

Rare Disease Day

2012



Theme:

Solidarity

Slogan:

RARE BUT STRONG TOGETHER!

New visual identity:





Participating Countries

18 in 2008

30 in 2009

46 in 2010

55 in 2011

64 in 2012

33 from Europe

Newcomers: Chile, Costa Rica, Czech Republic,
Guatemala, Pakistan, Venezuela

National Alliances

25 official partners (Council of National Alliances)

Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Romania, Spain, Sweden, UK, Bulgaria, Croatia, Luxembourg, Portugal, Russia, Canada and USA

New alliances joining in from

Georgia, Russia and Portugal



www.rarediseaseday.org

- 89,000 unique visits to rarediseaseday.org in the last 2 months

(compared with 44,000 last year for the same period)

- 22,000 visits in one day – February 29
- Twice the amount from last year!

New look and feel


Rare Disease Day @ 2012 - Mozilla Firefox

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Watch Video What is Rare Disease Day? What is a Rare Disease? Tell your story

FRIENDS OF RARE DISEASE DAY

A way for you or your organisation to share what you will do this year




Individuals, Patients, Patient Organisations, health professionals, researchers, drug developers, public health authorities and everyone having an interest in rare diseases are invited to join this year's campaign

View all Friends of Rare Disease Day

JOINING HANDS


Joining hands around the world for rare diseases!



Raise and hold hands at 12 noon GMT on February 29 and show your Solidarity with rare disease patients around the world.

Find out more

JOIN THE COMMUNITY



Latest tweets

Official #RareDisease Day video eclipses 100k views in all languages. Watch the interview w/young stars on @TV3Ireland http://t.co/08grFyFU

Mar-06-2012 Read full tweet..

