

# Our Vision



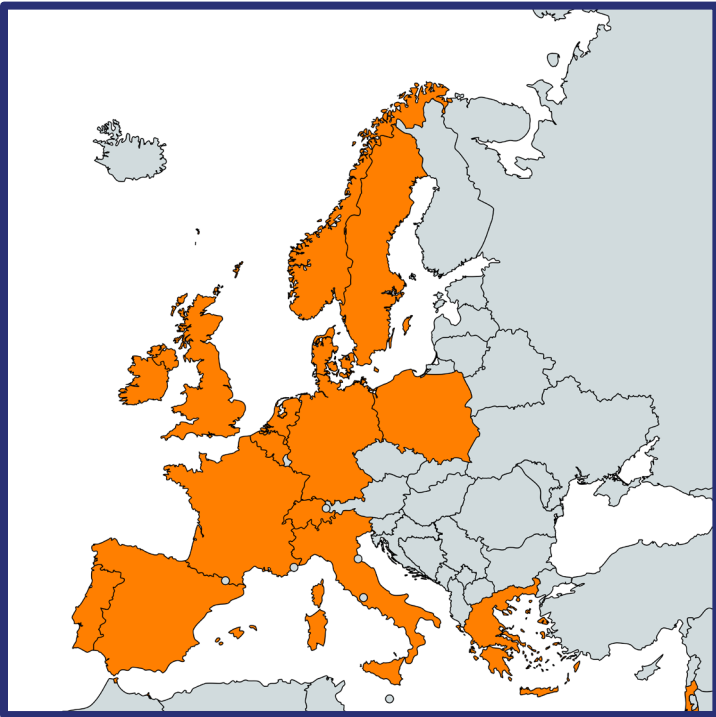
Euro-ataxia is an international non-profit association whose member organisations work together to help people with progressive ataxia lead their best life. We do this by building a strong organisation that represents people with progressive ataxia throughout Europe.



## Our Members

-  **Belgium**
  - Association Belge de l'Ataxie de Friedreich
  - Spierziekten Vlaanderen
-  **Denmark**
  - Foreningen for ATAKSI HSP
-  **France**
  - Association Connaitre les Syndromes Cérébelleux
  - l'Association Francaise de l'Ataxie de Friedreich
-  **Germany**
  - Deutsche Heredo-Ataxie Gesellschaft
  - Friedreich Ataxie Förderverein e.V.
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  - Hellenic Friedreich's Ataxia Association
-  **Ireland**
  - Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance Ireland
-  **Israel**
  - The Israeli Machado Joseph Association
-  **Italy**
  - Associazione Italiana per la lotta alle Sindromi Atassiche
-  **Netherlands**
  - ADCA Vereniging Nederland
  - Spierziekten Nederland
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  - Norwegian Association for Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia/Ataxia
-  **Poland**
  - Forum Ataksja
-  **Portugal**
  - Associação Portuguesa de Ataxias Hereditárias
-  **Spain**
  - Federación de Ataxias de España
-  **Sweden**
  - Ataxia Foundation
-  **Switzerland**
  - Association Suisse de l' Ataxie de Friedreich
  - Schweizerische Muskelgesellschaft
-  **United Kingdom**
  - Ataxia Telangiectasia Society
  - Ataxia UK





## What is ataxia?

'Ataxia' is an umbrella term for a group of neurological disorders that affect balance, coordination, and speech. There are many different types of ataxia that can affect people in different ways.

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## Who gets ataxia?

Anyone of any age can get ataxia, but certain types are more common in certain age groups. For example, people with Friedreich's ataxia are usually diagnosed in childhood or adolescence.

## How many people have ataxia?

The ataxias are rare conditions:

- >100,000 people in Europe have ataxia.
- The most commonly inherited ataxia, Friedreich's ataxia, has a prevalence of 1:29,000.
- Inherited childhood ataxias have a prevalence of 1:21,692.

## Is there any cure?

Some forms of ataxia are treatable, but in most cases, there is still no cure. Despite this, research is constantly on-going towards finding new treatments and cures.

## Our Objectives

Hand in hand, we work towards the following objectives:

- To drive forward research and treatment of the ataxias.
- To encourage the free flow of information between members on the latest research.
- To foster and improve contacts between practitioners interested in the ataxias, and people with ataxia.
- To investigate social, political and cultural matters connected to the welfare of people with ataxia, and promoting and improving the exchange of this information.
- To promote co-operation on an international level between national ataxia organisations.
- To raise awareness of ataxia among clinicians, scientists and society.

