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President's Message



In this report you can read about the major accomplishments of EURO-CIU during 2023. A more comprehensive record of events can be found in our newsletters, website and social media.

EURO-CIU is increasingly influential and politically active, including in the European Parliament & European Commission, so we are better able to make our voices heard. Cochlear implants enable deaf people to hear and listen. Now it is the turn of our national and European administrations to listen to us.

We are proud to actively collaborate with and be active members of several other entities. With our member associations, we celebrated Cochlear Implant Day, and participated in major congresses and conferences relevant to cochlear implants and hearing loss.

In November, we held our own EURO-CIU Workshop in conjunction with Federation AICE in Valencia, Spain, where we were delighted to see increased participation from young adult cochlear implant users. As the first generation of cochlear implant users become adults, it is vital that they become advocates for their generation.

In 2024 we must continue our work to improve awareness, access, rehabilitation and lifelong care. By sharing our experiences across Europe, we can help many more people to hear and get the very best outcomes with CI.

Robert Mandara,

EURO-CIU President

What are cochlear implants?

Cochlear implants (CI) are state of the art devices which enable severely-profoundly deaf people to hear. A CI system consists of two parts: an external processor which usually resembles a hearing aid, and a surgically implanted receiver. The external processor converts sound into signals and transmits them to the implant. These signals pass directly to electrodes in the cochlea, stimulating the auditory nerve.

Who can benefit from cochlear implants?

People with unilateral or bilateral severe or profound deafness (typically around 80 – 90 dB loss), who get little or no benefit from hearing aids, may be candidates for cochlear implants. The exact criteria used for implantation varies depending on the region. Candidates undergo a thorough assessment process at a cochlear implant centre.

EURO-CIU in brief

EURO-CIU is a non-governmental, non-profit association, established in Luxembourg in 1995. The association brings together national member CI user associations from across Europe. Altogether EURO-CIU represents the users of around 500,000 cochlear implants across Europe, approximately 60% of whom are adults and 40% children. Each year, around 25,000 European citizens receive cochlear implants. Globally, around 1 million cochlear implants are in use.

We aim to support cochlear implant candidates and users of all ages, raise awareness, encourage research and ensure that the world is accessible to CI users.

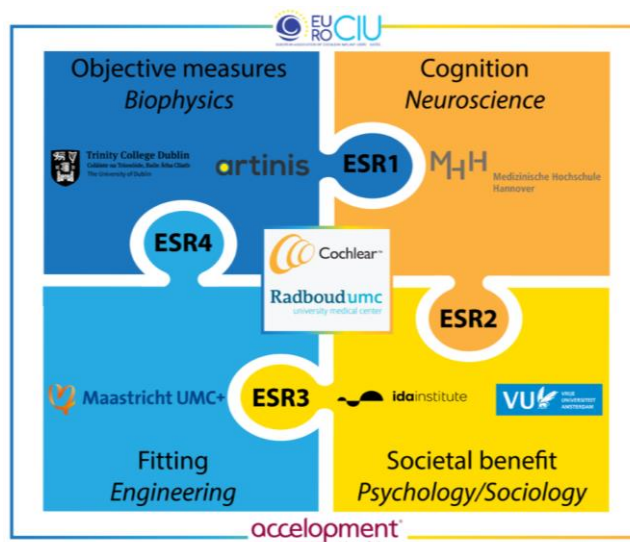


Collaborations and projects

MOSAICS European Industrial Doctorate project



EURO-CIU has provided support to four early-stage researchers in the MOSAICS European Industrial Doctorate project.

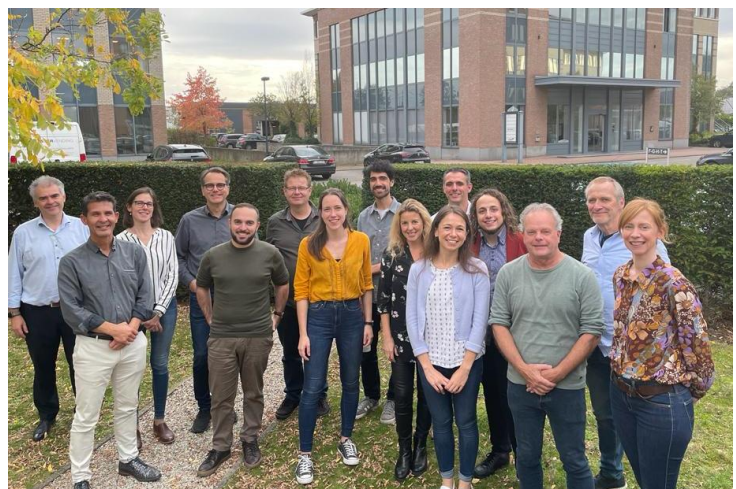


Loes Beckers' paper "Exploring neurocognitive factors and brain activation in adult cochlear implant recipients associated with speech perception outcomes – a scoping review" was published in February.

