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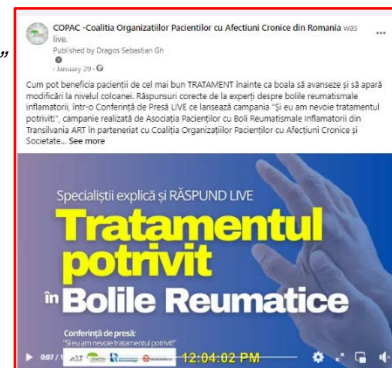
1. PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2024

1.1 I Also Need the Right Treatment!

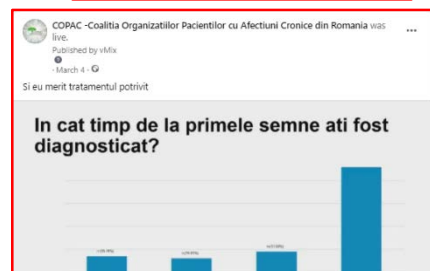
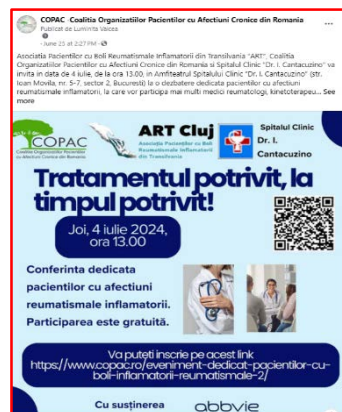
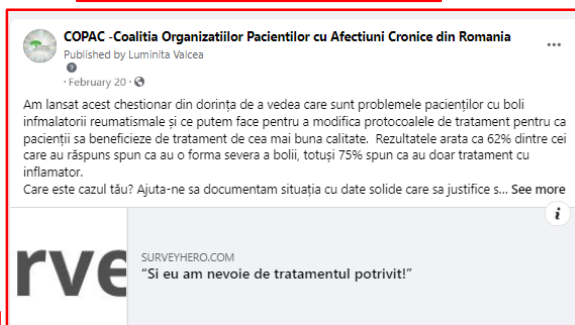
29.01.2024 - The Association of Patients with Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases in Transylvania (ART), in partnership with the Coalition of Patients' Organizations for Chronic Diseases and the Romanian Society of Rheumatology, organized an online press conference to launch the campaign "I Also Need the Right Treatment!".

The following participants actively contributed, addressing specific topics:

- **Radu Gănescu**, President of COPAC – *"Access to costly and effective therapies for chronic patients: the patient's perspective."*
- **Prof. Dr. Simona Rednic**, "Iuliu Hașdegiu" Pharmacy, Cluj; Head of the Rheumatology Department, Cluj County Emergency Clinical Hospital – *"The state of rheumatology in Romania: a professional's perspective."*
- **Prof. Dr. Elena Rezu** – President of the Romanian Society of Rheumatology and Chair of the Rheumatology Commission within the Ministry of Health; Head of the Rheumatology Clinic, Clinical Rehabilitation Hospital, Iași – *"Therapeutic protocols: current situation and future outlook."*
- **Prof. Dr. Cătălin Codreanu**, "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest; Manager of the "Dr. Ion Stoia" Clinical Center for Rheumatic Diseases – *"The European perspective and the alignment of Romania's therapeutic protocols with those of Western countries."*
- **Dr. Răzvan Ionescu**, Member of the EULAR Advocacy Committee – *"The need for advocacy in Romanian rheumatology: the EULAR example."*



In the following months, until 03.07.2024, we organized a series of debates and workshops, further exploring the central theme of the project:



1.2 The Right Treatment at the Right Time

On June 25, 2024, a debate was held at “Dr. I. Cantacuzino” Clinical Hospital, focusing on essential topics for patients:

- Therapeutic protocols explained in accessible terms;
- The importance of early diagnosis;
- Effective communication with the physician;
- Adequate lifestyle and physiotherapy.

