



**EpiCARE**  
The European Reference Network for  
Rare and Complex Epilepsies

**Newsletter**  
April 2026



Stay up to date on our upcoming events, educational and research activities, calls, and news from the coordination team, clinicians, researchers, nurses and Patient Advocate community. Feel free to **forward** this newsletter, and sign up [here](#) to receive it regularly!

## Next webinar

### After a Genetic Diagnosis: What Should Genetic Counselling Include

Date: **28 May 2026** / 17pm - 18:30pm

Speakers: **Gaetan Lesca**  
(Member of the *EpiCARE Executive Committee - Hospices Civils de Lyon, France*) and **Giulia Barcia** (*Hospital Necker-Enfants Malades, France*)

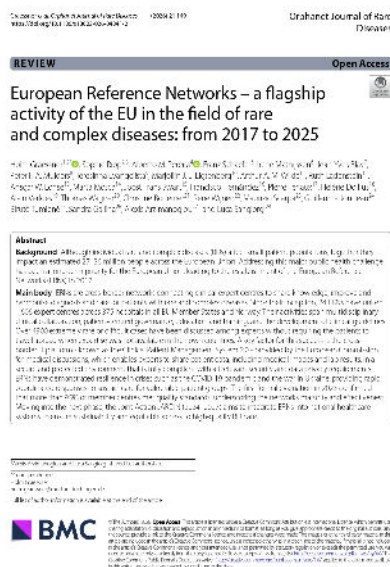
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## Latest news

### ERNs, a flagship activity of the European Union

A [new publication co-signed](#) by the **24 coordinators** of the **European Reference Networks (ERNs)** and **DG SANTE** highlights the key achievements of this major initiative of the European Union. European Reference Networks (ERNs) connect expert centres across countries to share knowledge and improve care for patients with rare and complex diseases. They include 24 networks with over 1,600 centres in hospitals across the EU and Norway. The publication outlines their role in **fostering collaboration**, developing **clinical guidelines**, and strengthening **patient-centred** care across borders. It also provides a comprehensive overview of the ERNs activities since their creation.



### European Epilepsy Team Excellence Award to ERN EpiCARE

On behalf of all our members and patient advocates we are grateful to the European Board of the ILAE for the recognition of the teamwork of the team by ERN EpiCARE the

past 10 years, aiming to improve epilepsy care and research in Europe. ERNs today are a structured and functional ecosystem that can support national healthcare systems. For more information on how you can contribute to EpiCARE missions visit [our website](#) and do not hesitate [to write to us](#).

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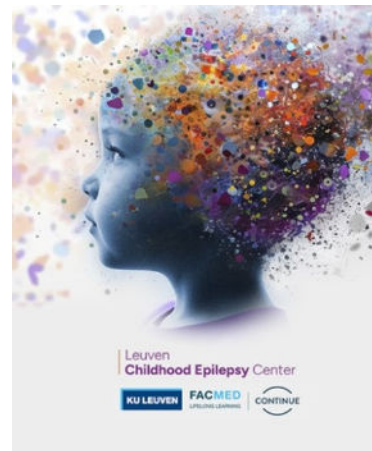
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## Postgraduate Course in Childhood Epilepsy (Leuven, Belgium) - Academic year 2026-2027

The [Postgraduate Course in Childhood Epilepsy \(KU Leuven\)](#) is the **first academic program in Europe fully dedicated to childhood epilepsy**. This selective, one-year postgraduate course offers advanced, hands-on training at the highest academic and clinical level. It is designed for neurologists and pediatric neurologists, the programme combines expert-led teaching in Leuven with a four-month clinical internship in a recognized European epilepsy center, offering advanced, hands-on and multidisciplinary training.

The **application deadline is 30 June 2026**. [Discover the program here!](#)



## Upcoming events 2026

### 12th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology

June 27 - 30, 2026 / Geneva (Switzerland)

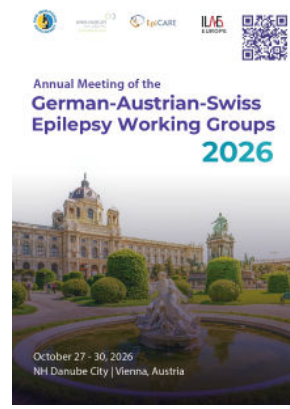
The European Academy of Neurology (EAN) Congress is one of the world's leading events in neurology. This annual hybrid meeting brings together clinicians, researchers, educators, industry partners, residents, students, and patient representatives for four days of cutting-edge science and professional development. [Register now!](#)



### Annual Meeting of the German-Austrian-Swiss Epilepsy Working Group

October 27 - 30, 2026 / Vienna (Austria)

The [Annual Meeting of the German-Austrian-Swiss Epilepsy Working Group \(DACH Regions\)](#) will take place in October 2026 in Vienna. This event will bring together leading experts in the field of epilepsy, including Eugen Trinkka, Andreas Schulze-Bonhage, Guido Rubboli, Ronit Pressler, Elena Gardella, Sándor Beniczky, and Petr Marusic, among many others.



## Know EpiCARE Working groups!

### Working Group 4: Neurophysiology

*Experience and expertise in clinical neurophysiology are required to recognise the advantage of accurate recording and interpretation.*

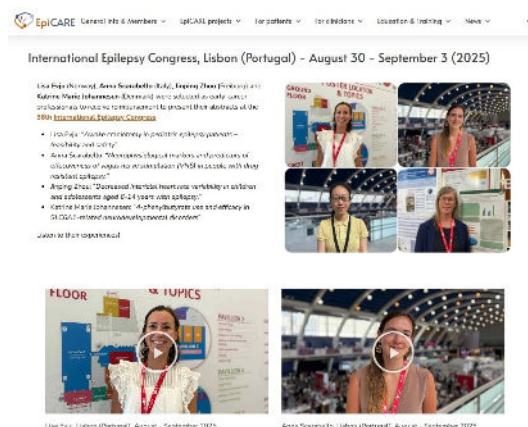
[WG 4 webpage](#)



## ERN EpiCARE Supporting Next Generation Epilepsy Experts

An important mission of EpiCARE is to **support the education and training of early-career experts** in the field of rare and complex epilepsies. One concrete action toward this aim is to support EpiCARE members in [presenting their work](#) at major scientific congresses in Europe:

- [12th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology](#)
- [16th European Epilepsy Congress](#)
- [In Search of Lost Time Workshop 7](#)



[Watch videos of our testimonials!](#)

## EpiCARE Scientific Publications

### [Ictal semiology in fronto-opercular epilepsy: A systematic review](#)

Gokce-Samar Z, Montavont A, Comajuan M, de Bellescize J, Panagiotakaki E, Papadopoulou M-A, Papathanasiou-Terzi M-A, Toulouse J, Arzimanoglou A, Ostrowsky-Coste K. April 2026

### [International consensus recommendations for the diagnosis and treatment of Rasmussen syndrome: A modified Delphi procedure](#)

Stredny C M, Steriade C, Papadopoulou M T, Pujar S, Kaliaatsos M, Tomko S, Polster T, Cortina C, Zhang B, Wickström R, International Rasmussen Syndrome Consensus Group. March 2026.

[Practical consensus recommendations for polytherapy involving stiripentol in Dravet syndrome: A nominal group approach](#)

Cross H, Nabbout R, Gidal B, Sullivan J, Wirrell E. February 2026.

You can consult recent publications related to the diagnosis and treatment of rare and complex epilepsies on our [scientific publications webpage](#).

#### ANYTHING TO SHARE?

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