Ignacio Calderón has been analysing reaction time data from cochlear implant recipients in his experiments, aimed at investigating auditory nerve conditions. The variations in reaction times

could potentially provide insight into how the auditory nerve responds to electric signals from the cochlear implant.

The AuDiET clinical study, involving Enrico Migliorini and Nikki Philpott, is still collecting data. A suite of various tools has been developed for this study, which may provide assistance to audiologists who wish to understand the difficulties that their cochlear implant recipients are facing in greater detail and provide them with the opportunity to try and address these with a combination of interventions in the clinical and home environment.





In December 2019, EURO-CIU were part of an exciting meeting of advocacy groups, professionals and representatives of the four CI companies in Geneva, considering the International Consensus Statements for Adult Cochlear Implantation and how global advocacy for CI could be taken forward. Brian Lamb and Sue Archbold were asked to carry out a global consultation to identify the barriers to CI and how we could best increase global access to CI. This consultation took part in the first half of 2020, and resulted in the recommendation that a Community of Action for CI was formed. CIICA is a global community which brings together organisations and individuals who share the vision and goal of increasing access to CI and lifelong support.

A digital platform to act as the hub was seen as key to this development and planning for CIICA began towards the end of 2020. EURO-CIU are delighted to be Founding Members of CIICA. Our former President Teresa Amat is on the Steering Group, and our President, Robert Mandara is a full member and on the website/communication group. CIICA was launched on International CI day, 25th February 2021.

CHILD CI ADVOCACY: BRIEFING

COCHLEAR IMPLANTS FOR DEAF CHILDREN

Hearing is fundamental for children to acquire spoken language. Spoken language enables them to communicate, interact with their families and peers, learn and thrive. Addressing hearing loss early is crucial to ensure that children can develop and progress with their peers.

Today's hearing technologies, including cochlear implants, are effective, particularly if hearing loss is identified early and addressed.

- For children with greater degrees of hearing loss, cochlear implants (CI) provide useful hearing not possible with hearing aids.
- Cochlear implantation in children has been shown to be safe, effective and cost-effective.
- Over 300,000 children globally have received cochlear implants (industry estimate).

66 Cochlear implant is one of the most successful of all neural prostheses developed to date. (WRH, page 100)

Children with cochlear implants have greater likelihood of acquiring oral language, integrating into regular schools and being able to experience sounds along with better speech skills. (WHO, 2021, page 68)

However, not all children who could benefit have the access to CI or the support to fully benefit from their improved hearing.

As with hearing aids, issues such as high costs, and shortage of trained workforce and rehabilitation services, have resulted in their (CI) restricted accessibility to countries other than those in high-income groups – with considerable variation even within these. (WHO, 2021, P179)

I can hear the singing.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Newborn hearing screening should be in place to allow early fitting of hearing aids and cochlear implants to take place, together with early intervention.
- Cochlear implantation should be considered for all those children with greater levels of hearing loss (see the audiogram guide).
- Children's implantation requires access to multi-professional skills including ear surgeons, audiologists, speech and language therapists, teachers of the deaf, psychologists.
- Children with CI require follow-up services, including regular programming of the system and regular habilitation, including communication and spoken language skills.
- Families and local professionals, including teachers and therapists should be involved in the ongoing care of children with CI.
- Following cochlear implantation, children need the opportunity to hear rich spoken language.
- Lifelong services are required, including managing the technology and the transitions to school, higher education and the world of work.
- Access to accessories to support the use of the CI system in education, work and home should be given.
- Family services, including peer to peer support and groups, facilitate the effective use of the CI system in communication.

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This resource was supported by an educational grant from Cochlear

BRIEFING PAPER

WHY HEARING WELL MATTERS FOR HEALTHY AGEING

The Impact of Hearing Loss on Cognitive Health and Dementia

66 Hearing loss is the largest potentially modifiable risk factor for age-related dementia. (World Report on Hearing, WHO, 2021, page 46)

HEARING LOSS, COGNITIVE DECLINE AND DEMENTIA: WHAT WE KNOW

As the ageing population grows, the numbers of those with hearing loss, cognitive decline and dementia are increasing across the world, leading to urgent public health and social challenges. (Kington et al., 2019)

