

## **1<sup>ST</sup> JA-CHRODIS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

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### **Speech of Alfonso Beltrán, Deputy Director of International Research Programmes and External Relations:**

Good morning representatives of DG SANTE, Advisory 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 Advisory Board Meeting of the Joint Action Chrodis.

First of all I would like to convey to the Advisory Board, on behalf of the Instituto de Salud “Carlos III”, as well as my own behalf, our gratitude for agreeing in being part of this Joint Action. I would also like to express my gratitude to DG SANTE for their support and commitment with this transnational initiative that brings together 25 EU Member States and Norway.

The JA Chrodis was launched nearly a year ago with the important mission of promoting and facilitating a process of exchange and transfer of good practices across Europe, addressing chronic conditions and focusing on health promotion and primary prevention as well as the management of diabetes and multi-morbidity conditions. This goal is already being developed by the cooperative work of 7 work packages that will finally reflect their outcomes and efforts in a Platform of Knowledge Exchange open to the communities. For us (ISCIII and the Ministry of Health) Chrodis is an ambitious project with important consequences not only to research but also to the policy maker community. With our support to this Joint Action, we state our commitment to encourage initiatives that achieve a change in behavior and an improvement in outcomes that will have an impact on the European society.

We hope that after this meeting today we are able to reflect and convince you (if you are not already) about the relevance of this initiative and the significance and need of your

contributions and expertise to ensure an optimal overall scientific quality of all components. In other words, to develop a better Chrodis.

Allow me welcome you on board and thank you again for your involvement.

Alfonso Beltrán