

# Joint Action on Chronic Diseases and Promoting Healthy Ageing Across the Life Cycle

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## 2ND STAKEHOLDER FORUM REPORT

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The meeting was co-chaired by Juan E. Riese, former Coordinator and Teresa Chavarria, acting Coordinator of the Joint Actions CHRODIS, and moderated by Nicoline Tamsma, President of EuroHelathNet.

### Objectives

The objectives of this 2<sup>nd</sup> forum were:

- To update on the first year of activities of the Joint Action.
- To inform on the planned activities for 2015.
- To get input from the Stakeholders on entry points for involvement, synergies and next steps.

### Participants

See Annex 1 for full list of participants to this forum.

### Keynote lecture

Professor Raymond Vanholder, from the European Alliance on Non Communicable Diseases (ECDA), addressed the keynote speech on “The next steps for driving change in the prevention and management of chronic diseases in Europe”. He emphasised on common risks factors of Chronic Diseases (CDs) and their huge socio-economic toll in EU citizen.

**Five key recommendations to drive change in the care of CDs in Europe were proposed:**

1. The EU must adopt a comprehensive framework on chronic diseases that leverages EU and MS regulatory competences and resources in all policies.



2. The focus of the European Framework for Chronic Diseases must be to tackle the prevention of diseases, whether these are caused by behavioural, social, environmental, or other factors.

3. The Framework needs to:

3.1 Address screening and earlier diagnosis

3.2 Emphasise the crucial importance of multidisciplinary management of chronic diseases such as long-term follow up and investment in research

3.3 Keep the patients at the centre and healthcare professionals involved in all policy initiatives.

JA-CHRODIS is the key instrument for CD in Europe. The work of CHRODIS synergises well with the ECDA's key recommendations on the following ways:

**1) JA-CHRODIS is an EU Framework on Chronic Diseases, including:**

- Stronger cooperation between stakeholders across the EU
- Focus on prevention and health promotion
- Enhanced exchange of information

**2) JA-CHRODIS is adapting healthcare systems to the reality of CDs:** CHRODIS' approach addresses multi-morbidity from the perspective of multi-disciplinary and integrated care.

**3) JA-CHRODIS is developing effective policies:** the CHRODIS platform for exchange of good practices should become an essential tool for policy makers in designing successful health policy.

## EIP-AHA Presentation

The representative of DG SANTE, Mrs Eibhilin Manning, underlined on the importance of the collaboration of the European Innovation Partnership on Active Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA) with JA-CHRODIS, highlighting the good practice collection, the work of the Action Groups, and synergies across the Action Groups as well as the monitoring framework and scaling up strategy. The EIP on AHA objectives can be resumed at the following points: Improving the health and quality of life of Europeans with a focus on older people; Supporting the long-term sustainability and efficiency of health and



social care systems and enhancing the competitiveness of EU industry through business and expansion in new markets. The Pro-EIPAHA project is developing a repository to store the EIP-AHA good practices collected through the different Actions Groups. The repository is foreseen to be ready by June 2015.

## JA-CHRODIS challenges for 2015

Three major points figure in the challenges list of JA-CHRODIS for 2015:

- 1. Outreach and dissemination:** the communication strategy plan will be strengthening by increasing the involvement of stakeholders in dissemination activities; by the production of newsletters every semester and bulletins every two months; by updating periodically the website with information on work packages progress and deliverables and by attending relevant events related to DCs.
- 2. Building synergies:** JA-CHRODIS will foster its collaboration with EIP on AHA and other EU initiatives with participation and representations in conferences, workshop and other events related to CDs and will promote the involvement of stakeholders in activities and establishment of continuous exchange of information and feedback to improve the work of the JA.
- 3. Involving policy makers:** The coordination together with work packages leaders and co-leaders and with the support of the Governing Board (Forum of Ministries) will bring CHRODIS to relevant policy institutions at the national and European level (EU Parliament, national representatives EU).