- In 2019 age-related hearing loss was the third largest cause of Years Lived with Disability globally, and the leading cause for adults older than 70 years. (World Report on Hearing WRH, WHO 2021)
- "By 2050, it is estimated that some 2.5 billion (1 in every 4) people will experience hearing loss, with nearly 700 million (1 in every 14) living with moderate or higher levels of hearing loss. . . urgent public health action is needed to mitigate this projected growth." (WRH, WHO, page 139). The cost of unaddressed hearing loss is over \$980 billion annually (WRH, WHO 2021)
- Over 50 million people above 65 years of age have been diagnosed with dementia, and that number is expected to triple by 2050 due to the rising number of older people.
- The cost of caring for those with dementia in 2015 was approximately \$820 billion, and 85% of those costs were related to family and social costs. (Livingston et al., 2017, World Alzheimer Report 2016)
- Over 60% of adults living with dementia will also have a hearing impairment (Nirmalasari et al., 2017) and over 90% of adults living with dementia in aged care will have a hearing impairment. (Hopper et al., 2016)

Note: Some degree of cognitive decline (loss of thinking and memory abilities) can be normal as we age. When a cognitive impairment becomes severe enough to interfere with daily activities, a person is considered to have dementia.

Authors: Prof Brian Lamb cbe and Sue Archbold msc

EUROCIU CIICA

Hearing loss and its association with cognitive decline and poor health therefore presents one of the largest public health challenges we face but the implications often go unrecognised and unaddressed. We need to address this growing challenge, in line with the recommendations of WHO World Report on Hearing (WHO, 2021) and to develop new approaches to hearing care in the context of updated approaches to healthy ageing. (Beard et al., 2016)

EURO-CIU collaborates closely with CIICA and has released joint briefing documents. To see events, resources and to join, see www.ciicanet.org

EURO-CIU's position on the EU disability card

EURO-CIU has asked the Commission Work Programme, Conference on the Future of Europe, and the Employment and Social Affairs Commission, to consider the position of Cochlear Implant Users concerning the European disability card:

When their devices are turned off, cochlear implant users are profoundly deaf. When the devices are turned on, they still have impaired hearing. Therefore, they must be recognized as persons with disabilities in all countries, allowing them to receive this card and the benefits attached to it.

Cochlear implants provide their users with enough hearing that most do not need to use sign language. Nevertheless, most require at least some additional communication support, for example, lip-reading, induction loop systems, FM streaming, captioning, speech-to-text in events, etc.

It is not recommended for cochlear implant users to be situated in strong magnetic fields or to pass through metal detectors in security checkpoints, because the cochlear implant system contains magnets.

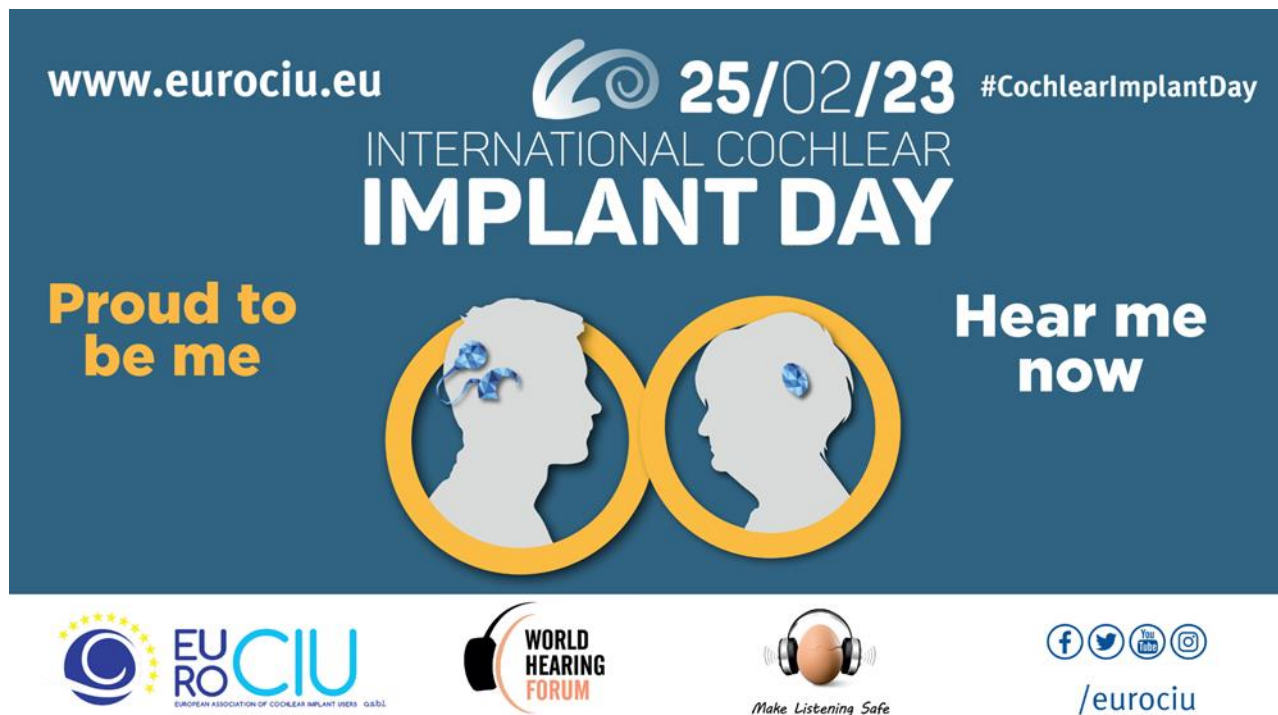
EURO-CIU asks for the specific cochlear implant logo to be displayed on the rear of the European disability card to indicate that the wearer is a cochlear implant user so that: Security personal and MRI technicians know their specific particulars, as well as health and service providers, so they can know about it, accept it, and implement any changes needed.



