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Arabela Acălinei serves as the President of Neuro Move CMT Association in Romania and President of EAMDA - the European Alliance of Neuromuscular Disorders Associations. She is Strategic Partnerships and Funding Director of the European Charcot-Marie-Tooth Federation and a Vice-President of EFNA (European Federation of Neurological Associations).

In 2022, she became ePAG in EURO-NMD ERN, contributing in Peripheral Nerve Diseases working group and the Inter-ERN working group on Gene therapy. Since 2024 she is part of the ERN's Patient Advisory Board.

Arabela is herself a patient with Charcot-Marie-Tooth type 1A disease and has several members in her family with the same condition, her 2 sons included. Dealing with such a disease, ignited her passion for patient advocacy, particularly for individuals living with CMT and similar neuromuscular disorders.

In her professional life, Arabela is a Romanian-English teacher, translator, and professional trainer. Her educational background also includes trainings in Project Management and Career Counseling for people with disabilities. She is a EURORDIS Winter and Summer School alumni, EUPATI fellow and a member of EURORDIS HTA Task Force. Beyond her advocacy and professional pursuits, she is passionate about reading, learning, traveling and connecting to people