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European Alliance of Initiatives for Applied Anthroposophy / ELIANT
Alliance Européenne des Initiatives issues de l'Anthroposophie / ELIANT
Europäische Allianz von Initiativen angewandter Anthroposophie/ ELIANT



ELIANT in a nutshell

What is ELIANT?

ELIANT is an alliance of 10 European associations of applied anthroposophy active in the fields of agriculture and nutrition, medicine and (special needs) education. ELIANT is a civil society organisation (NGO) which advocates humanitarian and cultural aims.

What does ELIANT work for?

ELIANT calls for a legal framework in Europe which acknowledges and supports the citizens' rights for a diversity of lifestyle and cultural choices, particularly with regard to the areas mentioned above. Citizens not only need their freedom of choice but also the realistic opportunity to decide.





What does ELIANT promote?

The members of **ELIANT** mutually support each other in their specific activities and intentions on the European level and in dialogue with EU institutions. We engage in our common concerns by combining our efforts and sharing our resources. The implementation of pluralism in the methodologies of science and research is of paramount interest for all our alliance members.

Action **ELIANT**: To enhance the political influence of our activities, ELIANT is currently in the process of collecting 1 million signatures from European citizens who are willing to support our aims with regard to the citizens' initiatives as proposed in the Lisbon treaty.

Where will you find ELIANT?

ELIANT has a representation in Brussels (*see contacts on the back cover*). **ELIANT** is listed in the register for interest groups of the European Commission. Please find a short description of each member association of the alliance and more information about the aims of **ELIANT** and its charter below:

www.elianteu

Demeter International is an organic food and farming association representing 16 national member organisations and approx. 4,200 Demeter producers and about 400 processors in 43 countries. The common base is the biodynamic method. Demeter International has established its own certification system worldwide.

With regard to EU legislation and EU policy Demeter International is aiming to:

- establish a more individual nature conservation strategy (Mikro LEADER)
- secure the legal making and use of biodynamic preparations
- defend the freedom of choice for consumers (campaigning for instance against the existing mandatory fortification of organic baby food with artificial vitamins)
- introduce an alternative food and hygiene safety concept which is based on the self-responsibility of producers and consumers

establish complementary research methods which are adapted to the needs of organic food and farming.

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International Biodynamic Association / IBDA

IBDA is an international union of biodynamic member organisations being responsible for the principles, training and advisory services and the trade mark ownership of the biodynamic movement

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European Federation of Patients' Associations for Anthroposophic Medicine / EFPAM

EFPAM is a European federation of national patients' organisations active in the field of anthroposophic medicine and health care, which comprises at present of 15 associations in 15 European countries. EFPAM represents the views and interests of people who want to use anthroposophic medicine in all its forms as an alternative or complementary to allopathic medicine.

EFPAM promotes:

- Access (equal status of anthroposophic medicine and anthroposophic medical products in European and national legislation)
- Availability (Europe-wide availability of anthroposophic doctors and other health care professionals and anthroposophic medical products)
- Affordability (Europe-wide reimbursement through public and private health insurance schemes).
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Patients need a lobby

Nowadays, where politicians and public institutions mainly react to current challenges with increased regulation and limited budgets, the engagement of civil society becomes more and more important. Citizens must actively join together to maintain a liberal, humane society.

Self-determination in medicine, pluralism of methods and freedom in therapy are the main goals of the independent patients' association "gesundheit aktiv" (health active). These aims are realised through cooperation with other organizations having similar objectives - as for instance the European Patients Association EFPAM - and publications as well as public events. *E-mail: verein@gesundheitaktiv-heilkunst.de*

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European Co-operation in Anthroposophical Curative Education and Social Therapy

Real free choice, sustainable quality of life and cultural diversity

ECCE is a European NGO for parents' associations, community-based services and training institutions in the field of care for people with intellectual disabilities.

ECCE is a full member of the European Disability Forum.

In view of growing European integration, ECCE promotes:

legislative framework conditions for applied spiritual visions such as anthroposophy, including curative education and social therapy, whose principles are rooted in the European tradition of human dignity, individual development and freedom of choice in a pluralist society. the need of real freedom of choice in making decisions that affect sustainable quality of life and cultural diversity.

