



Invitation to endorse Call to Action to boost the employment of people with chronic diseases


The European Chronic Disease Alliance (ECDA) led the development of a joint stakeholder statement with recommendations to the European Commission and Members States for a sustainable employability of people with chronic diseases in Europe.


Developed together with 16 organisations via the European Commission's online EU Health Policy Platform, the **Call to Action on the employment of people with chronic diseases is open for endorsement until March 2018**. Over 38 organisations from the health, social and employment sectors are now supporting the work, which was launched and presented to the European Commission on the 27th of November 2017.

Four priority areas for action are identified in the document:

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1. Invest in the prevention and earlier detection of chronic diseases to fight the epidemic
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2. Integrate primary and specialist care to strengthen chronic disease rehabilitation, recovery and employment
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3. Put in place adequate policy frameworks and incentives to support the employment, return-to-work or retention at work of people with chronic diseases
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4. Ensure appropriate training of employers on the issue of chronic diseases and working conditions and promote awareness at the work place

The organisations also recommend to adopt a patient-centric approach by involving patients, their organisations and carers in all relevant initiatives.

An accompanying [framing paper](#) presents an overview of the situation and an economic analysis of the benefits of the professional (re)integration of people with chronic diseases. It also includes case studies and good practices in European countries in managing chronic diseases and employment prospects.

How to endorse the recommendations?

To express support to the [Call to Action](#), send the logo of your organisation by email to the ECDA Secretariat at info@alliancechronicdiseases.org by March 2018.

We also invite you to spread the word and disseminate widely the Call to Action, Framing Paper and Infographic, available for download [here](#).

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