The event was open to all interested parties, and participation was free of charge.

A series of posts, events, and workshops—both online and in person—followed, addressing specific issues related to the project's central theme.:



October 17, 2024 – **Conference: “The Right Treatment at the Right Time”** – la

□i, INFOSAN Center

The conference highlighted the importance of adopting an appropriate approach to managing the physical and emotional suffering of patients with chronic immuno-inflammatory rheumatic diseases. The event brought together specialists in rheumatology, medical rehabilitation, psychology, and communication, offering participants a multidisciplinary perspective on the challenges faced by these patients.

The event was opened by Andrei Hu
Right Time.”

“The Right Treatment at the Right Time” who pres

Speaker Presentations

- **Prof. Dr. Elena Rezu** □ “Physical and Emotional Suffering in Chronic Immuno-Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases”
- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Luana Macovei** – “The Role of Rehabilitation Treatment in Chronic Immuno-Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases”
- **Dr. Angela Codrianu** – “Nutrition in Chronic Immuno-Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases”
- **Andrei Hu** □ “An Overview of the Previous ART and COPAC Project”
- **Andreea Partene** – “The Significance of Ongoing Support for the Well-Being of Patients with Chronic Conditions”



1.3 Cardio Metabolic Support (CMS)

A pilot project targeting residents of the Bucharest – Ilfov region, aimed at assessing the risk of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and/or chronic kidney disease, while guiding individuals identified as high-risk toward appropriate medical investigations.



Objectives of the CMS Project?

1. **Assessment of the risk of developing cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and/or chronic kidney disease among apparently healthy individuals aged 30 to 60, residing in the Bucharest – Ilfov region.**
 - a. This objective is to be achieved through a risk assessment tool (riskogram) available on the website copac.ro, which evaluates the individual's risk category based on a set of socio-demographic, medical, environmental, and lifestyle-related factors.
2. **Development of a network of general practitioners, cardiologists, diabetologists, nephrologists, endocrinologists, laboratories, etc., to provide patients with CNAS-reimbursed services aimed at early diagnosis and appropriate management of cardiovascular conditions, diabetes, and chronic kidney disease.**

By the end of 2024, the network included:

- a. **Specialist physicians and general practitioners:**
 - Lect. Dr. Ioana Daha, cardiologist, "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy
 - Dr. ~~Cardin Bogdan~~ ^{Cardin Bogdan} Vice-Rector of UMFC
 - Dr. Daciana Toma, general practitioner, coordinator of the Diabetes Group within the National Society of Family Medicine
 - Lect. Dr. Dana Baltă, "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy
 - Dr. Ligia Mo ~~general~~ ^{general} practitioner
 - Dr. Vlad Romanescu, general practitioner
 - Dr. Adela Iancu, general practitioner
- b. **Clinics and laboratories:**
 - Sanamed Clinic
 - Perseide Medical Center

CMS activities in 2024



AccessABILITY Expo – The official launch of the CMS project took place on September 27, 2024, at the National Library of Romania.

Heart Month @Orange – In October, together with Lect. Dr. Ioana Daha and Dr. ~~Stefan~~ ^{Stefan} of Orange. Additionally, Cristina Vasile, a physiotherapist, held a workshop on the importance of physical activity in the prevention of cardiovascular diseases.

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Information and risk assessment event at Sanamed Clinic (Bucharest)

Information and risk assessment event in the local community of Mizil



Information and risk assessment event at Ateliere Fără Frontiere



Results in numbers

Between September 2024 and the end of the year, a total of 600 individuals completed the riskogram, and 50 of them were referred to specialist physicians. Over 10,000 people were informed about the importance of prevention and the necessary steps to follow when risk factors are present.

1.4 Debate: Vaccination Throughout Life – The First Year of Reimbursement

Novotel Hotel, Lyon Hall – April 25, 2024

The meeting was opened by **Anca Sîrbu**, Director of the National Center for Surveillance and Control of Communicable Diseases, following the introductory remarks of **Luminița Valeriu**, Director of COPAC.