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European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education



The European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education (ECSWE), comprising of 22 national Waldorf Associations representing 650 schools in Europe, works to strengthen and develop Steiner education by active interest and a mutual sharing of experience. It acts as an international platform for member associations through

- the exchange of information and experiences and developing educational practices for the benefit of our constituent schools and institutions.
- creating and co-ordinating a common policy on an European level and promoting quality care in our schools.
- implementing international projects.
- engaging in dialogue and mutual initiatives with fellow educationalists, academics, politicians and education policy makers.
- participating in consultations on national and European policies for the well-being of childhood and youth.
- exploring the benefits provided by pluralism and diversity in educational provision.
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European Association of Manufacturers of Medicines for Anthroposophic Therapy/ AEFMUTA



AEFMUTA is an association of remedy producers founded in 1989. The purpose of the association consists of the dissemination and safeguarding of the remedies used in anthroposophic therapy and making them available in all EU member states. AEFMUTA has 18 members: 15 companies in nine EU member states and three companies in Switzerland. The association works closely together with the associations of physicians, pharmacists and patients, in order to create a legal framework that permits its members to keep all their anthroposophic remedies that are partly homoeopathically produced, partly plant-based, and partly typical anthroposophic remedies, legally compliant on the market in the EU.

Anthroposophic remedies have a particular legal status in some EU Member States where traditionally they were already on the market, as for example in Germany, Austria and Britain. Anthroposophic remedies have a special legal status as well in Switzerland. Because anthroposophic remedies are prescribed and used in most of the EU Member States there are first political considerations by EU decision makers to make sure that anthroposo-phic medicine and its remedies become part of the general health care policy of Europe.

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Internationale Vereinigung Anthroposophischer Ärztgesellschaften
International Federation of Anthroposophic Medical Associations
Fédération Internationale des Associations Médicales Anthroposophiques



Safeguard freedom of choice in therapy and the availability of anthroposophic medicinal products in the EU

The IVAA as the international umbrella organisation represents the national anthroposophic medical associations in matters of political and legal concern. IVAA focuses on safeguarding:

1. the legal status of anthroposophic medicine as an integrative medical system,
2. the availability of medicinal products for European citizens, necessary for the anthroposophic medical approach and
3. the accessibility of all other anthroposophic treatments, including art therapies, eurythmy therapy and many others which belong to the anthroposophic medical system.

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The Foundation for Anthroposophic Medicine

The Foundation for Anthroposophic Medicine **FAM** is recognised as a non-profit organisation and exempted from taxes in Switzerland and Germany. FAM supports education and development projects in the field of anthroposophic medicine also in countries with poor economies and promotes initiatives to legally secure freedom of therapy as well as pluralism of medical methods (www.fanthromed.eu). As a founding member of the ELIANT alliance, FAM has taken on the fundraising and project management of the “Action ELIANT” (1 million signature initiative). FAM is supporting the International Coordination of Anthroposophic Medicine / IKAM the affiliation of 16 representatives of various professions and disciplines within the anthroposophic medical movement. It thus forms the international collegial group of the Medical Section at the Goetheanum in Switzerland.

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European Alliance of Initiatives for Applied Anthroposophy / CHARTER

Aims of the Alliance

Human dignity and individual development are core values of European culture, to whose evolution Rudolf Steiner's initiatives of applied anthroposophy have contributed for over 80 years. Especially in the fields of agriculture, education, special needs education and medicine, humane approaches of the highest quality have been developed, and found world-wide acknowledgement and esteem. The Alliance's task is to secure legal safeguards for such initiatives and to develop them further as a contribution towards the further shaping of Europe.

In the reality of the European context, the right to individual development for every citizen requires not only freedom of choice but also the availability of choices. Parents must be able to choose schools which accord with their educational convictions. Each person should be able to access the medical care and type of diet that corresponds to his way of life. In Europe, basic and human rights should not be restricted in such a way as to disadvantage these cultural initiatives. The Alliance is setting the course for pursuing this aim.

