iCPS Diabetes Europe
Roundtable 2019

Wednesday, 8th May 2019
10:00 am to 3:45 pm
Hotel Pullman Brussels Centre Midi

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On behalf of the International Centre for Parliamentary Studies, I would like to welcome you to the iCPS Diabetes Europe Roundtable, here in Brussels, the heart of policy in the European Union.

I would like to express my gratitude to the European Commission, Member State representatives and other key stakeholders within the European diabetes community attending today.

Over the years iCPS has endeavored to provide a platform for policy makers, national representatives, patient groups, academic experts, practitioners, patient groups and industry from across the European Union to come together to discuss the key challenges and opportunities in the field of healthcare. We actively promote and encourage a multi-stakeholder inclusive set of recommendations on improving the health of patients suffering from Europe’s most prevalent diseases, such as diabetes, cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, cancer, infectious diseases and mental disorders.

Today, we come together to evaluate the progress made toward conquering diabetes in Europe and examine current policy guidelines and strategies to support member states in managing and caring for EU citizens with this devastating disease.

According to IDF, diabetes affects around 382 million people worldwide. In Europe, prevalence estimates now stand at 8.5% of the population aged between 20 and 79 years – meaning that 56.3 million people are living with diabetes in the whole of Europe. This is forecast to rise to 68.9 million by 2035.

To reverse this trend, it is pertinent to tackle the persisting gaps and missed opportunities in the EU battle against diabetes. The basis for such an action lies in an objective and factual assessment of the situation.

Diabetes is becoming a public health crisis due to unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and increases in obesity levels. If those affected by diabetes do not correctly manage their condition, they are likely to become progressively ill and debilitated, and over time diabetes can damage the heart, blood vessels, kidneys, eyes and nerves.

We have the opportunity to do something. Education at the point of diagnosis is crucial as that is when the shock level is highest, and people are more likely to make dramatic changes to lifestyle. During the roundtable, we will examine the ongoing challenges in managing diabetes more effectively and explore practical solutions in order to reach an EU-wide consensus and implement a forward action plan.

We encourage you to join in and participate during the discussions in order to ‘stress test’ suggestions and solutions. Notes will also be taken today and form part of an Overview, featuring within a Diabetes Report which will be published in the Government Gazette, the quarterly European policy publication.

At the end of the roundtable, you will be invited to share your recommendations by submitting a contribution within the Diabetes Report, details of which are on page 9. The report will act as the formal platform to communicate our recommendations. It will be delivered to European and member state policy makers within healthcare and specifically those with a vested interest in improving diabetes care.

Finally, I would like to thank Professor Philip Home who will chair this significant roundtable and help maximize the collective expertise here.

I hope you have a productive day and enjoy our networking lunch this afternoon.

Join the conversation on Twitter @GovtGazette

Sincerely,

Alexander Smith
Head of European Healthcare, iCPS
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The International Centre for Parliamentary Studies (iCPS) exists to promote effective policy making and good governance through better interaction between Parliaments, Governments and other stakeholders in society.

The Centre’s primary focus is the empowerment of human capital through capacity building. To this effect, the Centre organises a range of training programmes, conferences, policy discussions and research projects to address current public policy issues in the United Kingdom, the European Union and on the international stage. These provide a forum for policy discussion, debate, networking and sharing of best practices.

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European Commissioner for Trade

David Cameron  
Former UK Prime Minister

Gunther Oettinger  
Former European Commissioner for Digital Economy & Society

Helle Thorning-Schmidt  
Former Danish Prime Minister
Chair and Presenter’s Biography

Prof. Philip Home
Professor, Institute of Cellular Medicine - Newcastle University, United Kingdom
Chair of the Diabetes Europe Roundtable 2019

Trained in medicine at Oxford University and Guy’s Hospital, Prof. Philip Home is a Professor of Diabetes Medicine at the Institute of Cellular Medicine - Newcastle University, UK. He practised in diabetes care and disorders of lipid metabolism at the Newcastle Diabetes Centre and at the Newcastle Hospitals until end 2011.

With a background in pharmacology and medicine, he was part of the external panel of the Committee of Safety of Medicines (UK) and later the MHRA. Subsequently, he was the Vice-chairman of the Appraisal Committee of the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (UK) (2000-2011). He has given evidence at Federal Drugs Administration (USA) hearings and advised EMA on diabetes medication regulation.

In the United Kingdom, Prof. Home has been Chairman of the Joint Royal College of Physicians/Specialist Societies’ Endocrinology and Diabetes Committee, and was Senior Scientific Advisor to the UK Type 2 Diabetes guidelines Initiative.

He was the former Editor of Diabetic Medicine and IDF's Diabetes Voice. He has twice served in editorial boards of the monthly peer-reviewed journal, Diabetes Care and has advised several other international diabetes journals.

He has assisted in diabetes developments in many countries, including the states of Central Asia, Kuwait and other countries in connection with national diabetes programmes, and has been involved in teaching and/or diabetes care provision in countries as diverse as China, Paraguay, Malta, Russia, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Australia.

Prof. Dr. Sehnaz Karadeniz
Regional Chair, IDF Europe

An ophthalmologist, Sehnaz has been actively involved in the field of diabetes for the past 20 years in a series of medical, scientific, and social projects both at national and international levels.

She is the Founding Member and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Turkish Diabetes Foundation (TURKDIAB), which was established in 1996. She served as the President of the Living with Diabetes Association, a nationwide patients’ organisation, between the years 2004-2007, and as a Board Member between 2008-2014 for Association development.