Main Topics Discussed:

1. The Current State of Vaccination

- Anca Sîrbu presented statistical data regarding the National Immunization Program:
 - Influenza vaccine: over 1 million reimbursed doses
 - Pneumococcal vaccine: 7,000 reimbursed doses
 - HPV vaccine: 39,000 doses (free for individuals under 19, 50% reimbursed for women aged 20–45)
 - Hepatitis B vaccine: only 400 reimbursed doses
 - Very low vaccination rate for the meningococcal B vaccine
 - Childhood vaccination coverage is below the WHO target of 95%
- She emphasized the need for pneumococcal vaccination in chronic and transplant patients.

2. Communication and Information Strategies

- Prof. Azoicăi stressed the need for effective communication – “bombarding the population with information doesn’t work.”
- **Valeria Herdea** (President of CNAS) noted the increase in vaccine refusal after the pandemic, the need for a language adapted to the public, and the lack of an integrated database.
- **Simin Aysel Florescu**, Manager of the “Dr. Victor Babeș” Infectious Diseases Hospital, presented Belgium as a model, where childhood vaccination reaches 98% thanks to a well-organized information and follow-up system.
- **Dr. Ligia Moșneaga**, pediatrician, emphasized the role of doctors as social role models.

3. The Role of Education and Institutional Collaboration

- **Tiberius Brădă**, Secretary of State within the Ministry of Health, advocated for collaboration with the Ministry of Education to introduce health education in schools.
- One of the proposals made during the meeting was to resume school-based vaccination and to establish integrated community centers involving social and community health workers.

4. Involvement of Family Doctors and the Community

- **Dr. Daciana Toma**, Vice President of the National Society of Family Medicine, proposed comparing vaccination rates in communities with and without community nurses to evaluate their impact.
- **Dr. Ligia Moșneaga** suggested that community nurses could act as patient navigators, with a focus on prevention and vaccination.
- Representatives from the pharmaceutical industry, including **Pfizer**, proposed notifying chronic patients through the RENV system about vaccination opportunities.
- The **MSD** representative highlighted improvements in HPV vaccine awareness and the importance of the call–recall system to increase vaccination rates.

5. Technology and the Digitalization of the Medical System

- **Valeria Herdea** emphasized the problem of lacking a unified database and proposed consolidating existing systems.
- The **MSD** representative noted that Romania has the highest uptake of HPV vaccination in the EU and that the national electronic system should be used to its full potential.

6. Social and Regulatory Challenges

- **Anca Nica**, representative of the E-Romnija Association, advocated for quantitative research to identify the reasons behind vaccine hesitancy and highlighted the influence of anti-vaccination NGOs. She proposed sanctioning public figures who promote anti-vaccine views and pointed out that community health workers are too few and often overburdened with other tasks, limiting their ability to focus on prevention.
- **Ana-Maria Bălan**, representing resident physicians, proposed regulating doctors’ presence on social media to prevent the spread of misinformation. She presented a study showing that medical students would be more inclined to get vaccinated if vaccination centers similar to those during the COVID-19 pandemic were available.



1.5 National Forum of Patient Associations

Thursday, May 23, 2024 – Bucharest, Ibis Style Hotel

Panel 1: Patient Access to Treatment and Monitoring – Romania vs. Other EU Countries

Moderator: Lumini

□a Vâlcea, Executive Director, COPAC

- Lumini
- Radu Gănescu, President, COPAC
- Dr. Valeria Herdea, President, National Health Insurance House (CNAS)
- Dr. Carmen Orban, Health Advisor to the Prime Minister
- Prof. Dr. Adrian Streinu Cerel, Chair, Senate Health Committee
- Dr. Ioana Bianchi, Director of External Relations, ARPIM
- Pharmacist Răzvan Prisada, President, National Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices

