



**EUDF welcomes the publication of the EU Initiative ‘Healthier Together’ to reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases**

**The European Diabetes Forum (EUDF) welcomes the publication of the Healthier Together EU Non-Communicable Diseases Initiative** that aims to reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases, such as diabetes.

In Europe, today, 1 in 11 adults lives with diabetes, or an eye-opening 61m people total. In this context **there is a need to go beyond health promotion and disease prevention**. Other complementary, specific and targeted public health measures are essential to reduce the burden on people with diabetes and health systems.

EUDF welcomes the fact that Member States recognise that **effective screening strategies** are needed to **increase early diagnosis so that early intervention can lead to better patient outcomes**.

After diagnosis, **effective strategies to better manage all types of diabetes and reduce complications are needed**. As better knowledge and data, treatment management, and quality of life of patients are priorities for the diabetes strand in the Commission’s work, spearheading solutions in [integrated care](#), [registries](#), and [digitalisation](#) will promote a more data-driven and person-centric approach to healthcare and diabetes management, that should pay off in terms of fewer complications, improved quality of life and more efficient use of clinical resources.

**The EU NCD In initiative is a first important step to reduce the impact diabetes has in people and society, but it will not be enough to address it**. We believe specific objectives, targets and actions need to be developed as a follow up.