EpiCARE Newsletter

The European Reference Network for Rare and Complex Epilepsies

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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 regulary!

Next interactive webinar

"Seizure semiology in perisylvian/insular networks: an interactive video session"

19 November 2026
17pm - 18:30pm

Speakers: Hajo Hamer and Julia Scholly

Register here



Latest news

Call for Experts: Cross-Border Clinical Trials. How can we make clinical trials more accessible to patients across Europe?

The EU-X-CT Initiative, with the contribution of TEDDY Network (EPTRI partner), is looking for experts with practical experience in cross-border clinical trials, particularly Principal Investigators and hospital administrative staff.
Share your experience in a short 15-minute online interview and help identify barriers and potential solutions.

Three Focused Skills Labs

EPNSFree, interactive and case-based webinars for paediatric neurologists and trainees at all career stages!
Enhance your skills, learn from clinical cases and connect with the EPNS community. Explore the webinars and register today.



International K-Channelopathies Symposium

Organised by the **RHU project Innov4-ePiK** and coordinated by Prof. Rima Nabbout-Tarantino (Institut Imagine), this international meeting brought together over 40 experts and patient advocacy groups from 15 countries for three days of scientific exchange on DEEs.
Discussions covered basic science, genetics, clinical phenotypes, care pathways and innovative clinical trials. A dedicated roundtable placed patients' needs at the forefront,

focusing on PROMs development, mortality prevention and innovative trial methodologies for potassium-related DEEs and DEEs more broadly.
The meeting fostered international collaboration and helped identify key priorities to advance research and improve patient outcomes.

ERN-RND Postgraduate Curriculum - Registration Now Open for the Ataxia /HSP Module

The first module of the ERN-RND Postgraduate Curriculum focuses on Cerebellar Ataxias and Hereditary Spastic Paraplegias (HSP). This free, UEMS-approved programme combines flexible online learning, supervised clinical training, a structured portfolio and a final assessment leading to the European Certificate in Rare Neurological Diseases (ECRND).



Application deadline: 31 October 2026

Upcoming events 2026 endorsed by ERN EpiCARE

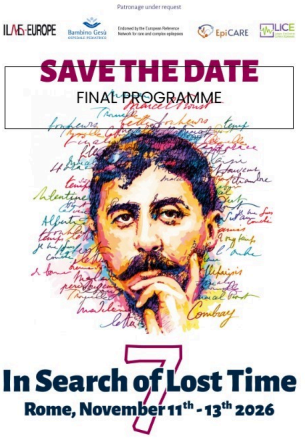
The 7th edition of the ERN EpiCARE scientific workshop

11 – 13 November / Rome (Italy)

Register now for the Rare Epilepsy Workshop in Rome, Italy.

13 CME credits: the workshop has been awarded EACCME accreditation.
Explore three hey topics:
- Etiology-specifific spectrum of epilepsy syndromes and channelopathies
- Early surgery in patients with non-drug-resistant epilepsy
- Non-seizure outcome in drug-resistant epilepsies and DEEs

Connect with experts and colleagues in the rare epilepsy community.



The latest version of the program

Movement Disorders in Children associated with Neurodegeneration - Call for Abstracts

February 11-12, 207 (Barcelona, Spain)

The symposium Movement Disorders in Children associated with Neurodegeneration will be held in a hybrid format at the SJD Pediatric Cancer Center (February 11-12, 2027 Barcelona, Spain). Over two days, six thematic blocks cover movement disorders in paediatric neurodegeneration, from phenotype and mechanisms to measurement and translation. The deadline to submit an abstract is **December 9, 2026.**

Know EpiCARE Working groups!

Working Group 13**: Guidelines**

The development of clinical guidelines and recommendations is essential for the implementation of best practices in epilepsy care.

WG 13 webpage



Working Group 14**: Education and Training**

Our main goal is to develop educational practices favouring dissemination of highly specialized knowledge and expertise within the members of the ERN and beyond, and to operationalize complementarity. We aim to adapt the educational orientations recommended by the ILAE Roadmap for education to the needs of experts working in Europe.



WG 14 webpage

ERN EpiCARE Supporting Next Generation Epilepsy Experts

Supporting the next generation of experts is a key mission of EpiCARE. As part of this commitment, EpiCARE offers opportunities for early-career experts members to present their work at major scientific congresses and workshops across Europe. Discover the opportunities available for 2027 and the criteria for evaluation.

Supporting early-career Epilepsy Experts

Participation at epilepsy scientific congresses and workshops **2027**

CONGRESS	DATE	PLACE	PARTICIPANTS	DEADLINE
17th EPNS (European Paediatric Neurology Society)	6 - 10 April 2027	Barcelona (Spain)	5	10 February 2027
EPIPED Course	5 - 8 May 2027	Girona (Spain)	5	8 March 2027
International Course on Drug Resistant Epilepsies	9 - 16 May 2027	Tagliacozzo (Italy)	5	16 March 2027
37th IEC (International Epilepsy Congress)	28 August - 1 September 2027	Amsterdam (The Netherlands)	15	1 July 2027

EpiCARE Scientific Publications

Neutral Comparison of Multivariate Hypothesis Tests for Parallel Group Designs in Rare Disease Settings
Geroldinger, M., Laimer, M., Wally, V., Bauer, J. W., & Zimmermann, G
September 2026. *Statistics in Medicine*.

Caregiver perceptions of telemedicine in developmental and epileptic encephalopathies: a nationwide Spanish survey

Giorgi S, Solaz S, Alarcón-Alarcón D, Arboleya A, Cardenal-Muñoz E, Manzanares I, Palanca Cámara M, Sánchez-Miranda I, Gil-Nagel A, Aibar J
September 2026. *Frontiers in Neurology*.

Facilitating the timely diagnosis of Lennox–Gastaut syndrome: A checklist to support clinical practice
Specchio N, Arzimanoglou A, Gil-Nagel A ,Lagae L, Auvin S, Nabbout R, Schubert-Bast S, Cross H.
June 2026. *Epileptic Disorders*.

Inter- rater reliability on rhythmic and periodic EEG patterns using Standardized Computer- based Organized Reporting of EEG (SCORE): A multicenter study
Tartara E, Aurlien H, Čačić Hribljan M, Bisulli F, Canafoglia L, Gaspard N, Bentes C, Mameniškienė R, Ballante E, Amatu A, Vlachou M, Ferri L, Pasini E, Pastori C, Stabile A, De Maeseneire C, Ferlini L, Franco AC, Peralta AR, Lajunen HR, Principe A, Arzimanoglou A, Beniczky S.
August 2026. *Epilepsia*.

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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