Visibility

International Cochlear Implant Day

International Cochlear Implant Day commemorates the date on which the world's first cochlear implant precursor operation was performed, February 25th, 1957. Since 2009, this day has been celebrated all over the world, sponsored by our organization.



EURO-CIU encouraged the media, organizations, administrations, educational centres, etc. to schedule outreach activities to commemorate this day and raise awareness with the international motto: **Proud to be me! Hear me now!**

Throughout Europe there are more than 500,000 people who have received cochlear implants, 60% are adults and 40% are minors, at the time of implantation. For more than 28 years, EURO-CIU has been representing the interests of cochlear implant users throughout Continental Europe.

The cochlear implant is the only medical device capable of replacing a sense, a technology that has revolutionized the world of hearing impairment.

It is necessary to break the stigma around disabilities, especially invisible ones such as sensory disabilities, and change our way of thinking about hearing devices from something related to “ageing” to something related to “quality of life”.

PORA! Webinars

Tobias Fischer (EURO-CIU Vice-President) and Robert Mandara (EURO-CIU President) made presentations in the PORA! webinars, organized by the prestigious Lehnhardt Academy.

In January, Tobias recounted his remarkable journey as the first German cochlear implant recipient, shedding light on his profound experiences and the invaluable support provided by his local association, ÖCIG.

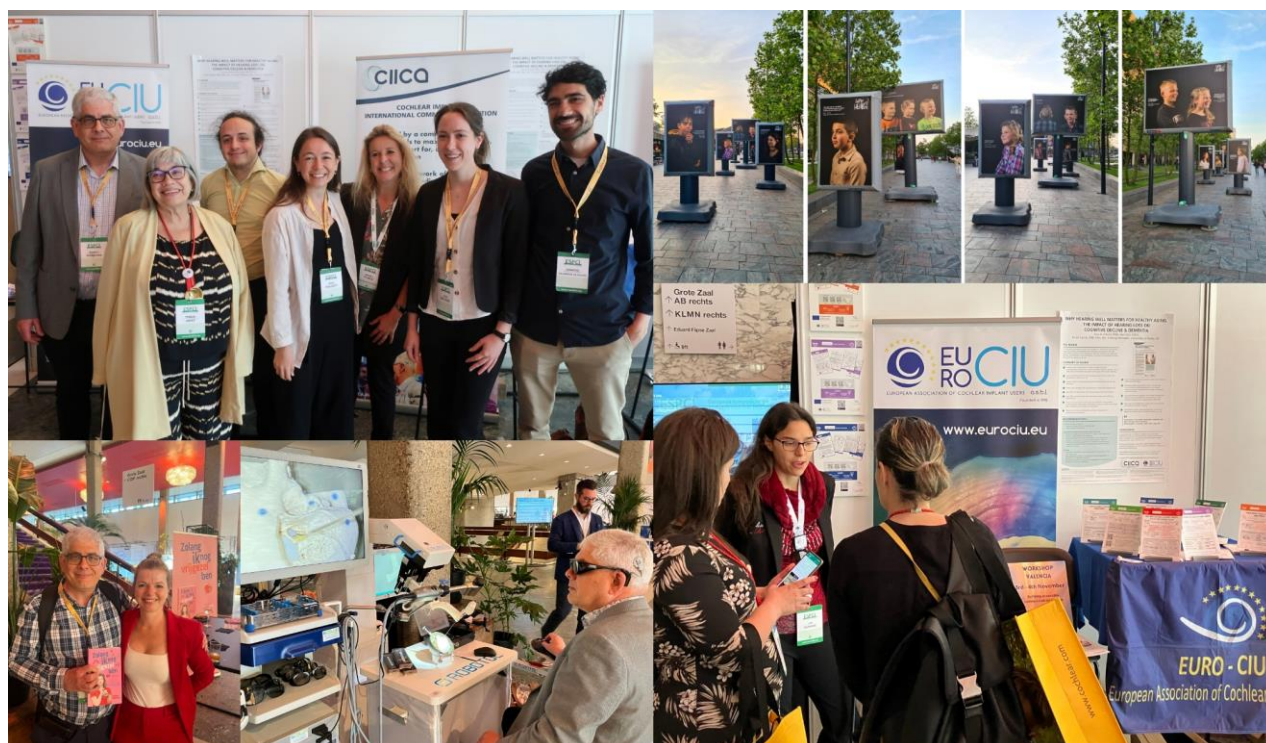
In May, Robert Mandara explored the intricacies of 'The Choice of CI as an Adult – Navigating Doubts and Decisions.' His insightful presentation delved into the complexities faced by adults considering cochlear implantation, offering invaluable perspectives on the journey towards better hearing.