WATCH VIDEOS

VIEW PHOTOS

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

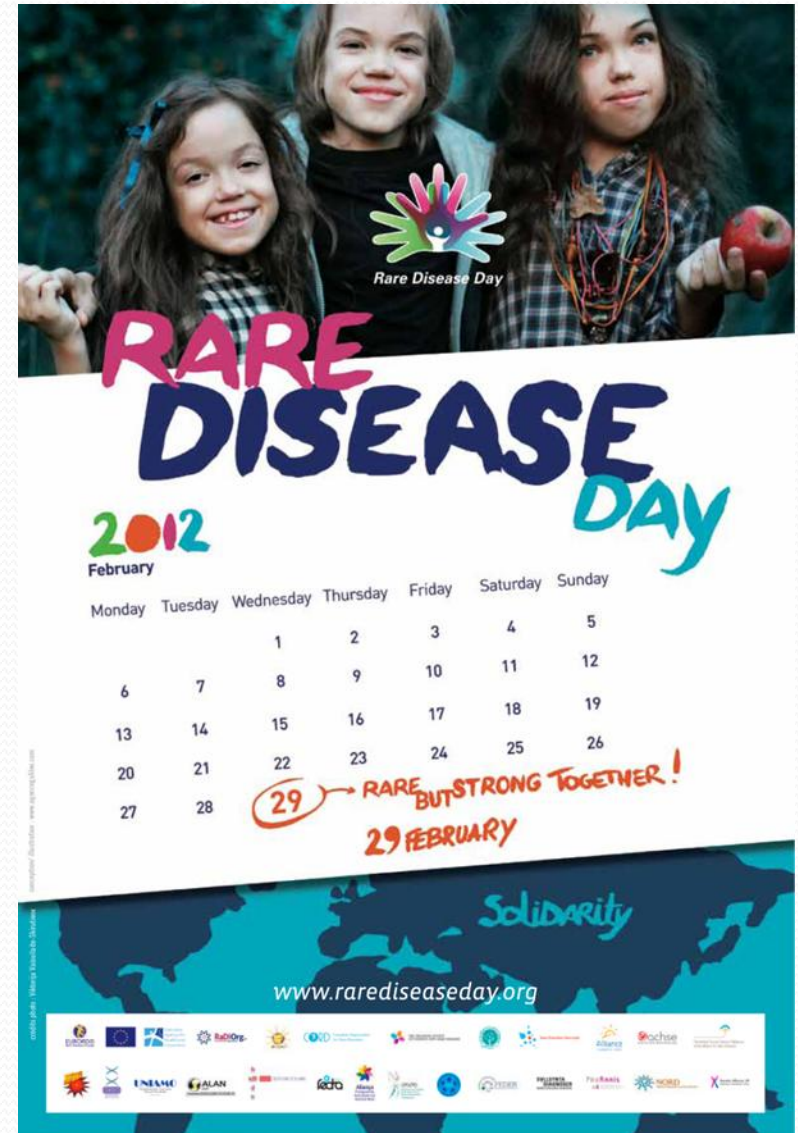
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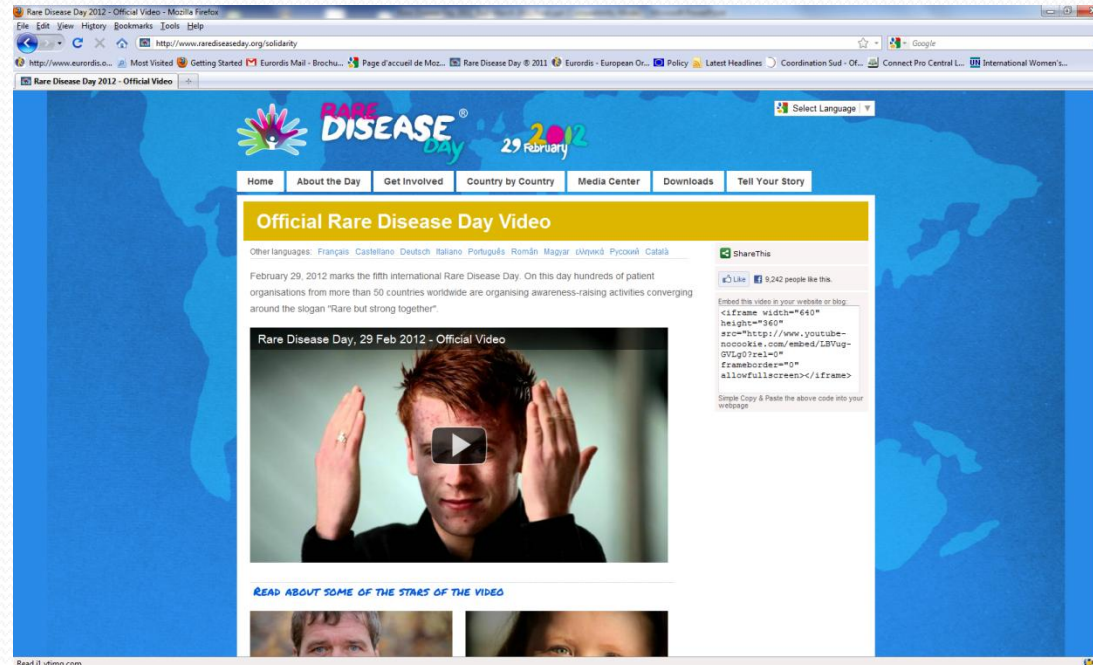
Communication material

- Logo
- Banner
- Badges (for Facebook profile)
- Poster
- Info pack (new! Full of tips to organised your own campaign and attract media attention)
- RDD ribbon
- HD screen for videos and presentations

...all downloadable from the
RDD website



RDD official video



Special thanks to:

Avril Daly, Kathy Tynam and the Irish National Alliance (GRDO) for coordinating production, liaising with patients from their network, helping the day of the shoot and facilitating filming locations in Dublin

Animo Productions with pro bono support of Burson-Marsteller Brussels

Singer Grégoire and MyMajorCompany for permission to use his song "Toi et Moi" as the soundtrack to the video

Over 100,000 views!

