

## From SMA Europe we are excited to announce the appointment of Nicole Gusset as our new CEO.

Nicole Gusset has extensive experience working alongside SMA Community. Nicole's first-born daughter Victoria was diagnosed with SMA Type II in 2011. As a result of this, in 2012, Nicole founded the patient organisation SMA Schweiz. She has been appointed as the President of SMA Europe since 2021 and now, will be holding the position of CEO in SMA Europe.

As per SMA Europe's strategy, our organisation aims at increasing the impact of the organisation in the SMA field throughout Europe by developing concrete actions and aspirations, together with our members. Our organisation intends to consolidate and focus its activities, following a sustained period of growth over the past years.

Therefore, the appointment of Nicole as the new CEO, is a milestone for our organisation. SMA Europe counts now with a highly professionalised and dedicated team who works on ensuring the sustainability and efficiency of undertaken projects.

Nicole brings an in-depth knowledge of the SMA Community's needs, which will consolidate our focus on patients' needs and perspectives while taking care of our relationships with different stakeholders and strengthening our network with members as well as other patient organisations and partners.

### Nicole states:

"I am excited to serve as SMA Europe's first CEO and wish to express my gratitude to all our national member organisations for entrusting me with this important role. I truly hope to lead SMA Europe in a way that highlights the relevance of what we can achieve TOGETHER as one community. Only together with our members, with our partners and with every single person living with SMA, we can make a difference. Our long journey to our first medicines was acting like a strong glue for our community. We had one clear common goal for which we were all fighting. Today, luckily, we are facing a new era - with many new opportunities but also challenges lying ahead of us. One is to ensure that we do not lose that glue keeping us together as one community - here in Europe, but also across the globe!"

Dr. Nicole Gusset, CEO SMA Europe

SMA Europe is a non-profit umbrella organisation of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) patient organisations from across Europe.

United, and in collaboration with all stakeholders, we will achieve our vision of creating a better world for all those living with SMA.

**All together. One goal.**

You can consult Nicole's full biography on our website: <https://www.sma-europe.eu/our-people/staff>