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# OUR ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE

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# **International Diabetes Federation Europe**

European Chapter of IDF  
69 Member Associations in 47  
European countries



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## OUR ACTIVITIES aim

to influence policy

increase public awareness

encourage health improvement

promote the exchange of high-quality information  
about diabetes

provide diabetes education



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## OUR ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES cover

Policy issues at the European level  
Support to IDF Global advocacy campaigns

## OUR ADVOCACY TARGETS are

EU institutions  
Council of Europe  
WHO European Region

## Our Partners in Diabetes Advocacy

European Coalition for Diabetes

EU Diabetes Working Group

European Association for the Study of Diabetes

## Our Participation in Health Advocacy

European Chronic Disease Alliance

European Patients' Forum

European Public Health Alliance

Health First Europe



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# EU DIABETES WORKING GROUP

The EU Diabetes Working Group (EUDWG) is a **group of cross-party, cross-national MEPs with particular interest in diabetes.**

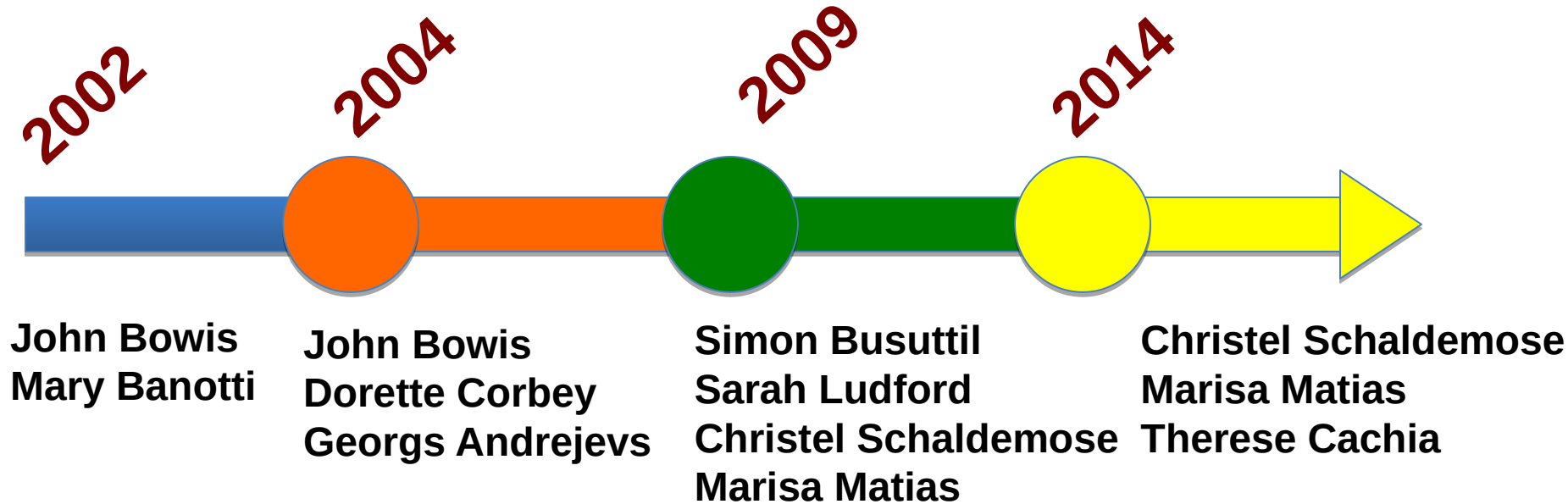


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# A bit of history



*European Coalition for Diabetes*



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# MISSION OF THE EU DIABETES WORKING GROUP

- ✓ Raise awareness of the diabetes epidemic among MEPs
- ✓ Stress the need for urgent actions
- ✓ Ensure diabetes is prioritized on the EU agenda
- ✓ Map out concrete actions for change
- ✓ Obtain the support of other MEPs for diabetes-related initiatives
- ✓ Maintain regular contact with MEPs and provide them with up-to-date and accurate information



# OBJECTIVES OF THE EU DIABETES WORKING GROUP

- ✓ **Public Health:** Gain recognition of diabetes as an EU public health priority and support cross-sectoral policies/legislation that promote awareness, prevention, diagnosis and management of diabetes
- ✓ **Research:** Secure increased funding and better coordination in all fields of diabetes research in Europe
- ✓ **Consumer Protection:** Ensure that consumers, including people with diabetes, have clear and easily understandable information on the content and nutritional value of the food they buy
- ✓ **Employment & Social Affairs:** Support EU policies and legislation that prevent the discrimination of people with diabetes in all aspects of their life, including education, recreation and employment.
- ✓ **Patient Rights & Safety:** Put patients, including those living with diabetes, at the centre of EU healthcare policies and legislation and ensure that their rights and safety are protected

A European voice with one common goal -  
to improve the lives of persons living with Diabetes in Europe.



**4 organisations** - the Alliance for European Diabetes Research (EURADIA), the Foundation of European Nurses in Diabetes (FEND), the International Diabetes Federation (IDF Europe), and Primary Care Diabetes Europe (PCDE) made a significant stride forward in their efforts to **coordinate their EU policy action**.

