



ECV Funding statement

The ECV is a coalition of volunteer organisations working for the public good across Europe. Uniquely there are no membership fees, funding agreements, behind the scenes influences or officers' honoraria.

Member organisations fund their own representatives' time, travel and subsistence. There is always a dial-in option for meetings so no eligible organisation is excluded.

The ECV's work is supported by its members primarily through assistance in kind e.g. meeting rooms, drafting papers, attendance at external meetings, information sharing, printing, banners and small unrestricted donations.

The Chair and secretariat are funded by the chair's home organisation as a contribution in kind. In the past these functions have been provided by the IAPB and are currently provided by FODO UK.

Larger events, such as EU Parliamentary receptions and World Sight Day events, are funded on a case by case basis by members, through partnerships with organisations with related aims or by bidding for public grants. In the past partnerships for events have been with EFAB, ECOO, EU-Eye and MedTech Europe. The ECV also strongly supported a successful bid to the Marie Curie programme to fund analysis of Eurostat data.

Access to the Eurostat data has kindly been provided without charge by Eurostat.

The ECV website is generously managed by Per Kristian Knudsen Executive Director of the Norges Optikerforbund.

The ECV operates on the basis of agreeing what need to be done, doing it through volunteers or seeking funding to do it.

Current Priority

The ECV is currently seeking to raise funds for a presentation of eye health data to 16th European Public Health Congress in Rome in 2020 – a totemic year for eye health as the goal year of the Vision2020 initiative. The aim is to raise the profile and priority of the growing eye health challenge, costs and economic implications amongst the public health community at senior level in all countries across Europe.