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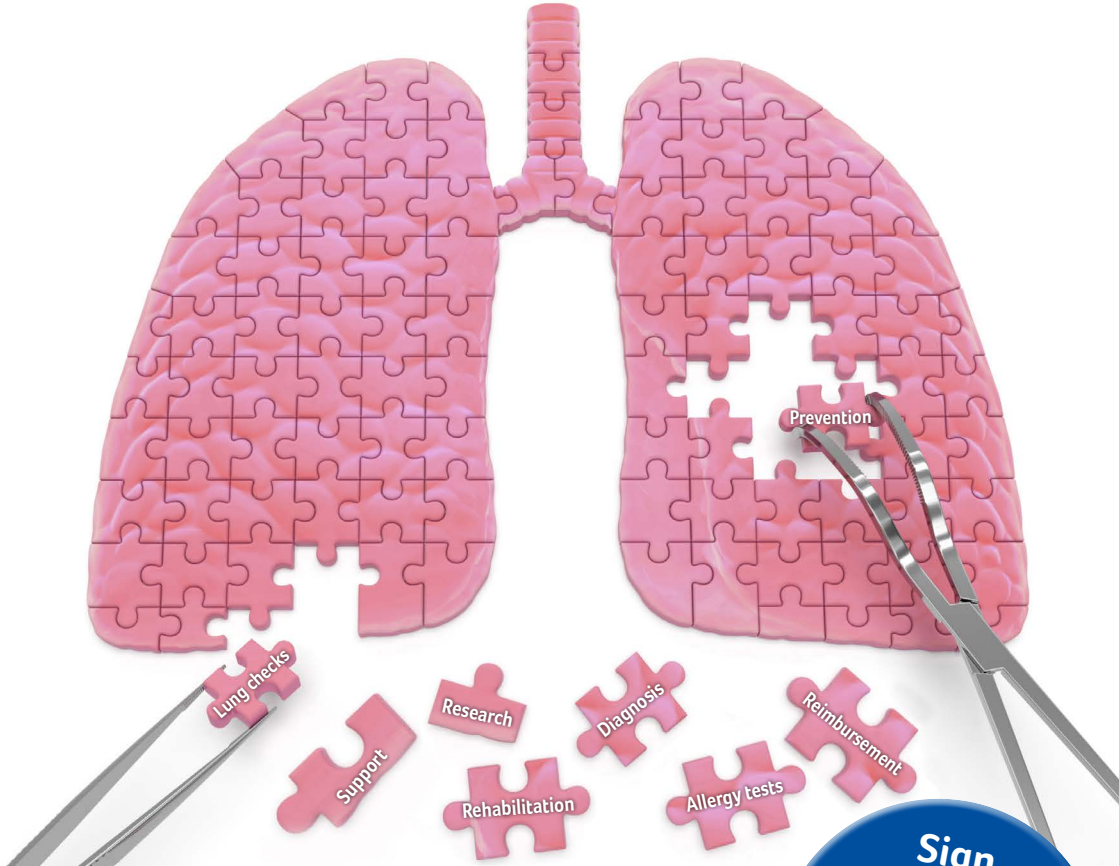
The ABC to taking action on chronic respiratory diseases



Chronic respiratory diseases account for more than 315,000 Europeans dying every year. Diseases such as respiratory allergy, asthma and COPD cost more than €300 billion annually.

Our health. Your mission.

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EFA European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations

ERS EUROPEAN RESPIRATORY SOCIETY every breath counts

EAACI EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF ALLERGY AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY

International Primary Care Respiratory Group IPCRG

EPF European Patients Forum

ELF EUROPEAN LUNG FOUNDATION

PHA EUROPE European pulmonary hypertension association

ENSP

HEAL Promoting environmental policy that contributes to good health

CF Europe

Chronic respiratory diseases are amongst the most prevalent chronic diseases in Europe

COPD will be the **3rd cause of death** in the world by 2030

30 millions live with asthma

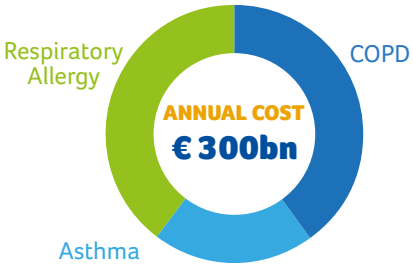
45% of patients with respiratory allergy have never received a diagnosis

More than **20% Europeans** suffer from **allergic rhinitis**

300,000 die from COPD annually

15,000 die each year from asthma

Chronic respiratory diseases are a huge burden on EU national health systems and patients



Asthma and allergy are the leading cause of school absences and hospitalisations

COPD is a major cause of absenteeism from work accounting for productivity loss of €28.5 billion yearly

As part of the UN targets on non-communicable diseases

The World Health Organisation is monitoring our progress to:

- Reduce premature deaths from chronic respiratory diseases by 25% by 2025
- Decrease tobacco use by 30% by 2025
- Prevent disease through improved outdoor and indoor air quality

The time for action is now!

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