



**Official Partner of the European Year 2012 for
Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations!**

Designated the **European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (EY2012)**, the year 2012 is looking set to be a very important year for EFORT! Throughout 2011 we have been increasingly active in the European debate on ageing, prevention of chronic disease and health promotion, and as a result, we are delighted to announce that EFORT has been made an official partner to the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations.

The EY2012 will serve as a framework for raising awareness, identifying and disseminating best practice and, more importantly, encouraging policymakers at all levels to promote active ageing and to support greater cooperation between the generations. This European initiative, adopted by a decision of the European Parliament and the Council of the EU, is also supported by a coalition of over 40 organisations who form the **EY2012 Coalition**, including EFORT. This will enable us to drive awareness and promotion of active ageing, and to bring recognition of the Orthopaedic community as a key contributor in enabling older people to stay mobile, independent and integrated in society.

As part of our commitment to the EY2012 we will organise an event in Brussels on Active Ageing as well as a dedicated EU Symposium on the issue at our annual Congress in Berlin next May. We are counting on your participation!

What can EFORT members do locally?

Help promote **European Year 2012 for Active Ageing!**

- Add the EY2012 logo to your department website (downloadable at: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/ey2012main.jsp?catId=989&langId=en>)
- Promote the key messages of EY2012 of disease prevention and maintaining mobility in the aging society
- Add the theme & logo to your email signature
- Organise awareness activities which promote active and healthy ageing
- Talk to your patients about the importance of healthy ageing and see how you can best help them stay active
- More information on the EY2012 is available at: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/ey2012.jsp>