Panel 2: The Importance of Early Diagnosis and Timely Treatment Initiation

Moderator: Andrei Hu

□a Chişinău, President, Association of Patients with Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases in Transylvania (ART)

- Prof. Dr. Daniel Coriu, Hematology and Chronic Disease Management Expert; President, Romanian College of Physicians
- Dr. Adrian Marinescu, Infectious and Chronic Diseases Specialist; Medical Director, “Matei Bal” National Institute of Infectious Diseases
- Prof. Dr. Ioan
- Dr. Carmen Ungurean, Public Health Expert; Head, Non-Communicable Diseases Department, National Institute of Public Health

Panel 3: Diabetes and Cardiovascular Diseases

Moderator: Sorin Grădinaru, President, “My Child, My Heart” Association

- Dr. Delia Reurean Pintilei, Consultant in Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases; Medical Director, Consultmed Medical Center, Ia
- Dr. Ioana Daha, Cardiologist, Colentina Clinical Hospital

Workshop 1: Health Equity in Romania

Moderator: Ioan Petre, Health Project Coordinator, COPAC

Workshop 2: Patient Safety

Organized in partnership with ARPIM

Moderator: □tefan Rădu

□a Chişinău, President, Association of Patients with Multidrug

Friday, May 24, 2024 – Bucharest, Ibis Style Hotel

Panel 1: NGO Activities – Case Studies

Moderator: Iulian Petre, Vice President, COPAC

- Dorica Dan, President, National Alliance for Rare Diseases
- Silvia Burcea, Save the Children
- Anca Nica, E-Romnja Association – Association for the Promotion of Roma Women's Rights
- Cornel Berteau-Hanganu, Expert in Public-Private Governance Structures

Panel 2: How Technology Can Support Patients

Moderator: Dorica Dan, President, National Alliance for Rare Diseases

- □tefan Bu□natu, Vice-Rector, “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy
- Dr. Dana Niculaie, Head, Radiopharmaceutical Research Center, National Institute for Research and Development in Physics and Nuclear Engineering “Horia Hulubei” (IFIN-HH)
- Marilena Ianculescu, Head of the Health Department, Institute for Research in Informatics

Panel 3: Social Rights for Chronic Patients

Moderator: Daniel Andrei, Romanian Hemophilia Association

- Monica Solomie, Head of Department, National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Daniela Tontsch, President, National Council on Disability in Romania

Panel 4: Presentation of the National Forum of Patient Associations Manifesto

Moderator: Ioan Petre, Health Project Coordinator, COPAC



1.6 Support Groups for Individuals Living with Depression and Their Caregivers

An initiative of COPAC, supported by Johnson & Johnson and Terapia SA.

In May 2024, COPAC signed a partnership agreement with the “Prof. Dr. Alexandru Obregia” Psychiatric Hospital to organize weekly support group meetings for individuals experiencing depression, held within the hospital premises.

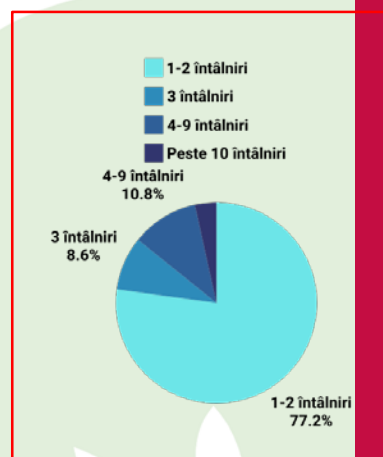
The initiative to create a support group for individuals with depression and their caregivers emerged in the context of the limited availability of affordable alternatives to individual or group therapy in Romania. Often, people from socially vulnerable backgrounds do not have access to conventional forms of therapy. This need became particularly acute during the pandemic. The “Prof. Dr. Alexandru Obregia” Psychiatric Hospital also highlighted the need to provide psychological support services not only for hospitalized patients but also for those being discharged..

