

# Bulgaria patient organisation funding

In 2021, two grants were approved by GSK for patient organisations in Bulgaria. As the funding requests are being processed in 2022, the details of these supports will be reported in the 2022 disclosure report.

## **Association of Bulgarians with Asthma (ABBA)**

The Association of Bulgarians with Asthma (ABBA) was founded in 2002. It is a national non-profit association for patients suffering from bronchial asthma and other chronic pulmonary diseases.

ABBA works to provide individual consultations, upholds rights to healthcare according to European and world standards, ensures access to effective modern forms of diagnosis, treatment and prevention and provides up-to-date health and medical information.

### **In 2020:**

- GSK provided 5000 BGN to support an education campaign.

Our support represented 25% of the organization's total annual funding.

### **In 2019:**

- GSK provided 10,000 BGN to support World Asthma Day.

Our support represented 15% of the organization's total annual funding.

## **Pulmonary Hypertension Association**

Pulmonary Hypertension Association Bulgaria is a non-profit organization that provides support to people suffering from rare pulmonary / pulmonary / hypertension disease.

### **In 2019:**

- GSK provided 10,000 BGN to support the National Conference of Pulmonary Hypertension for Patients.

Our support represented 25% of the organization's total annual funding.

## **Bulgarian Society for Patients with Pulmonary Hypertension**

Bulgarian Society for Patients with Pulmonary Hypertension is an organization that fully understands the challenges faced by patients and their relatives. They seek to promote patient engagement.

### **In 2020:**

- GSK provided 2438 BGN to support a patient project.

Our support represented 9% of the organization's total annual funding.

### **In 2019:**

- GSK provided 6908 BGN for the Women and Pulmonary Hypertension project and 500 BGN to support World Pulmonary Hypertension Day.

Our support represented 20% of the organization's total annual funding.

## **National Alliance of People with Rare Diseases**

In 2007, the National Alliance of People with Rare Diseases was established in Bulgaria. The Alliance is a non-governmental organization dedicated to patients with rare diseases.

The Alliance was created in 2007 by representatives of 8 diseases with the aim to protect their rights and to improve disease prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and quality of life. As of the end of 2013, the Alliance represents 53 diseases.

### **In 2020:**

- GSK provided 10,000 BGN to support "International Rare Disease Day" in 21 towns in Bulgaria.

Our support represented 25% of the organization's total annual funding.

### **In 2019:**

GSK provided:

- 10,000 BGN to support World Rare Disease Day
- 1600 BGN to support the World Conference on Rare Diseases and Orphan Drugs, as well as Rare Diseases Europe (EURORDIS) annual meeting.
- 5,000 BGN for organizing and holding an annual meeting for the National Alliance of People with Rare Diseases in Sofia.

Our support represented 25% of the organization's total annual funding.

## **National Patient Organisation**

National Patient Organization was established in January 2010 to unite the patient voice and to represent and protect the interests of all patients. The main objectives of NPO are: development and promotion of civic participation in the management and control of the health system; introduction of the principle of equal trilateral partnership between state bodies, medical professional organizations and patient associations in the formulation and adoption of strategies, criteria and norms; introduction of policies and practices in the healthcare system; involving patients' representatives in the management of structures in the healthcare system; development, implementation and validation of ethical rules and rules in the work of patient organizations, as well as their interaction with institutions, media and society.

### **In 2020:**

- GSK provided 20,000 BGN as core funding and to support prevention related projects.

Our support represented 6% of the organization's total annual funding.

### **In 2019:**

GSK provided:

- 10,000 BGN as core funding
- 20,000 BGN to organize the following conference: "The Future of Health - Progress of the United Nations Sustainable Development Program 2030 in Europe" in Brussels
- 10,000 BGN to support the National Congress of Patient Organizations

Our support represented 10% of the organization's total annual funding.

## **National Association for the Prevention of Cervical Cancer**

The aim of the association is to promote the prevention of cervical cancer in young women.

### **In 2019:**

- GSK provided 7000 BGN to support educational meetings with parents on the topic of HPV.

Our support represented 25% of the organization's total annual funding.

## **The Organization of Patients with Rheumatological Diseases in Bulgaria**

The organization was established in 2010 with the aim to support patients suffering from rheumatological diseases by raising disease awareness, holding round tables on issues such as access to treatment and rehabilitation/social integration of patients.

**In 2019:**

- GSK provided 4500 BGN to support their Rheumatic Disease Awareness Week campaign.

Our support represented 25% of the organization's total annual funding.

**Federation Bulgarian Patient Forum**

The Federation of Bulgarian Patient Forum is registered as a non-governmental organization for public benefit. The aim of the organization is to protect the rights of citizens in the field of healthcare and to provide national representation of patients and patient organizations.

**In 2020:**

- GSK provided 5000 BGN to support the Autumn Patient Academy.

Our support represented 10% of the organization's total annual funding.

**In 2019:**

GSK provided:

- 6000 BGN to support their national forum
- 8000 BGN to support the Autumn Patient Academy
- 6000 BGN to support the organisation in the annual journalism awards

Our support represented 10% of the organization's total annual funding.

**I Foundation**

I Foundation was founded in 2004. It is the successor of the Plus and Minus Foundation, established in 1999 as a continuation of the activity of a group formed in 1997 to provide assistance to people living with HIV in Varna. The foundation works to protect the human, civil and patient rights of people living with HIV.

**In 2019:**

- GSK provided 30,000 BGN to support the update of the foundation's website and the provision of patient materials.

Our support represented 21% of the organization's total annual funding.

### **Society of Patients with Respiratory Failure and Lung Transplantation**

The Society of Patients with Respiratory Failure and Lung Transplantation, registered in 2017, is a non-governmental organization that fully understands the challenges faced by patients with respiratory failure and their relatives. They are members of the National Patient Organization, which is the largest association of patient organizations in Bulgaria. The organisation also liaises with the European Lung Foundation.

#### **In 2020:**

- GSK provided 2900 BGN to support the project "Breathe and Train".

Our support represented 16% of the organization's total annual funding