



AOECS

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Association of European Coeliac Societies



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Who we are

We are the umbrella association of Coeliac Societies, healthcare organisations and other non-profit organizations that work together to improve the life of people affected by coeliac disease, Dermatitis Herpetiformis Duhring, and any other gluten related condition.

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**WE ARE
PASSIONATE
ABOUT**

Giving our best to the coeliac community by:

- Uniting and supporting our member societies
- Enhancing access to safe gluten-free foods
- Voicing coeliac patients' needs at European and global level
- Providing authoritative information about coeliac disease
- Capacity building of developing coeliac societies



37 years of commitment

In 1988, national coeliac associations from Spain, United Kingdom, Italy and France came together in Barcelona to form the Association of European Coeliac Societies.

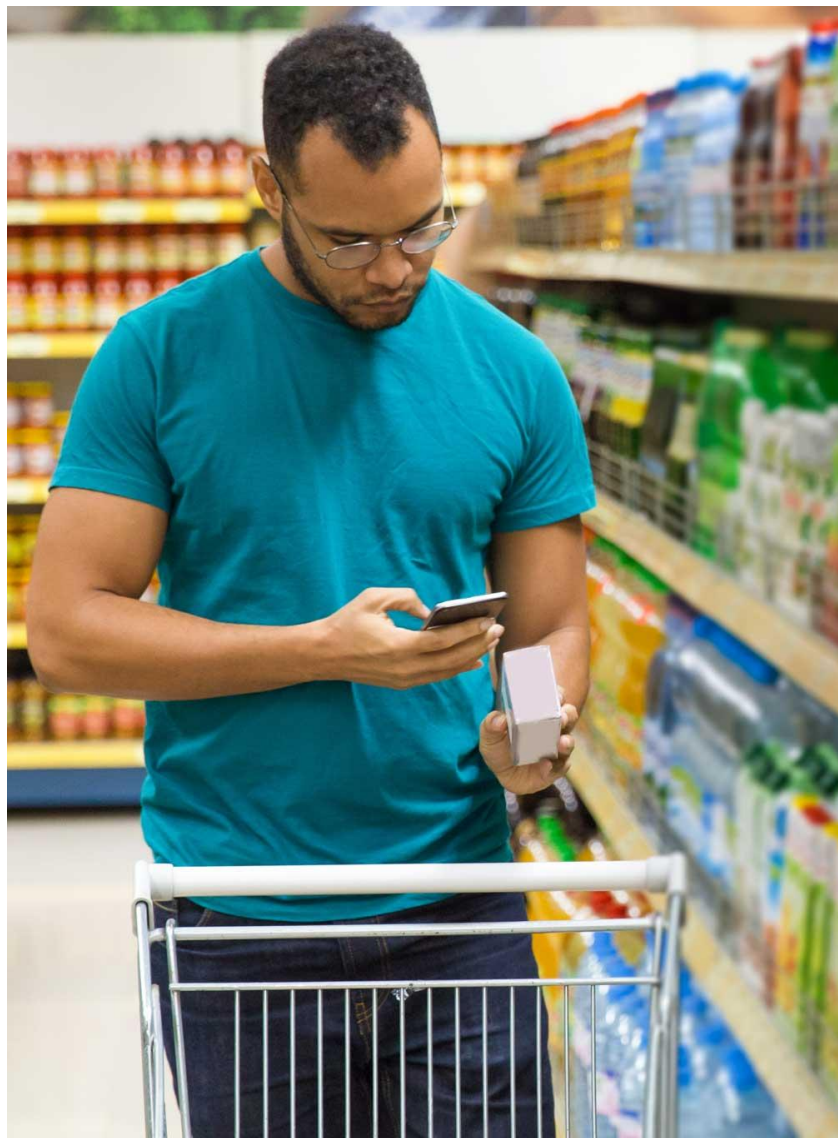
The organisation has since grown significantly in size and influence and is now a recognised player in the international arena of coeliac disease.



40+ MEMBERS IN EUROPE AND BEYOND

Affiliate members from countries
outside of Europe in Turkey, Jordan,
US, Israel, Mexico

We represent millions of people with
coeliac disease



AOECS Gluten Free Certification Scheme ... from coeliac2coeliac

AOECS has developed a gluten free standard: certification

AOECS has an international licensing scheme: crossed grain symbol

These products are sold bearing the AOECS Certification Mark which is the highest guarantee of safety for coeliac patients.

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Advocacy

- Long serving CODEX observer: pivotal role in PAL discussion
- European Parliament/Commission
- Collaboration with EPHA and EPF
- FoodDrinkEurope and many other stakeholders



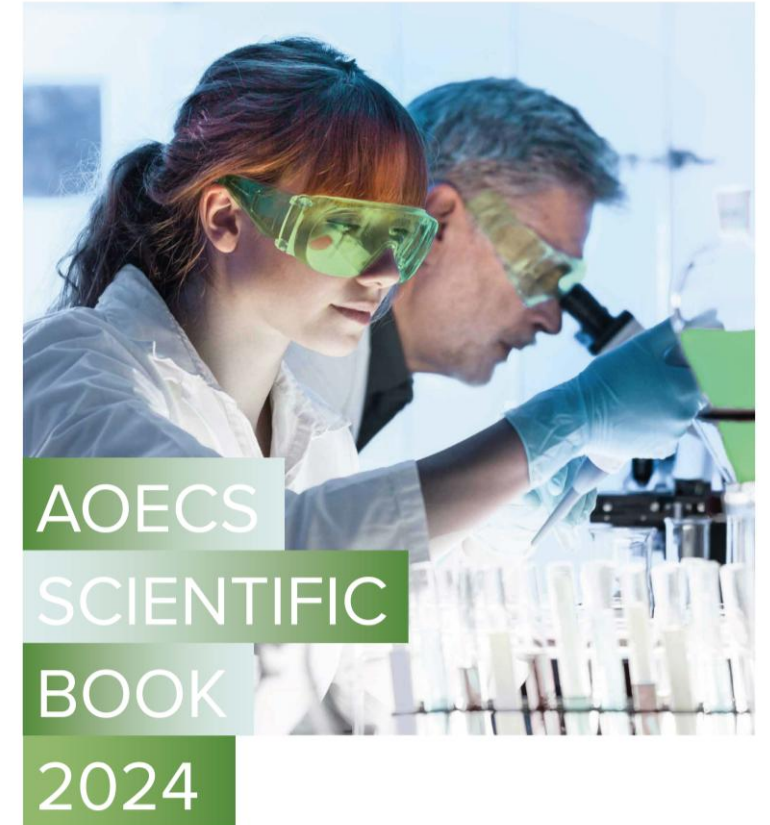


Education

- Translating best practises from member societies
- Breakfast series webinars presenting NCS work
- Public webinars on relevant topics
- Training from partners (e.g. EFP training on Patients' Advocacy, SGS Training on Food Safety Standards)

Research

- Knowledge sharing among member societies
- Partner of Prevent CD Programme
- Close relations with ISSCD, ESSCD, ESPGHAN
- Network partner, not a research funder
- Gateway to the many coeliac societies



Support

- Knowledge sharing
- Coeliac Youth participation in Summer Camp and Annual Conferences
- Helpdesk 24/7 support on operational & strategic questions
- AOECS Emergency Fund for coeliacs in Ukraine

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700 AOECS-funded Christmas presents were delivered to coeliac children across Ukraine

PRESS RELEASE - 27 JANUARY 2025

AOECS Emergency Fund Brings Christmas Magic to Children with Coeliac Disease in War-Torn Ukraine

The Ukrainian Coeliac Society, with the support of the AOECS

THANK YOU!