The meetings are held every Thursday, from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM, at the Documentation and Information Point within the “Prof. Dr. Alexandru Obregia” Clinical Psychiatric Hospital. The group operates in an open format, welcoming new participants each week (approximately 40–50% are first-time attendees). Participation is based on self-assessed depressive mood (a formal psychiatric diagnosis is not required). Some participants are hospitalized at the time of the meeting, while others attend from outside the hospital.



By December 12, 2024, a total of 29 in-person support group meetings had taken place, with 274 individuals registered and 231 attending at least one session. The high proportion of participants who attended only one or two meetings is primarily due to the fact that many of the hospitalized attendees stay in the hospital for just 1–2 weeks. As a result, a significant number are unable to return to the group after discharge, for reasons such as work obligations (disrupted during hospitalization) or the fact that they do not reside in Bucharest.

To address this need, we launched an online version of the support group, which takes place every Tuesday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The online group is facilitated by psychotherapist Andreea Partene.



Online support groups

With the primary objective of ensuring continuity of emotional and social support for individuals at various stages of depression, the online support groups provide a safe environment for patients to share personal experiences and receive essential guidance and information about depression and self-management techniques. This space is also open to caregivers, who can learn how to support their family members in an effective and empathetic manner.

The first online support group was held between September and October 2024 and consisted of six consecutive weekly sessions on the Zoom platform. A total of 25 individuals registered; by the final session, 15 participants had attended regularly, and 13 completed the final evaluation questionnaire.

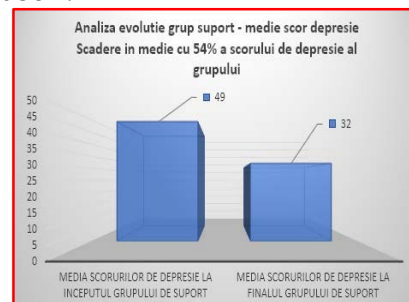
The second support group ran from October to November 2024, also offering six consecutive weekly sessions via Zoom. This group had 23 registered participants; 15 maintained regular attendance, and all 15 completed the final questionnaire.

We have launched a third support group, specifically designed for individuals experiencing heightened depression due to the stress associated with the holiday season.

This group is being held during the period of November–December 2024.

Most respondents reported a significant improvement in their emotional well-being following participation in the group. Many stated that they felt less isolated and appreciated the opportunity to speak openly about their experiences without fear of judgment.

Participants also noted a positive impact on their self-confidence and valued the safe, supportive environment that encouraged mutual understanding and emotional expression.



1.7 Race for the Cure 2024

COPAC participated in this event, organized by the Rena

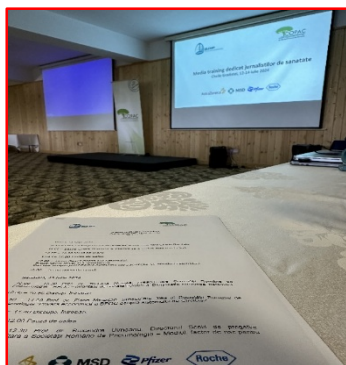
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It was the largest international charity race dedicated to promoting women's health and supporting the fight against breast cancer.

The funds raised were used to provide free medical screenings for vulnerable women and natural hair wigs for patients and children diagnosed with cancer.



1.8 Training for Health Journalists – Cheile Grădiștei



July 12, 2024 – Opening of the Event
Roundtable Discussion



July 13, 2024 – Presentations

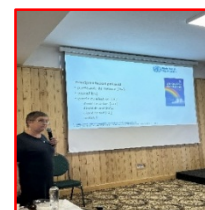
Prof. Dr. Roxana Neme President of the Romanian Society of Pneumology – *COPD as a Public Health Priority: Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment*



Prof. dr. Florin Mihăl President-elect of the Romanian Society of Pneumology
– COPD: The Economic Burden on Romania's Healthcare System
– Tobacco Industry Tactics and e-Cigarette - a New Challenge - What's Next?