Dr. Karadeniz joined the board of International Diabetes Federation European Region (IDF Europe) in 2007, and acts as the Chair of IDF European Region as of Dec. 2015. She is also a Council Member of EASD for the term 2014-2017.
Presenters’ Biographies

Dr. Miguel Lizaso
Scientific Officer in charge of diabetes and obesity research, European Commission (DG RTG)

Dr. Miguel Lizaso has been the Scientific Project Officer in the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, in the Non communicable diseases and the challenge of healthy ageing Unit, since 2012.

He contributes to the technical orientation and development of relevant policies in the field of research for non-communicable diseases. He also assists in the implementation of EC research programmes by managing projects of the directorate Health. He is focused in the field of diabetes and obesity research, including research for disease management, control and prevention, across a broad range from basic research to implementation.

Before joining the European Commission, he worked for a Regional Public Administration in Spain as Public Health Inspector. He also has extensive experience in the field of Food and Nutrition. Dr. Lizaso has a Degree in Veterinary Science and an MBA from the University of Saragossa, Spain.

Prof. John Nolan
Executive Director, European Diabetes Forum (EUDF)

Prof. John Nolan is Professor of Endocrinology & Metabolism (adjunct) at Trinity College Dublin and leads the European Diabetes Forum, launched in 2018.

His career has included faculty appointments at the University of California San Diego and the University of Copenhagen. From 2011-2016 John Nolan was CEO and Head of the Steno Diabetes Center in Copenhagen.

He is a member of a new taskforce of the American Diabetes Association focused on Precision Medicine.

Chris J. Delicata
Chair, European Coalition for Diabetes

Chris J. Delicata, is actively involved in advocating for the Diabetes cause, both locally and internationally.

From 2003 until 2015, he was actively involved with the International Diabetes Federation serving a four-year term as President of the European Region of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF-Europe) for the period 2008-2012 and Vice President of the International Diabetes Federation for three years during the period 2013 to 2015.

He was a founding member of the European Coalition for Diabetes since 2009 and still serves as Chairman to date.

In 2019, he was appointed as a trustee of the Alliance for European Diabetes Research (EURADIA). He is also Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Diabetes Global Network (PDGN).

On a local level, Mr. Delicata has been actively involved in the Maltese Diabetes Association since 2001 and is currently President of the Association.
**Programme**

**Chair:** Prof. Philip Home, Institute of Cellular Medicine - Newcastle University, UK

09:30 – 10:00  Registration and Morning Coffee

10:00 – 11:30  **Session I: Analysing the Current Policy Framework of Diabetes in the EU and Member States**

- Welcome address by Alexander Smith, Head of European Healthcare, ICPS
- Opening of Roundtable by Prof. Philip Home, Chair
- Viewpoint by Dr. Miguel Lizaso, Scientific Officer in charge of diabetes and obesity research, European Commission (DG RTD)
- Viewpoint by Prof. Dr. Sehnaz Karadeniz, Regional Chair, IDF Europe
- “Are National Diabetes plans effective on a national level?” by Chris J. Delicata, Chair, European Coalition for Diabetes
- Measuring the success of current EU-wide policies and national diabetes plans
- Improving societal engagement and public attitudes in prevention and detection of diabetes
- Collaborating with the food and other relevant industries to develop a conceptual framework for prevention

11:30 – 11:45  Group Photo and Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:00  **Session II: Improving Diagnosis, Patient Treatment and Care**

- “Improving diabetes outcomes: a multi-stakeholder approach in Europe,” by Prof. John Nolan, Executive Director, European Diabetes Forum
- Fostering multidisciplinary, systematic and personalised treatment for people with diabetes
- Managing diabetes for the youth and elderly
- What cost control measures can be implemented without limiting quality of treatment?
- Diabetes self-management: education and support in Type 2 Diabetes
- Educational awareness centres: schools, workplaces, and food industry (labelling and advertising)
- How can we improve early diagnosis of complications related to diabetes to improve long term outcomes?
- Rights and responsibilities for people with diabetes

13:00 – 14:00  Networking Lunch

14:00 – 15:15  **Session III: Fostering Research, Innovation and Drugs Development**

- Latest advances in diabetes research and clinical practice: Bridging gaps between clinical reality and guidelines
- Centralising and improving patient data collection
- Efficient regulation to embrace innovation
- Multi-stakeholder involvement – how can we facilitate this?

15:15 – 15:45  **Recommendations and Close of Roundtable**

- Recommendations for policy makers, governments and key stakeholders to support an EU-wide strategy: tour de table of each participant’s final recommendation for the Diabetes Report
- Chair’s closing remarks
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As the official media partner of the iCPS Diabetes Europe Roundtable 2019, GOVERNMENT GAZETTE will publish an exclusive Diabetes Report in October 2019, analysing current policy guidelines and strategies to support member states in diagnosing, treating and caring for EU citizens with diabetes and including perspectives from health professionals, industry leaders and academics. Key challenges will be highlighted and recommendations will be included to support policy making.

As a participant of the Roundtable, we invite you to contribute within the Diabetes Report. This can include your viewpoints or recommendations regarding current policies on prevention, education, screening, treatment, care or research relating to diabetes within Europe. The precise focus of the article could be on any aspect of management of diabetes within the European Union, that you may currently wish to focus on or draw attention to.

Please send your contributions to submissions@governmentgazette.co.uk by Monday, 17th of June 2019 with a maximum word count of 800 words. Please be advised that your contribution will be published in the print, online and digital editions of Government Gazette.

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We look forward to receiving your contribution.

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