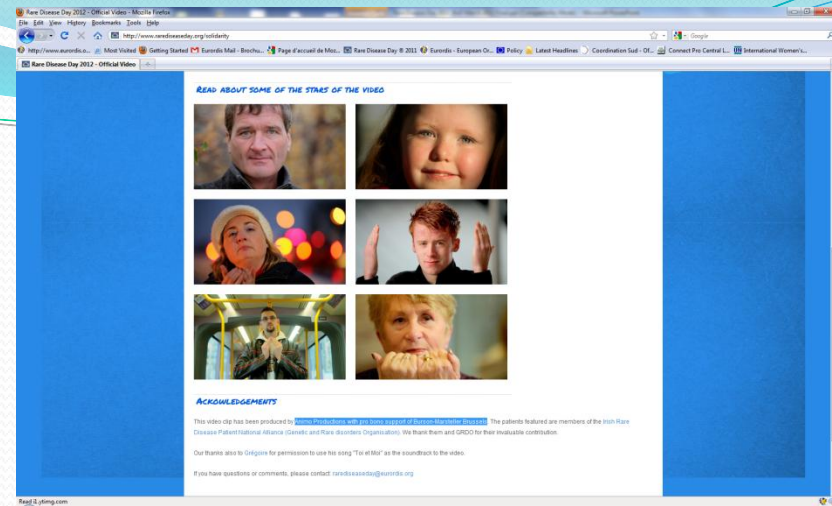
- Translated into 11 languages

- The video specific landing page

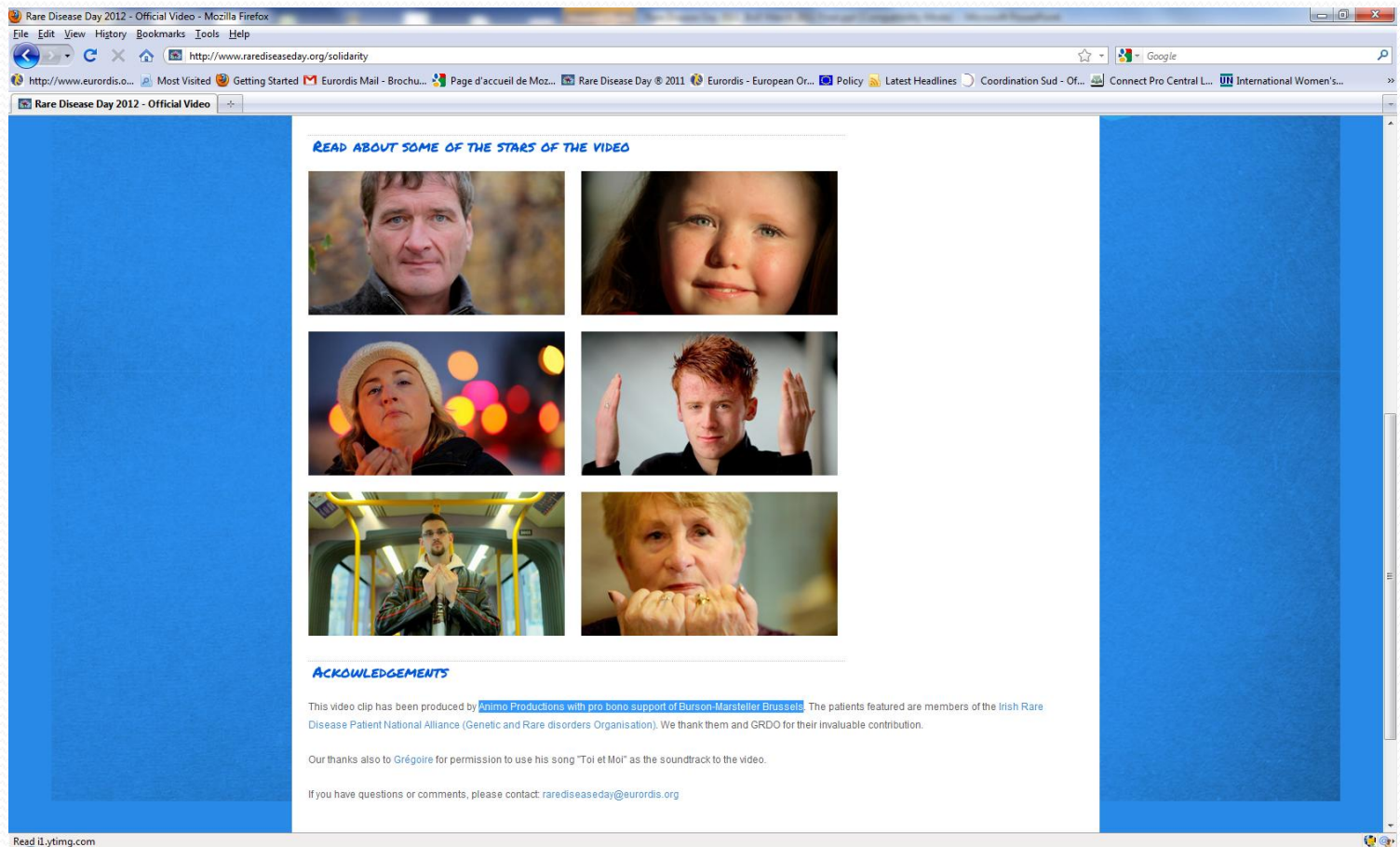
<http://www.rarediseaseday.org/solidarity>