Prof. Dr. Ruxandra Ulmeanu, Director of the Postgraduate Training School of the Romanian Society of Pneumology – *Pollution and Lung Health*



Q&A

Following the presentations, participants had the opportunity to ask questions of the three speakers. The discussions focused on prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of pulmonary diseases.

1. Tobacco Regulation and Lung Cancer Prevention – Prof. Florin Mihăl

- He spoke about his initiative to ban electronic cigarettes in public spaces, noting that the proposal was blocked in the Senate.
- He emphasized the major shortcomings in preventive care in Romania.
- Lung cancer is the second most common type of cancer among women, after gynecological cancers.
- After menopause, the risk of lung cancer becomes equal between women and men due to hormonal changes.
- In advanced stages of lung cancer, palliative care services are insufficient, with Romania having very few such centers.

2. The Importance of Spirometry and Pulmonary Disease Prevention – Prof. Neme

- He explained that spirometry is a non-invasive, cost-effective preventive method that can be performed from the age of five.
- He proposed that spirometry become an annual and universal preventive measure.
- He suggested including pulmonologists among the physicians authorized to administer vaccines.
- He emphasized the importance of better collaboration among specialists for an integrative and holistic approach to healthcare.

3. Diagnosis and Treatment of COPD – Prof. Ulmeanu

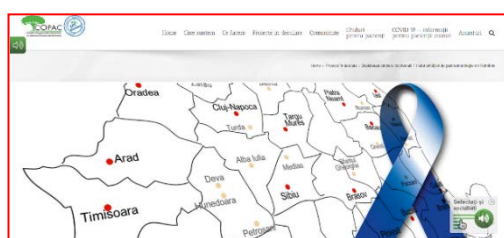
- She compared COPD diagnosis to that of cardiovascular diseases:
 - Cardiovascular conditions are diagnosed more frequently and carry a greater emotional impact on patients.
- Treatment adherence in COPD is lower, as patients tend to view inhaled medication as less important than oral medication.
- She noted that spirometry is an essential test for diagnosing COPD, but not sufficient on its own.
- Even if spirometry and lung ultrasound results appear normal, patients with symptoms should still consult a pulmonologist to avoid missing a COPD diagnosis.

1.9 Detect Colorectal Cancer!

The campaign is a continuation of the ROCCAS II Bucharest–Ilfov screening project, in which COPAC was a partner of the Central Military Emergency University Hospital. Through this initiative, approximately 48,500 individuals from the Bucharest–Ilfov region were tested. We realized that, through a very simple screening process, we could help many people get tested and take steps to prevent this condition.

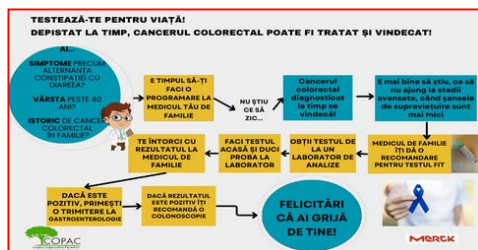


The COPAC team worked for approximately three months on an extensive research process that covered all public and private healthcare units (hospitals, outpatient clinics, and offices) across the country. Subsequently, these units were mapped on the COPAC website, with their contact details grouped by county, allowing each patient to easily identify the nearest healthcare facility to their location.

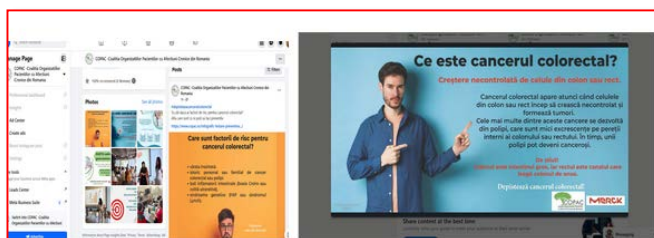


With the support of Dr. Daciana Toma and Dr. Ligia Moja, the journey, which can be found on the website and on social media.

