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12-13 December 2016  
Thon Hotel EU, Brussels, Belgium

# The European Response to Chronic Diseases - the Role of Civil Society

## Meeting Objectives

- 1 **To review** the current status and facilitate sharing of experiences among regional and national NCD civil society organisations (CSOs) active in Europe
- 2 **To strengthen** the capacity of NCD civil society organisations in forming alliances to drive advocacy, policy, and accountability
- 3 **To support** implementation of the 2016-2025 WHO European Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs, and other regional NCD priorities, through effective collaboration between CSOs, including patient organisations, within and across countries, with WHO Regional Office for Europe, European Union (EU) and national policymakers

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# Meeting Programme

## DAY 1

Monday, 12 December 2016



09:00 – 09:30 Registration & Coffee

### 09:30 – 11:00 INAUGURAL SESSION

#### **Introduction & Objectives of the meeting**

*Prof Johan de Sutter, Acting Chairman, European Chronic Disease Alliance (ECDA)*

#### **The EU NCD response and the role of civil society**

*EC speaker (TBC)*

#### **Meeting the challenge of NCDs: international frameworks and the role of civil society**

*Dr Bente Mikkelsen, Head, Secretariat of the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of NCDs*

#### **The contributions of NCD civil society towards ensuring national, regional and global progress**

*Katie Dain, Executive Director, NCD Alliance*



11:00 - 11:30 Group Photo & Coffee Break

### 11:30 – 13:00 SESSION 1

#### **Profiling NCD Civil Society in Europe**

**This session will aim to provide an overview of NCD civil society in the European Region, highlighting strengths, challenges, opportunities and good practices.**

*Moderator: Prof Joep Perk, Advocacy Committee, European Society of Cardiology*

#### **The European Chronic Disease Alliance: Areas of work, experiences, challenges, lessons learnt and good practices**

*Prof Johan de Sutter, Acting Chairman, ECDA*

#### **NCD civil society in the WHO European region, situational analysis results**

*Dmitriy Yanin, Confederation of Consumer Societies (KONFOP)*

#### **Areas of work, experiences, challenges, lessons learnt and good practices**

*Ingrid Stenstavold Ross, Head of Section for Prevention, Norwegian Cancer Society*

#### **25 by 25 in practice in the UK**

*Dr Simon Gillespie, Richmond Group (TBC)*

#### **Addressing NCDs by building off existing networks – challenges and opportunities**

*Elif Dagli, Turkish Coalition on Tobacco or Health*



Discussion



13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 SESSION 2

## Fostering cooperation between CSOs and policymakers at local, national and regional level

**This session will aim to provide examples of effective collaboration and opportunities for exchange between stakeholders.**

Moderator: *Prof Guy Joos, President, European Respiratory Society*

### **Patient-centred approach to early detection of NCDs: from a disease approach to an NCD cluster approach**

*Lydia Makaroff, Executive Director, European Cancer Patients Coalition (TBC)*

### **Building legal capacity to support the NCD agenda**

*Speaker TBC*

### **National politician giving both national and EU perspective**

*Dr Ricardo Baptista, MP, Portugal (TBC)*

### **Health attaché from Eastern Europe/non-EU perspective**

*Csaba Kontor, Hungary Health Attaché (TBC)*

### **WHO European Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs 2016-2025**

*Dr Jill Farrington, Senior Technical Officer, WHO Regional Office for Europe*



Discussion



16:00 – 16:30 Tea / Coffee

16:30 – 17:30 SESSION 3

## Addressing common risk factors for NCDs in Europe

**This session will aim to provide an overview of civil society addressing common risk factors for NCDs in the European Region, highlighting strengths, challenges, opportunities and good practices.**

Moderator: *Nina Renshaw, Secretary General, European Public Health Alliance*

### **Trade and taxation insights from tobacco experience for alcohol control (drawing from experience into negotiating on trade issues, taxation, etc)**

*Fiona Godfrey, EU Policy Director European Association for the Study of the Liver (TBC)*

### **The role of fiscal policies in preventing NCDs - case study Finland**

*Speaker from OECD and Stella De Sabata, Regional Director, International Diabetes Federation European Region (TBC)*

### **Lessons learnt from EU Nutrition Platform (TFAs)**

*Susanne Løgstrup, Director, European Heart Network*

### **Salt restriction as an example of action at policy level to improve general health and prevent chronic disease**

*Prof Raymond Vanholder, Chairman, European Kidney Health Alliance*



Discussion



17:30 – 18:00 Closing remarks

# Meeting Programme

## DAY 2

Tuesday, 13 December 2016



09:00 – 09:15 **Recap of DAY 1**  
Moderators Sessions Day 1

09:15 - 10:30 **SESSION 1**  
**Breakout Session I**

### GROUP WORK

*Groups will undertake a SWOT analysis of the current status and capacity at local/national level and discuss the contributions of CSOs towards supporting implementation of the 2016-2025 European WHO NCD Action Plan and define strategies for better alignment and collaboration. Groups will identify and prioritise common CSO needs in order to participate in efforts for prevention and control of NCDs.*



10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00 **SESSION 1**  
**Breakout Session II**

**Continuation of group work**  
**Group report back and plenary discussion**



13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:00 **SESSION 2**  
**Wrap-up and Conclusions**

**This session will summarise the 2 day's proceedings and will agree on a list of follow-up actions for increased engagement and action of NCD civil society as part of a broader multi-sectoral response to NCDs to support the WHO Action Plan on NCDs 2016-2025.**

Moderator: *NCDA, WHO, ECDA*