



## CALL TO ACTION!!!

### The “SPAEN Advocacy in Action Award 2019” for best projects in sarcoma patient advocacy

#### Dear SPAEN Member Groups!

In 2017, we announced the “SPAEN Advocacy in Action Award” for the first time and were amazed to receive such high-quality, outstanding and interesting submissions during the last two years. Reason enough for us to continue to make some noise about the projects and initiatives that are being implemented each day, each month or each year in various countries. We want to again celebrate and honour outstanding practices, projects, initiatives or campaigns and the creators working behind these activities.

**We therefore invite you to participate in the “SPAEN Advocacy in Action Award 2019”!**

**The winning projects/teams will receive**

<b>1st</b>	<b>2.000 €</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>1.500 €</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>1.000 €.</b>

A jury of 8 representatives – patient advocates and healthcare professionals – will evaluate the submissions and select the winners.

#### Basic Conditions

We are looking for projects, initiatives, campaigns fulfilling the following eligibility criteria:

Participants:	All SPAEN member groups
Type of projects:	Should be sarcoma specific (Soft Tissue, Bone, GIST, Desmoid, Chordoma) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For a single entity or for several diseases</li><li>• Already completed or ongoing projects (Please: Not just ideas or planned projects!)</li></ul>
Thematic areas:	Patient information & education Patient support Improving the quality of life Social media and digital communications Generating “real world evidence” (registries, survey, data mining etc.) Advocacy & lobbying the healthcare system Being involved or driving sarcoma research



## Application Process

Complete the attached form and send it with attachments by email to [info@sarcoma-patients.eu](mailto:info@sarcoma-patients.eu)

Deadline for submission is **December 1, 2019**

Award Ceremony: During the 10<sup>th</sup> SPAEN Annual Conference, February 2020

## Assessment Criteria

Success may come in many shapes, sizes and stories. Recognizing this, we have merely set up some guidelines in order to make projects comparable. Please be mindful when you are making your nomination to provide clear examples of success and avoid general statements.

Relevant for the assessment of projects:

- Impact on or for patients, caregivers and community (regionally, nationally, internationally)
- Patients reached
- Potential of adaption / reproducibility by other PAGs
- Sustainability
- Cost / Funding
- Grade of innovation

Please note: Not all criteria have to be fulfilled!

We are very much looking forward to receiving your applications and hearing about your successes in advocacy, because: *"Together we can make a difference for those affected by sarcomas"*.

With kind regards

**The SPAEN Board of Directors**

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