

## Association Against Epilepsy of Kosovo 2021-2022 Report

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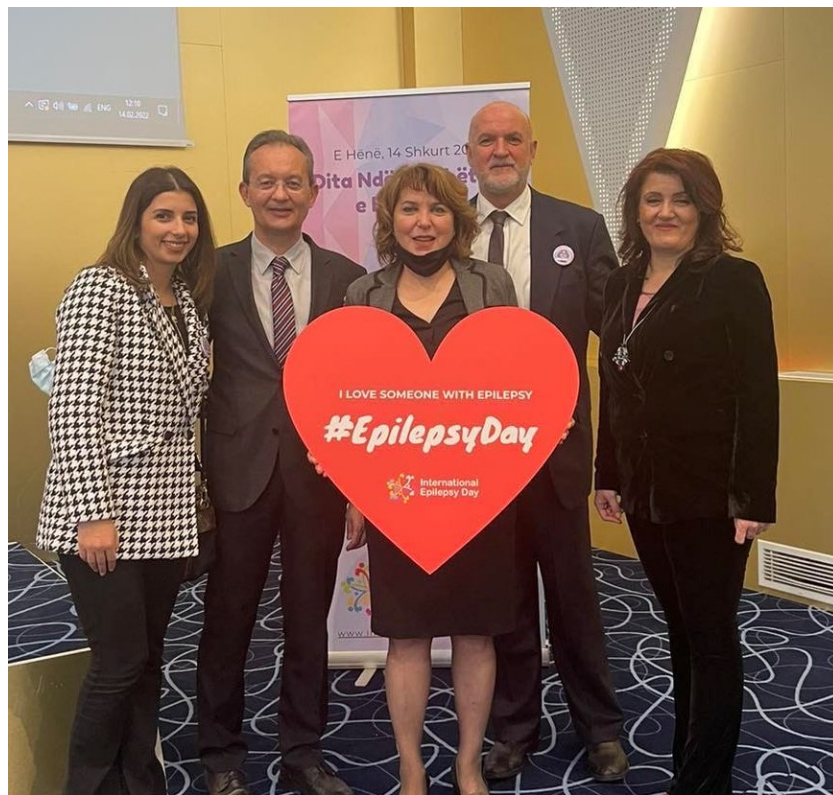
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### ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We managed to organize various activities and events to raise epilepsy awareness among healthcare professionals, medical students, and wide public. Our main activity was the organization of 'Epilepsy and COVID-19' Symposium, which consisted of various interactive lectures, workshops, and discussions regarding the prevention, safety of vaccination, and treatment of epilepsy during the first wave of COVID-19 pandemic.
- We organized an informative campaign for the International Day of Epilepsy 2021 by distributing informative leaflets and audio-visual informative content through our virtual channels.



**Epilepsy and COVID-19 Symposium, 2022, in Prishtina, Kosovo.  
Dr.Norma Nixha, Prof.Dr.Afrim Blyta, Prof.Dr.Valbona Govori,  
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- We continuously delivered informative sessions among the neurology community of Kosovo regarding the practical use of national guidelines for diagnosis and management of epilepsy and encouraged further involvement of healthcare workers in improvement and implementation of these guidelines.

### **CHALLENGES FACED IN 2021 AND 2022**

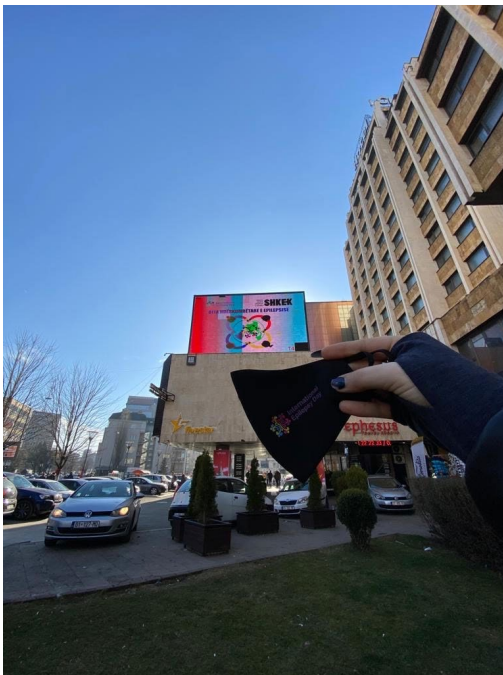
- Establishing and maintaining a nationwide database of the patients diagnosed with epilepsy and treated in our healthcare institutions remains the key challenge.
- Establishing online platforms with a specific content for our aim, goals, and activities, which would make our work more visible and our team more reachable.

### **FUTURE PLANS FOR 2023**

Our main goal for this year is to further raise the epilepsy awareness through various educational activities and meetings. We intend to engage more healthcare professionals, volunteers, patient organizations, and patients in these activities. We intend to further collaborate with all the stakeholders such as Ministry of Health, Kosovo Chamber of Doctors, and Kosovo Chamber of Pharmacists to implement policies for better management of epilepsy, and therefore improving the quality of life among epilepsy patients. Moreover, we intend to increase our online presence through different channels and reach our target audience in a more effective way.

### **MEETINGS**

- Epilepsy Informative Campaign, 2021
- Epilepsy and COVID-19 Symposium, 2022



**International Epilepsy Day Informative Campaign, 2021, in Prishtina, Kosovo**





**Students from working group for the International Epilepsy Day Informative Campaign, 2021, in Prishtina, Kosovo**



**Participants in the Epilepsy and COVID-19 Symposium, 2022, in Prishtina, Kosovo**

*Report submitted by Valbona Govori*