received 12,344 visitors in 3 weeks

- The video was “liked” on facebook 9,213 times
- Audience retention was well above YouTube averages
- Ranked first on YouTube in NGO category
- Included stories of the 6 patients featured in the video



The video page featured stories on patients who participated in the video (viewed by 6,075)



Breakdown of the video viewership by language (as of March 8, 2012):

- English 47420
- Spanish 23708
- Italian 15822
- French 11221
- Russian 3688
- Portuguese 3587
- German 1835
- Catalan 1335
- Greek 818
- Romanian 537
- Hungarian 167

TOTAL 110,138

Referral traffic to video page

- 28% from facebook.com
- - 6% from eurordis.org
- - 6% from orpha.net
- - 3% from rarediseaseday.us the NORD rdd website
- - 3% from NORD's website
- - 2% from NIH's Rare Disease portal
rarediseases.info.nih.gov

Video promotion

- Shown on several national and regional TV stations in Italy, Portugal and Ireland
- Two of the patients featured were interviewed in an Irish TV morning show
- EU Health Newsletter (on EC Health portal)
- OrphaNews Europe
- AFM Live Telethon and AFM FB
- CBS News.com
- Le Point
- The Examiner

Friends of RDD

376 Friends signed up on our webpage
(industry, patient organisations, research
networks, universities, public authorities)

Compared to 292 in 2011

Some interesting friends!
French Ministry of Health
Harvard Medical School
European Medicines Agency
Slovenian Ministry of Health

