

# AE in numbers

AE has been active  
since **1983**

AE represents an estimated  
**7 million**  
people throughout Europe

AE is made up of almost  
**90** member associations  
from **38** different countries

At least **32** countries  
have actively supported  
AE's campaign in 2019

AE International Congress  
was attended by **2000**  
delegates in 2019

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We have come a long way since we began in 1983, but **much work remains to be done to ensure the full implementation of autistic people's rights** and their effective participation in society on an equal footing with others.

*We are founding member of:*



# Autism Europe



Striving for a better quality of life  
for autistic people and their families



# About us

**Autism-Europe (AE)** is an organisation comprised of almost **90 member organisations from 38 different countries**. AE advocates for the **respect of autistic people's rights**, including access to:

- Timely diagnosis;
- Lifelong support and evidence-based interventions;
- Adapted general healthcare;
- Education;
- Training and employment;
- Housing and living support in the community;
- Protection from discrimination;
- Social inclusion.

**Self-advocates and parents** play a central role in our organisation to ensure the views and interests of autistic people are adequately reflected in our work.

We are recognised by the European Institutions as **the voice of people on the autism spectrum and their families** in Europe.

Our main objective is the **full realisation of the rights of autistic people**, notably through the implementation of the **UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD)**.

# Our work

**We work with our members to:**

- **Advocate** for the rights of autistic people before the European Institutions;
- **Advocate** for European legislation and policies that comply with the UNCRPD;
- **Promote** appropriate support for people on the autism spectrum in every aspect of life;
- **Promote** the exchange of information, good practices and experience;
- **Promote** awareness and understanding of autism.

**We hold our triennial international congress** to share the latest research and best practices regarding, for example, therapies, support, social inclusion, and service provision.

We publish our **LINK Magazine, e-newsletters, research reports, position papers and toolkits** to advocate for the rights of people on the autism spectrum.

Each year, AE works together with its member organisations in **conducting awareness raising campaigns around World Autism Awareness Day (April 2)**.



# Get involved!

**Your help is invaluable.**

There are many ways to support our association and our projects, such as:

- **Becoming a member** (as an individual or an organisation);
- **Subscribing** to our biannual **LINK magazine** and to our **e-newsletter** (English and French versions available);
- **Following us** on social media channels;
- **Fundraising** to support AE;
- **Sponsoring** AE on behalf of a business;
- **Volunteering** and using your skills to contribute to a worthwhile cause.
- **Donating** either using PayPal by visiting our website, or making a bank transfer.

Please note that we are committed to working according to the **principles of transparency and good administration**.

