Memorandum of Understanding between Stroke Alliance For Europe and the European Stroke Organisation.

1. Both organisations will share information related to political and advocacy initiatives that may affect the resourcing and quality of stroke awareness, prevention, treatment, and long-term existence management.

2. Both parties will discuss potential campaigns of advocacy and awareness. This is where the goals of each organisation are potentially aligned.

3. Both parties will discuss and agree on possible joint positions on policy matters relating to stroke.

4. Both parties will commit to mutual management of campaigning and influencing resources, with decision making where appropriate being made on the basis of consensus between the two organisations.

5. Both organisations commit to supporting initiatives to encourage more resourcing of stroke research and to supporting activities to sentise stakeholders and the public to the importance of stroke research.

6. Both organisations appreciate the importance of sustaining and growing the number of stroke care professionals, and of enabling continual development of the quality of professional activity. Consequently both parties will be mutually supportive around activity in this area.

7. Both organisations understand the importance of, and the need to strengthen stroke-related Non-Governmental Organisations. ESO will encourage its members to support the growth of Stroke Support Organisations in their countries, and SAFE will encourage SSO’s to collaborate at a Country level with Stroke Care professionals.

8. Both organisations will meet on a regular basis to evaluate mutual activities, and develop future activity plans.
9. Both organisations will provide for the other organisation’s participation in their respective conferences or other gatherings where it could be mutually advantageous.

10. Both organisations will work where possible to support the other.

11. Both organisations understand that each party also has a duty to represent its members’ interests and views, and should there be any conflicts as a result of this then both parties will ensure differences will be managed constructively.

12. Should this memorandum of understanding be endorsed by both parties then it can be agreed that there is a partnership between both the ESO and SAFE that is binding until one of the parties announces, after due consultation with all its members, that it wishes to withdraw from this understanding.

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