These compelling narratives not only illuminate the personal triumphs and challenges of cochlear implant recipients but also underscore the transformative power of technology and community support. Together, they paint a vivid picture of 'The Journey of CI', showcasing the resilience and determination of individuals in overcoming barriers to communication and embracing a world of sound.

The screenshot shows a PowerPoint presentation titled "Curriculum Vitae / Биография" (Curriculum Vitae / Biography) by Tobias Fischer. The presentation is in German and Russian. It details his life events: born in 1984 in Wetzlar, Germany; lost hearing in 1987 after bacterial meningitis; and received a cochlear implant in 1988 as the first child in Germany by Prof. Ernst Lehnhardt. A photograph shows a man (Tobias Fischer) sitting on a bed with a young child. The presentation is displayed in a window titled "PowerPoint-Bildschirmpräsentation - oecig-presentation-fischer_EN-RU.pptx". A video feed of Tobias Fischer is visible in the top right corner. The date "2023-01-29 15:22:20" is shown at the bottom right.

The screenshot shows a YouTube video titled "My adult CI experience" by Robert Mandara. The video is part of the PORA! series, dated 21.5.2023. The video features the EUROCIU logo (European Association of Cochlear Implant Users) and the text "My adult CI experience" and "Мой опыт КИ". The video player interface shows a progress bar at 3:10 / 1:47:55. The date "2023-05-21 16:08:15" is shown at the bottom right.

ESPCI 2023



The 16th European Symposium on Paediatric Cochlear Implantation (ESPCI) was held on 31st May – 3rd June, at the De Doelen convention centre in Rotterdam. EURO-CIU and CIICA were the only non-governmental organisations to have tables at ESPECI. Board members Teresa Amat and Robert Mandara were present.

Over 1,400 people attended, mostly CI professionals but also around 15 CI users. Five young adults were interviewed on the main stage about their experiences growing up with CI, giving a rich insight into their experiences.

The presentations were very varied and interesting. On the user side, we heard a lot about remote care, digitalisation of care, and the importance of CI registries. On the product side, we heard exciting information about possible future technologies.

“Standard speech-in-noise tests overestimate the performance of CI in the real world.” stressed how we need to move testing from the confines of the hospital, out into the noisy everyday world.

Meanwhile “Welcome to school! Social inclusion of young CI users in their daily environments” clearly demonstrated that young CI users are not as included at school as their parents and teachers think they are.

World Hearing Day 2023

Our President, Teresa Amat, was a member of the panel at the Virtual Lunch Debate “Ear and hearing care for all! Let’s make it a reality” at the European Parliament on Wednesday 1st March, hosted by MEP David Lega (Sweden).

World Hearing Day 2023 highlighted the importance of integrating ear and hearing care within primary care, as an essential component of universal health coverage. The World Health Organisation (WHO) launched a new Primary ear and hearing care training manual together with a trainer’s handbook and other community resources.

Within this theme, the communication objectives were to:

- Draw attention of decision-makers in governments and civil society groups towards the WHO’s recommendations regarding integration of ear and hearing care into primary health care.
- Encourage governments to integrate primary ear and hearing care into training programmes for health care providers at primary level.
- Call attention of primary level health care providers (health workers and physicians) towards the needs of people with hearing loss and ear disease.
- Inform people about the importance of ear and hearing care and encourage them to seek services.

