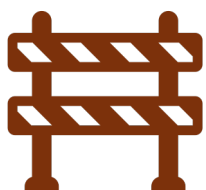


# Advocacy and policy impact: MS Society of Serbia



## ■ Identifying barriers

- 9,000 people with MS in Serbia
- Limited access to therapy owing to financial constraints
- Poor understanding of need for new treatments

## ■ Using MS Brain Health resources

- *Brain health: time matters in MS* report translated into Serbian
- Supports argument for timely diagnosis and treatment initiation
- Professor Giovannoni working with MS Society of Serbia medical board



## ■ Reaching the right audience

- *Brain health: time matters in MS* report submitted to government, including President, Prime Minister and Minister of Health and Finance
- Also shared with Director of Serbian Health Insurance Fund
- Ongoing communications with relevant parties



## ■ Gaining a voice

- MS Society of Serbia now has representation in the Serbian Health Insurance fund
- Collaboration established with MS Working Group of the Serbian Society for Neurology
- 30 local associations meeting with healthcare professionals and patients