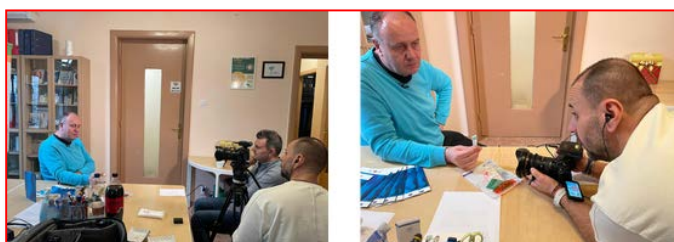
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An informational campaign with details about colorectal cancer included several posts on social media, with more posts ongoing.



We are currently in the process of creating a promotional video highlighting the importance of preventive testing, featuring one of the individuals who was tested and underwent a colonoscopy as part of the screenings conducted by us. The video will be used and promoted on social media to raise awareness about the importance of testing and the steps that need to be taken.



1.10 Say DA!

Say YES is an informational and educational campaign aimed at promoting the understanding and effective management of Atopic Dermatitis (AD), so that individuals living with AD can do just that — live. To be able to say YES to each day, without the challenges and pressures of the disease.

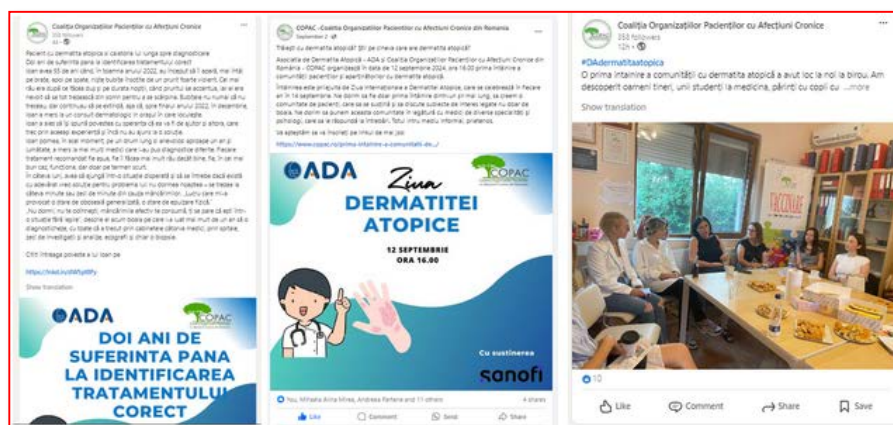
On September 12, 2024, COPAC and the Atopic Dermatitis Association (ADA), with support from Sanofi, marked Atopic Dermatitis Day by hosting a meeting with the patient and caregiver community.

The purpose of this meeting was to create a framework that would facilitate collaboration between individuals with atopic dermatitis, civil society, and health specialists, as well as to strengthen the patient community. Additionally, we aimed to offer an example of best practices and take the first steps toward creating a network of patients, caregivers, and healthcare specialists.



The meeting on September 12 was attended by 20 community members. The discussions focused on the symptoms, available treatment options, the low level of awareness among the general population regarding this condition, and the solutions that could lead to better management of atopic dermatitis among patients, as well as increasing empathy and understanding from people outside the community. A key topic was the possible solutions to reduce stigma among children and adolescents with atopic dermatitis, especially within the school environment. Participants emphasized the need for socio-medical education campaigns in schools, as well as the crucial importance of psychological support for those affected.

We created an informational leaflet for patients and caregivers, which we printed and distributed in schools and healthcare centers.



In parallel with these events, COPAC and ADA are running an online information campaign aimed at raising awareness among the general public about this condition and the challenges faced by patients.

Through regular posts on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, as well as on the copac.ro website, we aim to bring these topics into the public agenda.