Virtual Lunch Debate – European Parliament
“EAR AND HEARING CARE FOR ALL!”
Let’s make it a reality
Host: MEP David Lega (Sweden, EPP)

WORLD HEARING DAY
3 MARCH 2023
Primary health care can address over 80% of the need for ear and hearing care services.
EAR AND HEARING CARE FOR ALL!
Let’s make it a reality

Wednesday 1st of March
2023 12:30-14:30h CET

MEP David Lega (Sweden, EPP)	Shelly Chadha (WHO, Geneva)	Patrick D’Haese (EHIMA)	Lidia Best (EFHOH)	Teresa Amat (Euro-CIU)	Mark Laureyns (AEA)	Ariane Laplante- Lévesque (WHO-E)
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Hearing Health Forum EU



EURO-CIU is a partner of the Hearing Health Forum EU (HHFEU), chaired by Alex Agius-Saliba MEP, who has a very keen interest in hearing loss and disability rights.

On 29th November Robert Mandara participated in HHFEU's Healthy Hearing for Healthy Ageing Event at the European Parliament, Brussels. Around 40 people attended and they took the opportunity to try out the 360° Virtual Reality simulation of hearing loss.

HHFEU's mission is to influence health policy and push for hearing screening in the European Union, so that people get appropriate treatments in a timely manner, so that they can enjoy healthier later years with, for example, potentially lower risks of dementia and isolation.

For more information, see: <https://www.hearinghealth.eu/>

EURO-CIU is member of

World Health Organization (WHO) and World Hearing Forum (WHF)



The WHO and EURO-CIU work together to prevent hearing loss and draw attention towards the anticipated rise in the number of people with it across the world. Where hearing loss is unavoidable, we raise awareness to ensure access to appropriate and affordable assistive technologies such as hearing aids and cochlear implants.



In 2019 EURO-CIU became a member of the World Hearing Forum (WHF) hosted by the World Health Organization and established in 2018. EURO-CIU were invited to be part of the Safe Listening Working Group.

The WHF envisions a world in which no person experiences hearing loss due to preventable causes and those with hearing loss can achieve their full potential through rehabilitation, education and empowerment.

The goal of the Forum is to facilitate the implementation of the WHA 70.13 resolution and to support the WHO's advocacy actions in the field of hearing.

World Hearing Forum Members are part of a vast network of stakeholders working to address and promote ear and hearing care worldwide.

Further information: www.who.int/deafness/world-hearing-forum/en/

European Disability Forum (EDF)



In May, Teresa Amat (former EURO-CIU President) & Sari Hirvonen-Skarbö (EDF Advisor) gathered with over 730 disability rights advocates in the hemicycle of the European Parliament in Brussels.

The European Parliament and the European Disability Forum, 5th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities created an opportunity to discuss the demands of the disability movement, as well as agreeing the EDF Manifesto for the European Elections 2024, calling on EU political leaders to build an inclusive future for persons with disabilities in the EU.

Panel discussions focussed on: *Free movement and full participation in society; Combating inequality, poverty, and social exclusion; and working with international partners and other countries to create resilient societies.*

At the end of the year, Robert Mandara (EURO-CIU President) & Sari Hirvonen-Skarbö (EDF Advisor) attended the European Day of Persons with Disabilities at the European Commission in Brussels.

EDF's events are wonderfully accessible! They have induction loops, real-time captioning, sign interpretation and multiple languages available.

The European Platform of Deafness, Hard of Hearing and Deafblindness (EPDHDb) was created during the General Assembly of the European Disability Forum in 2012.

The platform was formed to enhance, strengthen and cultivate a robust and enduring collaboration between eight organisations: EURO-CIU, The European Deafblind Network (EdbN), The European Deafblind Union (EdbU), The European Federation of Hard of Hearing People (EFHOH), The European Federation of Parents of Hearing Impaired Children (FEPEDA), The European Union of the Deaf (EUD), The European Union of the Deaf Youth, and The International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People.

Platform Members



EURO-CIU
European Association of Cochlear Implant Users consisting in organizations of cochlear implant users and their families raising awareness about the opportunity for hearing the C.I. represents.
www.eurociu.eu



EdbN
The European Deafblind Network EdbN represents the voice of people with deafblindness who are not able to represent themselves and the families throughout Europe.
www.edbn.org



EdbU
In the European Deafblind Union deafblind persons, themselves raise their voice for equal opportunities in an accessible and inclusive Europe.
www.edbu.eu



EFHOH
European Federation of Hard of Hearing People is an European NGO consisting of /for hard of hearing organizations at an European level and our aim is a Europe where hard of hearing people can live without barriers.
www.efhoh.org



FEPEDA
FEPEDA is a non-governmental umbrella organisation set up to represent associations of parents and friends of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children at a European level.
www.fepeda.eu



European Union of the Deaf
EUD, European Union of the Deaf, is a European non-Governmental organisation representing Deaf persons at European level.
www.eud.eu



EUDY
EUDY is a European non-profit making organisation whose membership comprises of national associations of deaf young people in Europe.
www.eudy.info



IFHOHYP
International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People serves as a platform for cooperation and exchange of information between organizations of hard of hearing youth and to defend their interests.
www.ifhohyp.org

European Platform of Deafness, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblindness

About us

In May 26th 2012, the "European Platform of Deafness, Hard of Hearing and Deafblindness" was created in Copenhagen during the General Assembly of the European Disability Forum, EDF.

