



**EUROPEAN PATIENTS STATEMENT**  
**20 April 2007**  
**REGULATION ON ADVANCED THERAPIES**



International Diabetes Federation



*Avec les enfants atteints de cancer ou de leucémie*



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**EUROPEAN PATIENTS ARE WAITING**  
**SUPPORT THE COMPROMISE PACKAGE**  
**(PES, ALDE, GUE/NGL)**  
**TO ENSURE AN EARLY ADOPTION**  
**OF THE REGULATION**

As patients and families of patients affected by severe, heavily debilitating and often life threatening diseases, we, the undersigned, urge the Members of the European Parliament to support the compromise package of PES (Mrs Roth-Behrendt), ALDE (Mrs Ries) and GUE/NGL (Mr. Adamou) to secure an early adoption of the Regulation on Advanced Therapies.

This Regulation is urgently needed to guarantee that ALL patients from the 27 European Member States have timely and uniform access to Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products which have undergone a robust evaluation process at the European level.

The package proposed by PES, ALDE and GUE/NGL will ensure a first-reading agreement on the Regulation. Time saved will mean faster, easier and safer access to new, life-saving treatments for the patients of Europe.

Enough time has been lost already in the debate on this Regulation. We therefore call on all MEPs **to support the compromise package and to reject all other amendments** which would yet again delay the adoption.

European Patients are waiting. With the compromise package, the Regulation on advanced therapies can be finalised.

**We urge you to act now.**

**This statement is signed by the following European or global patient networks and associations:**



**European Organisation for rare Diseases**  
<http://www.eurordis.org>



**European Aids Treatment Group**  
<http://www.eatg.org/home.php>



**European Cancer Patient Coalition**  
[www.ecpc-online.org](http://www.ecpc-online.org)



**International Diabetes Federation**  
<http://www.idf-europe.org>



**European Genetic Alliances' Network**  
<http://www.egaweb.org>



**French National Union of Parents Associations of children with cancer or leukaemia**  
<http://unapecle.medicalistes.org>



**International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organisations**  
<http://www.icccpo.org>



**Global Alliance of Mental Illness Advocacy Networks**  
<http://www.gamian.org>



**European Federation of Neurological Associations**  
[www.efna.net](http://www.efna.net)



**European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients Associations**  
<http://www.efanet.org>



**Retina International**  
<http://www.retina-international.org>

**European Patients' Forum**  
<http://www.eu-patient.eu>

**Stand together to End Paralysis Now**  
<http://www.stepnow.org>