## Debate

### Involvement of stakeholders in JA-CHRODIS core work packages

Participants insisted in the acceptance of new collaborating partners from non EU countries and non-public institutions. The PKE is considered the major link with EU and overseas institutions and a potent instrument of sustainability of the project. JA-CHRODIS could be replicable in any country with serious NCDs problems. The reports on health promotion identifying gaps in countries could be a good channel to help policy makers in their decisions to compensate structural problems or a lack of investment in the right domain.



### Communication between stakeholders and the JA-CHRODIS

The webpage is the major instrument of communication between stakeholders and the JA. It is important to have continuous update information available on the webpage. The first newsletter is pretty well appreciated by stakeholders and represents a predominant tool to share information regarding NCDs.

### Conclusions

**JA-CHRODIS** is a driver to bring together policy makers, health professional, health manager, patients, civil society and stakeholders to discuss the future of NDCs in Europe. Stakeholders' participation in activities will be promoted and they will receive update information regarding the ongoing activities of the JA in a monthly basis.

More information and the presentations are available at:  
<http://www.chrodis.eu/event/2nd-stakeholder-forum-draft/>



**ANNEX I. List of stakeholders (with signature) \***

<b>Names</b>	<b>Surnames</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Country</b>
Aleksandra	Heflich	European Renal Care Providers (ERCPA)	Belgium
Aleksandra	Sanak	Council of European Dentists	Belgium
Alice	Vertommen	ME Association	Belgium
Anneleen	Craps	Federal Public Service Health	Belgium
Annemieke	Heuvink	Expert Platform on Mental Health - Focus on Depression	Netherlands
Barbara	Ghizzoni	Cambre-Associates	Belgium
Begonya	Garcia-Zapirain	University of Deusto	Spain
Boris	Azais	MSD	France
Charlotte	Rulffs Klausen	Danish Diabetes Association	Denmark
David	Ritchie	North of England region	UK
Edward	Franek	Medical Research Center, Polish Academy of Sciences	Poland
Francesca	Cattarin	PMI	Italy
Garel	Pascal	European Hospital and Healthcare	Belgium
Gerard	Van der Zanden	UCL - University of Louvain	Belgium
Ghebreigiabihier	Ghebremedin	Italian Permanent Rep	Italy
Heather L.	Rogers	University of Deusto	Spain
Ioanna	Psalti	European Glaucoma Society	UK
Isabel	de Castro Asarta	EKHA	Belgium
Jordi	Rovira	Telefonica	Spain
Karen	Graham	Canada	Canada
Lucy	Vincent	Mesinca	France
Madan	Thangavelu	Research Council for Complementary Medicine UK	UK
Marie-Astrid	Libert	COCIR	Belgium
Marta	Gallardo	Government of Catalunya	Spain
Max	Wesseling	EPPOSI	Belgium
Mayur	Mandalia	International Diabetes Federation - Europe	Belgium
Merel	Leppens	EuropeActive	Belgium
Michael	Brennan	Pan European Networks	Belgium
Michal	Grinberg	European Renal Care Providers Association	Belgium
Mischa	van Eimeren	EASD	Germany
Naim	Mandri	Mission of Albania to the EU	Belgium
Nancy	Van Hoylandt	EMA / ME Association Belgium	Belgium
Nettie	Van der Auwera	Prevent Foundation	Belgium
Olga	Kozhaeva	ECCO - European CanCer Organisation	Belgium
Phan Thi	Huong	ULB	Belgium



Priscila	Seguí	Centre Balears Europa	Belgium
Roberta	Savli	EFA	Belgium
Sandra	Grobosch		Germany
Sandra	Hocevar	EPSA - European Pharmaceutical Students' Association	Slovenia
Sibilina	Quilici	SANOFI PASTEUR MSD	France
Sofia	Ribeiro	World Health Organization	Belgium
Stefanie	Gerlach	diabetesDE - German Diabetes Aid	Germany
Stephanie	Chauvet	Weber Shandwick	Belgium
Tibor	Hidvégi	Hungarian Diabetes Association	Hungary
Troels Anders	Rye-Andersen	Novo Nordisk A/S	Denmark
Veronique	De Broeck	Prevent	Belgium

*\*Not including associated/ collaborating participants, Governing or Advisory Board members participating in this forum*