The Platform has been formed to enhance, strengthen and cultivate a robust and enduring collaboration between the organizations representing the deafness, hard of hearing and deafblindness regardless of the language, the communication system or the assistive technologies they use (hearing aids and cochlear implants).

www.epdhdb.eu @EPDHDb
All members of the Platform are also members of the European Disability Forum:
Nothing About Us Without Us

We aim

Eliminate barriers to information and communication because all of us need ACCESSIBILITY in all areas of life:

Education Transport Health Media Labour Leisure Culture Emergencies Social Security

The purpose is to benefit all deaf people and their families, regardless of the language, communication methods or hearing instruments they use. Representatives from each organization meet a few times a year.

Further information:

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www.epdhdb.eu

[@EPDHDb](https://twitter.com/EPDHDb)

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EURO-CIU Workshop in Valencia

The EURO-CIU Workshop on 3rd November, organized by Federation AICE in the picturesque city of Valencia, left a significant mark on the community of cochlear implant users. Under the motto “Let’s build accessible communication bridges”, the event marked a milestone in the strategic alignment to address hearing loss on the international health agenda. Nineteen associations from fourteen European countries met in Valencia, to work, debate and establish the future of EURO-CIU.



The entire event was accessible to communication through live transcription on 4 screens that translated into four languages simultaneously.

The core of the event revolved around the ambitious but crucial goal: putting hearing loss on the global health agenda. The workshop sought to raise awareness among the public, health professionals, industry representatives and policy makers about the importance of identifying people with hearing loss and promoting appropriate solutions. To move the critical mass and change the reality of the future, we need to work with politicians and administrations, all while being clear about we need, what we must ask for and where we want to get to. Delegates left the workshop with conclusions to take back to their respective countries and daily lives.



EURO-CIU Annual General Assembly

EURO-CIU held its annual General Assembly in Valencia on 4th November, where new board members were elected to lead the association. Robert Mandara (British-Finnish, living in Finland) was elected President, Tobias Fischer (German but living in Austria) is the new 1st Vice President, Anamaria Braşov (Romanian) is the new Treasurer and they will work together with 2nd Vice President Beatrice Cusmai (Italian but living in Spain), and Secretary Pieter Bolle (Belgian) who continue their terms on the board.

Robert Mandara, President, is a 55-year-old bilateral cochlear implant user who received his CI's in 2014 & 2016. Robert has hereditary genetic sensorineural deafness, and he began using hearing aids at 4 years old. Originally from England, where he qualified as an Electronic and Electrical Engineer, Robert moved to Finland where he now resides with his Finnish wife and is a member of the Finnish association Kuuloliitto/CITO.

Tobias Fischer, 1st Vice President was born in Wetzlar, Germany, in 1984. He lost his hearing at the age of three due to bacterial meningitis and, in 1988, became the first German child to receive a cochlear implant. In 2007, Tobias received his second cochlear implant in Frankfurt. He moved to Vienna in 2009, where he met his future wife, and since 2011, he has completed a part-time Master's degree in Innovation and Technology Management (MSc). He is President of the Austrian association ÖCIG.

Anamaria Braşov, 46 years old, Treasurer, is the mother of two daughters, the elder one (17yrs) was born deaf and is a user of bilateral cochlear implants, in mainstream education. Anamaria has university studies in Social Assistance. Since 2010 she has been responsible for organizing and coordinating the activities of the “Hear Life” Association.

Beatrice Cusmai, 2nd Vice President, 51 years old, was born in Milano where she graduated in Languages and communication. In 2022 she moved to Spain with her twin 15-year-old daughters, both with hearing impairment due to premature birth. Her daughter Vittoria received her first CI 4 years ago and the second in 2021. Thanks to bilateral hearing she achieves excellent results at bilingual college. Beatrice is the Vice President of the Italian Association AGUAV.