Social media

Facebook: 13,400 likes



Twitter: 3,127 followers
compared to 1,446 last year



Flickr: 423 photos added



You tube: 88 videos



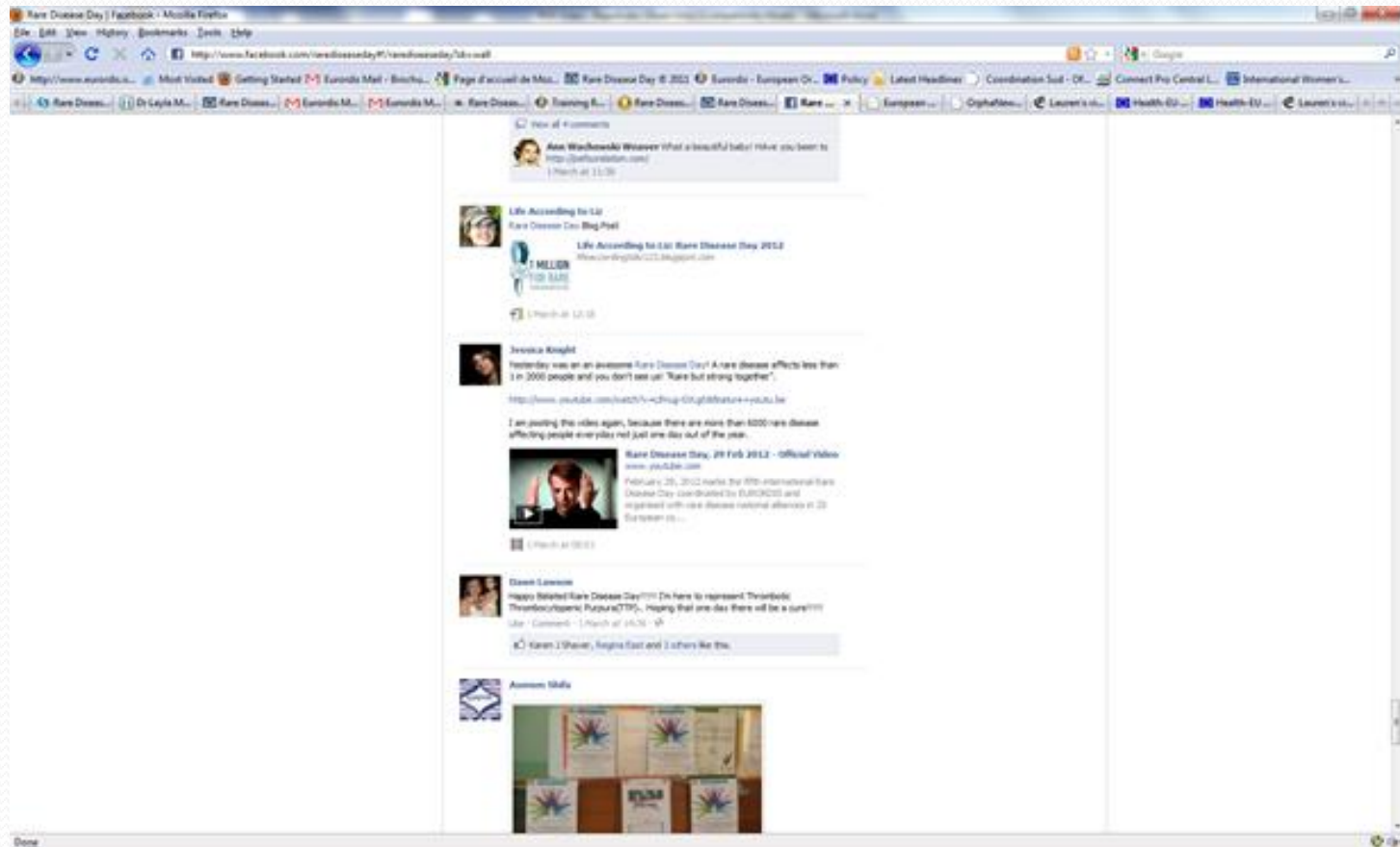
Facebook & Twitter

Our Facebook community grew significantly this year jumping to 13,400 likes from 8,000 followers a short few weeks ago and just 4,000 last year

10 video specific tweets about the video on RDD
Twitter account

These were re-tweeted 113 times reaching 63,386 users in total (Source: <http://retweet.co.uk>)

facebook.com/rarediseaseday



Tell your Story

- Special feature on website allowing visitors to upload their photo and video stories has been a great success - over 350 photo went online 10 days before Feb 29
- bringing the total to 853 photos overall on Flickr now gathering over 16,000 views on Feb 29 alone and almost 500,000 views, yes **half a million views** since we started this feature 4 years ago!
- 88 new videos uploaded on RDD YouTube since Dec 2011 bringing the total to 194 videos and more than 350 000 total views