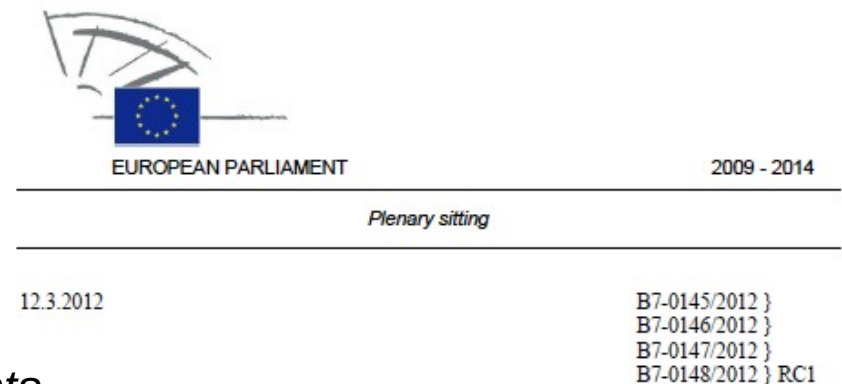


## OBJECTIVES OF THE EUROPEAN COALITION FOR DIABETES (ECD)

- ✓ Overarching objective: improve **prevention of diabetes, as well as the health and quality of life** of European citizens living with diabetes, by influencing EU policy.
- ✓ **Advocate EU Presidencies** to feature diabetes on their health agenda - resulting in a strong statement to the European Commission
- ✓ Advocate **EU Health Commissioner to address diabetes** during his mandate
- ✓ Advocate **EU Research Commissioner to include diabetes as a major focus area.**
- ✓ Leverage the support of **the European Parliament** to influence EU institutions the EU Diabetes Working Group (EUDWG) - **use EUDWG as the key driver for change**

# Achievements

- ✓ **March 2012:** years of committed advocacy work by the ECD and EUDWG was rewarded by one of their most important achievements: on 14 March 2012, the European Parliament adopted by a large majority a **Resolution on Addressing the EU Diabetes Epidemic.**



[www.idf.org/regions/EUR/landmarkdocuments](http://www.idf.org/regions/EUR/landmarkdocuments)

## JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 110(4) of the Rules of Procedure

replacing the motions by the following groups:

S&D (B7-0145/2012)

ALDE (B7-0146/2012)

PPE (B7-0147/2012)

GUE/NGL (B7-0148/2012)

on addressing the EU diabetes epidemic

Calls on the Commission and Member States to develop and implement a **targeted EU Diabetes Strategy** in the form of an EU Council Recommendation on diabetes prevention, diagnosis, management, education and research.

Calls on the Member States to develop, implement and monitor **national diabetes programmes** aimed at health promotion, risk-factor reduction and the prediction, prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of diabetes, targeting both the population at large and high-risk groups in particular, and designed to reduce inequalities and optimise healthcare resources;

Calls on the Member States to develop **diabetes management programmes** based on best practices and evidence-based treatment guidelines

Calls on the Member States to ensure **continued patient access in primary and secondary care to high-quality interdisciplinary teams**, diabetes treatments and technologies, including ehealth technologies, and to support patients in obtaining and sustaining the skills and understanding needed to enable competent life-long self-management



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## EUROPEAN POLICY ACTION NETWORK ON DIABETES

- Consolidating a pan-European network of parliamentarians to hold governments to account
- Platform to exchange best practice and evidence







# DIABETES IN EUROPE

## POLICY PUZZLE

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# NATIONAL DIABETES PLANS IN EUROPE



**2011**

25 out of 47 countries  
have a National  
Diabetes Plan in place

**2014**

30 out of 47 countries  
have a National  
Diabetes Plan in place

# NATIONAL DIABETES REGISTER



30 countries reported having  
some kind of national  
diabetes register

More than 83% considered  
these registers to be  
incomplete

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## ACCESS TO QUALITY MEDICINES AND MEDICAL DEVICES FOR DIABETES CARE IN EUROPE



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A word cloud of terms related to diabetes care, arranged in a circular shape. The words include: CITIZENS, AFFORDABILITY, INFORMATION, CHILDREN, SUPPORT, QUALITY, PEOPLE, TYPE 1, DIABETES, RIGHTS, MONITORING, INNOVATION, PROTECTION, EDUCATION, SUSTAINABILITY, CARE, REIMBURSEMENT, COSTS, FAMILY, ACCESSIBILITY, MEDICINES, PRICING, EQUALITY, POLICIES, TREATMENT, SAFETY, MANAGEMENT, AVAILABILITY, IMPACT, TYPE 2, DIABETES, SHORTAGE, SUPPLY, MEDICAL, DEVICES, and EQUITY.



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# ACCESS TO QUALITY MEDICINES AND MEDICAL DEVICES IN EUROPE

## Scope

- 47 countries divided into 5 sub-regions
  - 12 categories of diabetes products
- 3 + 2 dimensions of access: **Availability, Accessibility, Affordability + Quality and Equity**





# ACCESS TO QUALITY MEDICINES AND MEDICAL DEVICES IN EUROPE

- All European countries offer at least some coverage to diabetes products but gaps remain not only at the subregion level but also between the countries
- There are wide disparities between the diabetes prevalence between the countries in Europe, and the level of priority it has on the political agenda



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Thank you ....

