

Draft Constitution

European Coalition for Eye Health

Purpose of the Coalition

The coalition exists to raise the profile of vision and eye health, help prevent avoidable visual impairment and provide support to those with irreversible blindness or low vision in Europe. It is an alliance of organisations working in the European nation states on eye health issues. It will work collectively combining strengths and sharing information to advocate at the European level.

Objectives of the Coalition

- 1) Improve the vision and eye health of the peoples of Europe as an economic and public health priority.
- 2) Contribute to tackling the rapidly increasing scale, and the vast economic and social costs, of preventable sight loss now and in the future.
- 3) Protect and support the rights of people with, or at risk of, sight loss.

Governance

To be discussed at meeting on 12th June 2013

Membership

Membership of the Coalition will be open to organisations that are active in Europe and who are willing to work in a collaborative way to bring their collective experience, expertise and resources together to address the purpose and objectives of the Coalition.

Membership will be encouraged from:

- Not for profit and non-governmental organisations representing people that are blind or have low vision, patient's groups, older people and those that advocate for and promote better eye health and rehabilitation services.
- Professional organisations representing staff involved in vision health and rehabilitation.
- Trade associations of manufacturing and pharmaceutical organisations whose products are relevant to improved vision health and rehabilitation.
- Research bodies that are independent of private interest.

Membership will not be open to:

- Government or quasi-governmental bodies.
- Private companies.
- Individuals.