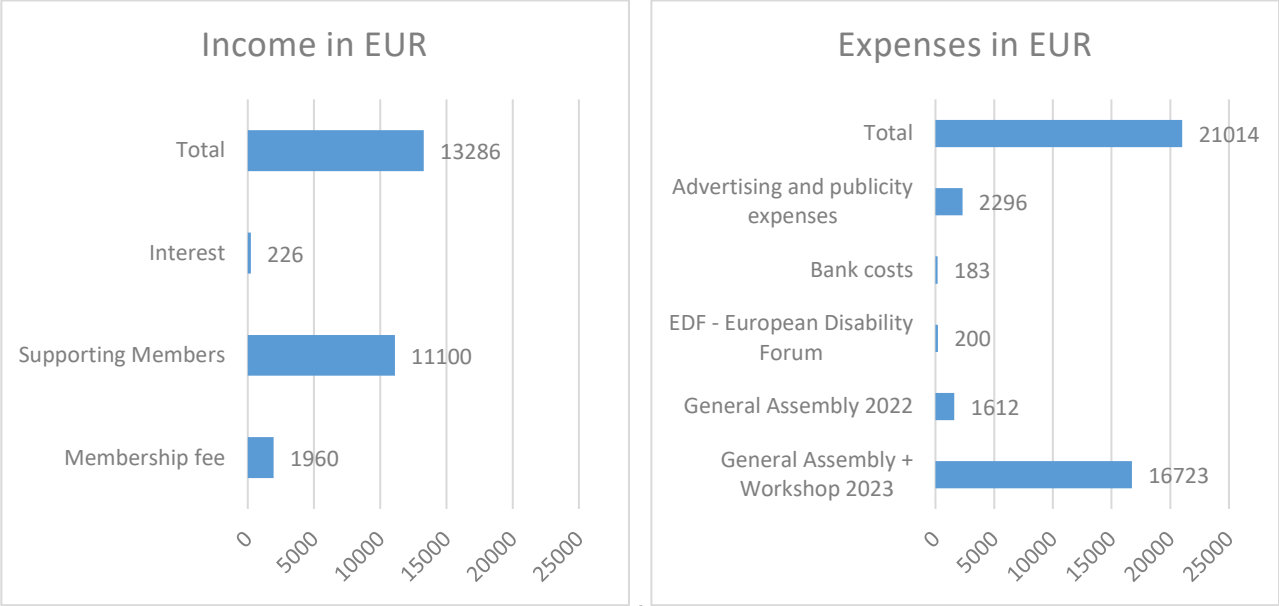
Pieter Bolle, Secretary, 41 years old, is the father of three boys. The middle son was born profoundly deaf on one side and hard of hearing on the other. He was implanted at 7 months in one ear and at 2 years in the other. Pieter joined his local association VLOK-CI in 2012 and became a member of the board in 2015. He is Inspector-General at the Health and Safety Executive of the Belgian Government. His mantra: Everyone has the right to hear!

Together with our advisors, we are ready to keep on advocating for cochlear implant users.



The new Board and Advisors – (left to right) Fernando Giménez (Webmaster), Brian Archbold (Newsletter Editor), Sari Hirvonen-Skarbö (EDF representative), Leo De Raeve (Scientific Advisor), Pieter Bolle, Anamaria Braşov, Tobias Fischer, Beatrice Cusmai and Robert Mandara

Financial situation



The financial year is from 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023.

Income in EUR

Membership fee	1960
Supporting Members	11100
Interest	226
Total	13286

Expenses in EUR

General Assembly + Workshop 2023	16723
General Assembly 2022	1612
EDF - European Disability Forum	200
Bank costs	183
Advertising and publicity expenses	2296
Total	21014

Communication

Our primary goal is to provide support to individuals who are deaf, specifically those who use cochlear implants, irrespective of their age, the cause of their deafness, their country of origin, communication method, or social background. Through our efforts, we aim to raise awareness in society regarding cochlear implantation, communication barriers, and sensory disabilities. To achieve this, we disseminate information through our Newsletter, maintain an informative website, and stay connected with our audience through X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, and YouTube.

You can find us on social media platforms at the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/eurociu/>

www.youtube.com/@eurociu

<https://www.twitter.com/Eurociu>

www.eurociu.eu

Supporting Members



EURO-CIU Members

Full members in alphabetical order of countries:



Austria: Austrian Association For Implantable Hearing Systems / Cochlea Implantat Austria (CIA)
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Belgium : Association de Parents d'Enfants Déficients Auditifs Francophones (APEDAF asbl)
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Belgium: Vlaamse Ouders van Kinderen met Cochleaire Inplant vzw (VLOK-CI vzw)
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Bosnia & Herzegovina: ECHO Association for support to children / persons with hearing and speech disabilities
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