



## European KCNQ2 Association (E.K.A.) officially constituted.

Brescia, December, 15th, 2020. **The European KCNQ2 Association (EKA)** was founded by seven Italian members, mothers and fathers of children carrying the KCNQ2 genetic mutation and / or suffering from rare epilepsies, with the aim of becoming the reference point in Europe in supporting research projects and to support beneficial initiatives and provide information for families.

"Our intent is to create a unique network in Europe by collaborating with other associations already active in various European countries. The aim is to be able to provide medical-researchers with a single point of reference, collaborating in the collection of useful information on KCNQ2 cases and on the consequences that this genetic mutation has on child development and the impact on families "says Alessandra Costa - President of the European KCNQ2 Association.

The E.K.A. will start operating in Italy but relations are already active both in Europe and overseas. The members have in fact been in contact for several years with the KCNQ2 Cure Alliance, one of the first associations that carried out many important projects that started drug research. Furthermore, in Europe the association is in contact with the ERN (European Reference Network) and EpiCARE (Rare and complex epilepsies), thanks to the collaboration with the patient representative (ePAG - European Patient Advocacy Group) Brambilla Isabella (Dravet Italia Onlus), member of the association and partner of the European Joint Program \*.

Alessandra Costa will soon join the patient representatives (ePAG) in the EpiCARE project.

"We are convinced that only teamwork can generate adequate initiatives in favour of our community of patients."

For information and or to join our association:

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\*"PRE-CLINICAL RESEARCH TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE THERAPIES FOR RARE DISEASES" - Targeted treatment for KCNQ related encephalopathies: Retigabine analogues, repurposed drugs and allele specific knock down."

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