Joining hands around the world

- Thousands of people responded to our call to Raise & Holds hands to show Solidarity with rare disease patients
- 91 photos from more than 20 countries uploaded to rarediseaseday.org
- Many more raised and joined hands



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Raising hands for Rare Diseases

Thumbnails Detail Comments

Slideshow Share



A worldwide show of Solidarity for 2012's International Rare Disease Day activities.

93 photos | 450 views | [Add a comment?](#)

Items are from between 06 Jan 2005 & 29 Jan 2013.



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Video greetings from EURORDIS

- Yann Le Cam recorded a video greeting shown at
- At an advocacy event for NPRD organised by the Finnish RD Network at the House of Parliament in Finland on Feb 29
- At the first Rare Disease multi-stakeholder conference in Slovakia. Right after the Ministry of Health committed to a first step towards a NPRD
- At the Ukrainian Institute of Clinical Genetics with support of National Security and Defense Council and regional Administration as well as patients' organizations. (simultaneous interpretation in Ukrainian!)

Media coverage

- Online press clipping - over 3000 articles during the month of February
- 1388 on the week leading up to Feb 29
- Le Point
- [Huffington Post](#)
- [The Lancet](#)
- Nature
- [Gulf News.com](#)
- AztecaNoticias

Dissemination strategy

- RDD Website (first ranked on Google)
- Social media
- mass mailings to members & other RD stakeholders (including EURCERD members)
- Poster mass mailing to members, Alliances, Federations and Industry
- Video viral campaign
- 3 press releases
- Presentations at CNA, CEF and EUCERD

Important events

- Publishing of a consultation for a United Kingdom plan for rare diseases ([learn more](#))
- Official launch of the French Foundation for Rare Diseases ([learn more](#))
- Creation of the Northern Ireland Rare Disease Partnership ([learn more](#))
- Launch of the Genetic Testing Registry by the National Institutes of Health in the USA ([learn more](#))
- All day event at the National Institute of Health

Creating momentum for National Plans and National Alliances

- SLOVAKIA: New Alliances launched
- FINLAND: a Rare Disease Day event at the Finnish Parliament
- CYPRUS: Press conference with the Ministry of Health
- SWEDEN: Hand-outs about NPRD at Stockholm Central Station

European Symposium

“Rare Diseases a model of EU Solidarity”

- At Residence Palace in the International Press Centre in Brussels on Feb 29
- Event to highlight rare diseases as a model of EU solidarity in today's crisis-stricken Europe
- Showcased 4 European Reference Networks to illustrate successful collaboration and pooling of expertise at EU level

European event

Some 120 participants

Key note speakers

- First Lady of Georgia Sandra Roelofs
- Ms. Ness Childers (MEP)
- Paola Testori Coggi (Head of DG Sanco)
- Ruxandra Draghia Akli (Head of Health at DG Research)
- Dr. Ségolène Aymé (EUCERD Chair)
- Terkel Andersen (EURORDIS President)
- 4 EU-funded Reference Networks (ERN) project leaders and patient representatives



European event

- DG Sanco leader Paola Testori Coggi supported the call to make rare diseases a priority in the next Public Health Programme
- Dr Draghia Akli said 'together we are stronger' referring to the International Rare Disease Research Consortium
- MEP Nessa Childers said we need to ensure enough resources made available in 3rd PHP, to put in place an infrastructure of European Reference Networks to cover all diseases
- She
- She called upon those countries without a national plan to develop one by 2013



European event

The event was streamlined live on the EURORDIS website and on FB throughout the day (..... people tuned in)

Presentations and videos available on eurordis.org

