

Call for applications for membership of the newly formed Brain Tumour Advocacy Committee (BTAC) 2025-2027

EANO is Europe's multidisciplinary Neuro-Oncology society representing all disciplines involved in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of people with tumours of the central nervous system (CNS). Today, EANO has over 800 members from more than 70 countries. EANO is dedicated to promoting advances in neuro-oncology through innovative research and concerted education and training. It enhances collaboration between all relevant disciplines: neuro-oncology, neurosurgery, neuropathology, neuroradiology, radiation oncology, nursing and allied healthcare professionals and aims at bridging science, knowledge and practice gaps in the management of brain and CNS tumours. For more information about EANO see: <https://www.eano.eu/about/about-us/>

EANO continuously strives to assist everyone in understanding the issues that carry significance for anyone who is living with a brain tumour. This aligns with the notion that involving and engaging patients and caregivers broadens the focus, enabling a person-centered approach, and – for example – encourages researchers to incorporate more patient-relevant outcomes in clinical trials.

Therefore, EANO has recently, established the BTAC to act as a representative group with EANO which can inform and interact with the society from the point of view of patients and caregivers. The BTAC will meet four times a year and in addition, BTAC members will be invited to participate as co-opted members in other EANO committees' meetings and/or projects. The members of the BTAC can be offered guidance in patient and public involvement and engagement in medical associations. The creation of the BTAC brings the number of EANO committees to eight, see: <https://www.eano.eu/about/about-us/committees/>

The BTAC will consist of 7 to 8 members, including the Chair and Vice Chair, all of whom have had experience living with a brain tumour, either as a patient or as a current or former caregiver. Applicants must be able to represent the community of people living with a brain tumour. They do not have to be a member of a patient organisation, although this is desirable. Diversity regarding brain tumour diagnosis, time since diagnosis, age, gender, and country of residence will be encouraged. All applicants will be members of EANO, with residency in Europe and have good proficiency in spoken and written English.

The election procedure will be as follows:

1. Please send **a one-page letter of application** outlining what motivates you to want to be a member of BTAC, what involvement you have had with the brain tumour community and what you think you will bring to the Committee. Please also include some background information about yourself (i.e. what type of tumour you have, or a loved one has/had, what country you live in, etc.). Applications must be sent to the EANO Office email address (office@eano.eu) by **March 31, 2025**. Questions can also be sent to the EANO Office email address (office@eano.eu).
2. Informal interviews will be conducted from mid to late April, with the final selection of BTAC members by the end of May 2025. The first online meeting is scheduled for June.
3. At the General Assembly in October 2025, The Executive Board will present the members of the BTAC.

Yours sincerely,

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