

1ST JA-CHRODIS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

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Speech of Antonio Andreu, Director General of the National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII):

Good afternoon Secretary General for Health and Consumer, representatives of DG SANTE, Governing Board and Executive Committee Members of Chrodis.

It is a pleasure for me to be here today and have the opportunity to attend the first Governing Board Meeting of the Joint Action Chrodis. Allow me as well to express my gratitude to the Governing Board Members for their commitment and interest on the Joint Action and Spain's Ministry of Health for their leadership in bringing together representatives from 18 different Ministries of Health across Europe.

As the main Public Research Body in Spain devoted to the funding, execution and management of Health Research, one of ISCIII's biggest challenges is to ensure the use of research for a higher efficiency of our resources and for our contribution on the definition of policies and decision making related to the Health Care System. In this regard, Chrodis represents the opportunity to accomplish this challenge through an effective and efficient way: through transnational cooperation (sharing and learning from others) with the generation of relevant outcomes in chronicity prevention and health promotion, management of multi morbid conditions and diabetes, the adoption of a scientifically based consensus process to determine the best practices and guidelines and the access of these best practices to the community, including policy makers.

But none of this will be of use if patients and their families, social and health care professionals, health organizations and national health systems, policy makers from across Europe do not benefit from the efforts partners and the EC are investing in terms of human and economic resources. We believe that knowledge gained through the research process and the professional's expertise and experience is of no use if it is not put into practice; in other words, if it's not translated into clinical practice

and/or health policies that reach society. And this is one of the main reasons and values of the Governing Board. With your involvement you add value not only to the development and success of the Joint Action through your vision and expertise, but also to the potential of implementing the outcomes in our countries improving the wellbeing and health of citizens.

I would like to conclude thanking you again for your presence and wishing you a fruitful meeting.

Antonio Andreu