

**URGENT CALL TO FRENCH MEPS**  
**6 million people with epilepsy in Europe, 500,000 in France**

The Comité National pour l'Epilepsie (National Committee for Epilepsy), invites French MEPs urgently to sign, between 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July, the Written Declaration submitted to the European Parliament in order to improve services for epilepsy, the most common neurological condition and one of the most disabling.

A Written Declaration was presented by a group of MEPs in May. The declaration calls on EU Member States to take concrete actions to improve epilepsy care. It will be accepted if it receives the signatures of 369 MEPs before 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011. At present, and after 3 signing sessions, 275 MEPs have signed the declaration (Ref No 22-2011, attached). Of these 275 names, just 18 French MEPs are included out of a total of 72 in the European Parliament.

France therefore lies in the group of European countries with the 7<sup>th</sup> lowest level of MEP signatures in this call for improvement to services for people with epilepsy! A further 94 signatures are needed so that the call for action can become a priority within the European Union. On behalf of all lay associations, foundations, societies involved in the fight for a global and optimal epilepsy program, the Comité National pour l'Epilepsie (CNE: <http://www.comite-national-epilepsie.fr/>) invites MEPs to do their duty for the 500,000 people with epilepsy in France and their families.

We take this opportunity to thank publically MEPs who support this cause.