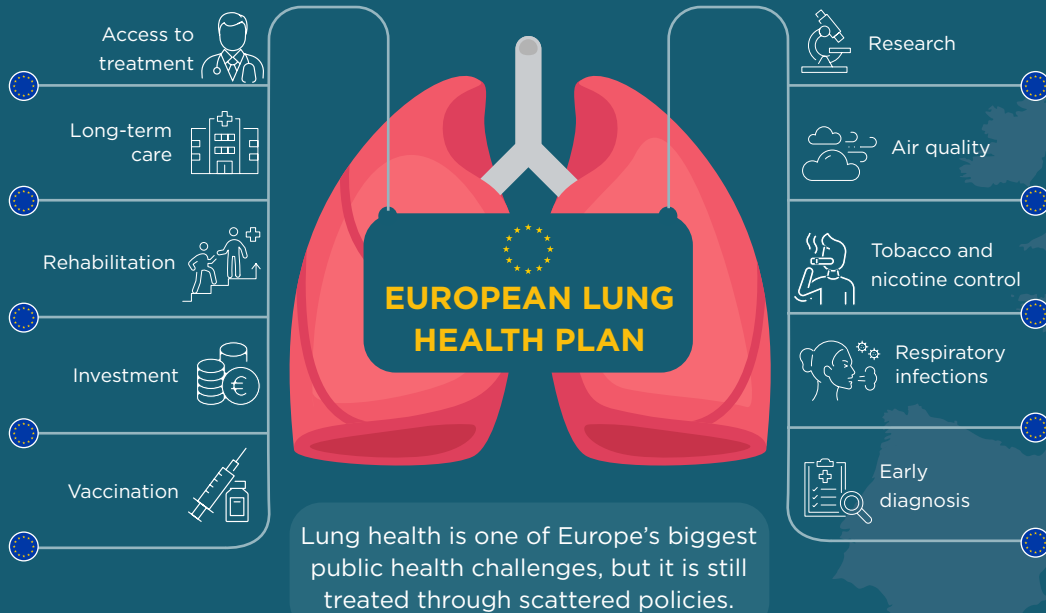


Why Europe needs a European Lung Health Plan to **#KeepBreathing**

A EUROPEAN LUNG HEALTH PLAN CAN TURN FRAGMENTED INITIATIVES INTO COORDINATED EU ACTION



Europe needs a European Lung Health Plan to connect these efforts, give lung health the political priority it deserves and to better protect people living with lung disease.

THE CASE FOR ACTION



1 in 8 deaths in the EU are caused by lung diseases, but many of these are preventable.



Respiratory diseases are the **third leading cause of death** in the EU.



At least 35% of preventable deaths from chronic respiratory diseases are linked to environmental factors.



Patients face **late diagnosis, unequal access to treatment and gaps in long-term care** leading to breathlessness, avoidable flare-ups, missed work or school and daily limits on quality of life.

A GLOBAL COMMITMENT, BUT A GAP IN EUROPE

In 2025, governments adopted the milestone **World Health Assembly resolution on lung health**. The resolution commits countries to act on prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care.

Now Europe needs to turn this commitment into a dedicated **European Lung Health Plan**.

Without one, lung health will remain split across separate EU files instead of being addressed as a major public health priority.



WHAT A EUROPEAN LUNG HEALTH PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE

PREVENTION



Stronger action on the risks of lung disease, including air pollution, tobacco and nicotine products, respiratory infections and unhealthy indoor and outdoor environments.

EARLIER DIAGNOSIS



Better access to timely diagnosis, including lung tests, primary care support and clear patient pathways.

TREATMENT AND LONG-TERM CARE



Equal access to medicines, rehabilitation, follow-up care and patient support across Europe.

INVESTMENT



EU funding that matches the burden and cost of respiratory diseases, including research, implementation, innovation and support for civil society.

PATIENT INVOLVEMENT



Patients and patient organisations involved in shaping, implementing and monitoring lung health policies.

HOW TO USE THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON LUNG HEALTH

The World Health Assembly resolution sets out what governments have committed to on lung health and how these commitments can support stronger national and European action.

Patients, carers, and patient organisations can use the resolution to hold their governments accountable.



Learn how with the **#KeepBreathing** patient explainer video



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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EUROPEAN LUNG HEALTH GROUP

The European Lung Health Group brings together European-level patient and healthcare professional organisations working to make lung health a European policy priority. Through the **Breathe Vision** and the **#KeepBreathing** campaigns, the group calls for a coordinated, long-term European strategy and plan for lung health.



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What's yours?**