We have produced two feature reports with patients suffering from atopic dermatitis (an adult and a child) to highlight their diagnostic journey and to help other patients in their own path to care.

1.11 Debate on Immunization Policies Against Respiratory Viruses

The Path Towards Effective Respiratory Infectious Immunization Policies - when it's more than a cold

The debate, organized on October 22, 2024, with support from Pfizer, took place at the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest. Among the topics discussed were the burden of respiratory infections and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), potential solutions, patient and public education regarding RSV and prevention, as well as the patient's perspective.

The speakers included:

- Representatives of the U.S. Embassy
- **Valeria Herdea** – President of CNAS
- **Caroline Clarinval** – WHO
- **Bianca Enciu** – National Institute of Public Health (INSP)
- **Prof. Dr. Florin Mihăl** – Romanian Society of Pneumology
- **Prof. Dr. Mihai Craiu** – “Alfred Rusescu” Institute for Mother and Child Care
- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Beatrice Mahler** – Marius Nasta National Institute of Pneumology
- **Dr. Raluca Boboce** – Marius Nasta National Institute of Pneumology
- **Prof. Dr. Simin Aysel Florescu** – Manager, “Victor Babe Hospital
- **Prof. Dr. Doina Anca Ple** – Romanian Society of Pediatrics
- **Prof. Dr. Radu Vlădăreanu** – Romanian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- **Prof. Dr. Valeriu Gheorgh** – “Prof. Dr. Agrippa Ionescu” Emergency Clinical Hospital
- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anca Drăgănescu** – “Matei Bal Emergency Clinical Hospital
- **Prof. Dr. Oana Falup-Pecurariu** – Bra
- **Dr. Sorina Aurelian** – “Sf. Luca” Chronic Diseases Hospital
- **Dr. Sandra Alexiu** – Bucharest Family Physicians Association
- **Daniela Stan** – OAMGMAMR Bucharest
- Representatives of the *Save the Children* Association
- *Mothers for Mothers* Association
- *E-romnija* Association
- Representatives of COPAC – **Lumini** Director, and **Radu Gănescu**, President.

Pediatricians, infectious disease specialists, pulmonologists, gynecologists, as well as representatives from authorities and NGOs discussed the topic of Respiratory infections in children, pregnant women, chronic patients, and the elderly. Existing issues and potential solutions to protect vulnerable populations were analyzed. The importance of protecting children, especially those under 6 months of age, as well as chronic patients whose underlying conditions may be exacerbated by RSV, COVID, or RSV and flu, was emphasized.



“We need a national communication strategy to support the campaigns directed at the population,” stated **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Beatrice Mahler**, Manager of the *Marius Nasta* National Institute of Pneumology.

1.12 Shift-Hub

COPAC is a member of the consortium implementing the SHIFT-HUB project, funded through Horizon Europe, which runs from January 1, 2023, to December 30, 2025. We have actively participated in all the project's activities and supported the activity coordinators. An important role has been to bring the perspective and needs of patients/citizens into the development of applications and other technologies.

COPAC, in partnership with the “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy and the *Imago-Mol Cluster*, organized the first edition of the **SHIFT HUB Demo Day @Bucharest**. The event is part of a series of events held under the SHIFT-HUB Horizon Europe project in several European cities, aimed at creating an innovation network in the field of medical technologies.

Four innovative applications were presented:

- **CardiOnline** – Remote medical rehabilitation
- **MedRADAR**
- **MyInfoBand**
- **Virtual Case Management**

The Romanian translation of the *Data Saves Lives* report was also launched during the event.



2.FUNDING

Nr.	Income type	Amount
1.	European projects	44.000 RON
2.	Private funding	1.353.064 RON
3.	NGOs	9.500 I RON
4.	Donations 3,5%	3.089,94 RON
5.	Project with foreign NGO	30.000 RON
	Total	1.439.653,94 RON

