund	679,822
(Plant machinery and equipment)		- Surplus/loss for the year	276,353
Current Assets	824,852	- Extraordinary reserve	403,469
- Trade debtors	618	Creditors	16,926
- Cash at bank and in hand	819,816	- Amounts payable within one year	16,926
- Accrued Income	4,417	Accrued charges and deferred income	138,377
TOTAL ASSETS	€ 835,125	- Withholding taxes	15,187
		- Accrued charges	73,096
		- Owed as Severance	50,094
		TOTAL LIABILITIES	€ 835,125

INCOME

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Turnover	666,829
- Membership dues	15,980
- Grants and donations	646,766
- Meeting registrations	3,840
- Reimbursements	243
Financial Income	255
Other financial income	255
TOTAL INCOME	€ 667,084

OPERATING CHARGES

Services & Office Expenses	54,999
- Administrative overhead	46,847
- Fees (audit, legal, insurance)	8,152
Salaries (employees & related costs)	245,519
Activity Expenses	85,781
- Publications, Websites	20,994
- EBCC-13	875
- Board meeting 2021	612
- 14th ED Pan-European Conference	636
- MBC Webinar	9,059
- ECO Summit	2,946
- Advocacy Training	9,261
- 15th ED Pan-European Conference	41,398
Depreciation & Write-Offs	2,156
- Office equipment	2,156
Financial Charges	2,276
- Bank costs	2,226
- Other financial costs	50
Surplus/Loss of the Period (transfer to/from reserves)	276,353
TOTAL CHARGES	€ 667,084

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ED wishes to acknowledge and express appreciation for the ongoing support of our Executive Board, our faculty members and scientific advisors for their generous contribution of time and effort on behalf of breast cancer advocacy. We would also like to commend our individual National Fora for their continuing commitment to our common advocacy goals, especially the implementation of the EU guidelines. The strength of our organisation emanates from our National Fora whose ongoing work and efforts are outstanding and become more impressive each year.

On behalf of the entire ED breast cancer advocacy community, we would like to express our appreciation to all of our sponsors who have provided us with unrestricted educational grants and sponsorships to carry out our advocacy work on behalf of all of the women of Europe.

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€ 50,000 - 100,000



€ 20,000 - 49,999



€ 5,000 - 19,999



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To safeguard the totally independent and autonomous voice of ED on breast cancer issues, we are guided by our Sponsorship Policy in all matters concerning financial support of our work.

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