This necessitates basic social and legal policies to underpin institutions and developments which safeguard and support the diversity of different lifestyles. Pluralism of scientific methods, and freedom of research and teaching must be guaranteed. Freedom to choose one's profession and course of training also depend on a context of social pluralism.

The Alliance's work and mode of operation

We, the core members of this Alliance, agree to collaborate on the basis of a solidarity of initiatives. The Alliance will offer us mutual support in our respective, Europe-focused plans and campaigns. Our aim is to practise collaboration and mutual aid, with integrity and transparency. We thereby hope to realise necessary initiatives in different fields with the widest possible democratic support, low

*A single person alone
does not help, but rather he
who unites with many others
at the right moment*

– Goethe –



administrative costs, and keen awareness of dialogue and communication. We will continue to exert influence on the development of European policies and legislature, and to develop and maintain existing contacts with European institutions. We are an integral part of civil society at the European level, aiming to create as comprehensive a network as possible with organisations that pursue similar goals. We participate actively in public relations activities and – as far as this is feasible - collaborate in conferences, courses and workshops that correspond with the aims of the Alliance. In order to further our aims we are seeking partners in the fields of culture, economics and politics. We hope to collaborate with institutions, associations and individuals in public life who share our commitment to lasting protection of each person's freedoms, quality of life and individual development potential. Together with these partners we intend to support positions and initiatives which will contribute to shaping Europe's future according to the aims and principles described above.

The resolutions and decisions which affect the Alliance as a whole will be taken by mutual agreement of its members. Until the transfer to Brussels, the secretariat is located at the Foundation for Anthroposophic Medicine at the Goetheanum in Dornach, Switzerland.

Alliance membership

encompasses core members of the Alliance that join together in solidarity with the stated aims, and also associate members. Core members of the Alliance are associations and institutions of applied anthroposophy that work at a European level and which, in accordance with the stated aims, work actively within European legislature to promote safeguards for fundamental human rights of self-determination, cultural diversity and thus enhanced quality of life. Core members, as those responsible for the Alliance, will develop and realise the work of the Alliance. Associate membership of the Alliance is open to any natural person or legal body, organisation and institution which desires to promote cultural initiatives based on anthroposophy, and to support them through intellectual or



financial contributions. They will be regularly informed of the Alliance's activities, and where applicable will help realise individual projects and campaigns. Associate members do not bear any financial commitment arising from their membership, except where the member expressly desires to do so.

Core members and initial signatories of the Alliance are:

AEFMUTA, Association Européenne des Fabricants de Médicaments utilisés en Thérapeutique Anthroposophique, Huningue; *Nand de Herdt*.

Demeter International e.V., Darmstadt; *Andreas Biesantz*.

ECCE, European Co-operation in Anthroposophical Curative Education and Social Therapy, Zeist; *Bernard Heldt*.

ECSWE, European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education, A.I.S.B.L, Brüssel; *Christopher Clouder*.

EFPAM, European Federation of Patients' Associations for Anthroposophic Medicine, Leidschendam; *René de Winter*.

FAM, Förderstiftung Anthroposophische Medizin, Dornach; *Michaela Glöckler*.

gesundheit aktiv anthroposophische heilkunst e.V., Bad Liebenzell; *Heidrun Loewer*.

IBDA, Internationaler Verein für biologisch-dynamische Landwirtschaft, Arlesheim; *Nikolai Fuchs*.

IKAM, Internationale Koordination Anthroposophische Medizin, Dornach; *Jürgen Schürholz*.

IVAA, Internationale Vereinigung Anthroposophischer Ärztegesellschaften, Dornach; *Günther Schulz, Peter Zimmermann*.

The following associate members of the Alliance were present at its founding: Institut Anthroposophique Rudolf Steiner, Brüssel; *Jürgen Erdmenger*. Konferenz für Heilpädagogik und Sozialtherapie, Dornach; *Rüdiger Grimm*. *Giancarlo Buccheri*, former president of the IVAA, Dornach. *Christof Wiechert*, Dornach. Brussels, September, 29, 2006

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