Chronic diseases’ networks added value in policy making
Different successful models to networking

The European Chronic Disease Alliance (ECDA)

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United to reverse the rise in chronic disease
ECDA – a key stakeholder that brings value

Patients
HCPS
Researchers
Care-takers

Kidney diseases
Cancer
Diabetes
CVDs
Allergies
Liver diseases
COPD & asthma
ECDA’s structure

• Association *de fait*
• Full and Associate members
• Unanimously adopted decisions
• Professional secretariat
Why use advocacy?
The burden of chronic diseases

GET THE FACTS
Benefits of Stakeholders involvement in response to Chronic Diseases

• For the EU policymakers

• For the EU stakeholders
What ECDA does

Drafting white papers and statements, providing input to consultations, sending letters, taking part in an EU Funded project, press articles – advocacy tools are numerous.
What ECDA does - 2

Meeting with key EU officials - and in particular, directors & heads of unit at the DG SANCO

EU Commissioner for health, **Tonio Borg**

- EU health award, Gastein 2010
ECDA Call for Action

Urgent political action is needed to reduce the human, social and economic burden of chronic diseases.

We, as ECDA, representing millions of patients and over 100,000 health professionals call for:
EU framework on Chronic Diseases

- EU added-value
  - Encourage citizens to make healthy choices
  - Invest in prevention
  - Ensure availability of comparable data

- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation in collaboration with relevant stakeholders

- Incorporate targets
  - Intervene on health determinants
  - Enhance cooperation on research

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To recap – a Key Political Momentum for CDs

**ECDA five key Recommendations**

1. The EU must adopt a comprehensive framework on chronic diseases that leverages EU and MS regulatory competences and resources in all policies.

2. The EU must support MS in adapting health care systems to respond to the growing burden of chronic diseases, ageing population and increasing prevalence of co-morbidities.

3. The EU should introduce population-wide measures to reduce the key risk factors.

4. Successful and proven harm reduction policies should also remain in place in the MS and be properly resourced.

5. Monitoring and evaluating actions for chronic diseases should encompass establishing EU-wide surveillance and screening programmes (EU registries).
Thank you

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