

## EUDF Full & Associate Membership for non-profit legal entities

The European Diabetes Forum (EUDF), founded by the European Association for the study of Diabetes (EASD), the European Foundation for the Study of diabetes (EFSD), the Foundation of European Nurses in Diabetes (FEND) and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) has been created to bring together multiple stakeholders from across the diabetes landscape in Europe. The mission of EUDF is to ensure that policy action can be directed towards driving better diabetes care at national and European level. EUDF was launched as a multi-stakeholder platform in Berlin on the eve of the 54th EASD Annual Scientific Meeting in 2018 to unite stakeholders from across the diabetes landscape in Europe, including policy makers, relevant research and scientific societies, patient organizations, professional healthcare organizations and institutions connected to diabetes related co-morbidities, pharmaceutical partners, relevant medical technology industries, in order to present a united voice on the needs of the diabetes community to governments, regulators, payers and others.

At the launch more than 70 committed experts from research, politics, patient organizations, foundations, the medical profession, industry and many more assembled to outline the main objectives, strategy and next steps of the Forum (set out below and formalized in the attached Articles of Association) and agreed a Call To Action. Our aim is not only to have a united voice - which is more likely to be heard – but also to establish a definitive program of goals developed by and involving all our members.

### Call to Action

EUDF calls all stakeholders in the diabetes community to:

- Foster alignment on the ambition to **improve outcomes by measuring and registering** patient outcomes
- Continuously **improving and innovating diabetes care** driven by policy action at European and national level
- Enlightening the way for **integrated care and sustainable financing of diabetes** in the future

### What is the focus of the Full & Associate Membership?

The EUDF is a forum for discussion with all relevant diabetes stakeholders, and for partnership together to achieve explicitly agreed outcomes. Much can be accomplished with a united voice and concerted action.

The European Diabetes Forum recognizes diabetes as a complex metabolic disease and is committed to multidisciplinary and holistic diabetes management and treatment. Pharmacotherapy and technology are important cornerstones of the medical approach to diabetes. In addition, non-pharmacological strategies such as physical activity, diet, psychological support are key features of the daily management of diabetes. While we recognize the diversity of available therapies, fundamental to diabetes medicine are the products and services developed by companies working in sectors such as pharmaceuticals and medical devices. Companies develop commercial e-health products and tools which will also contribute to the management and selfcare of those with diabetes.

The EUDF will assemble on a mutually respectful basis, to share insights, develop partnerships and discuss developments and solutions in the field of diabetes.

## Why join?

As a Full or Associate Member you will have unparalleled access to EUDF and its community of patients, payers, policy makers, industry supporting collaborators, clinicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals. The collaboration allows Full and Associate Members to engage in discussion on collaborative projects, and enables Members, with a united voice, to influence the diabetes policies in Europe.

## EUDF Objectives

- Provide an international powerful and cohesive platform in which diverse stakeholders are working together to further the improvement of diabetes prevention and diabetes care;
- Enable healthcare systems to cope with the diabetes pandemic while achieving the best possible outcomes for people with diabetes;
- Ensure the translation of research into policy actions towards better diabetes care at national and international level; and
- Defend, represent, and promote in the broadest sense of the word the common interests of its Members.

The Full and Associate Membership provides members with the opportunity to support these objectives in a financially, ethically, and transparently collaborative spirit.

## EUDF Strategy

EUDF aims to achieve its objectives primarily through projects in the fields of education and advocacy.

EUDF will develop, alone or in collaboration with third parties, initiatives to support the cooperation between members and/or stakeholders to :

- Exchange, collect and distribute information on diabetes, diabetes prevention and diabetes care, collect and analyze statistical data;
- Address diabetes issues through the development of policy actions at national and international level;
- Develop and coordinate joint projects of Members on diabetes care;
- Disseminate information and issue publications and communicate on the activities and achievements of EUDF;
- Organize and arrange congresses, seminars, workshops, and other programs and gatherings at international and national levels;
- Participate in European Union or other public authorities' programs, calls for proposals of the European Union, national governments or other public and semi-public authorities, and in general to apply for grants from the European Union, national governments or other public and semi-public authorities; and
- Cooperate with and assist other initiatives and/or organizations having a purpose similar to the purposes of the Association, as well as other regional and/or international initiatives and/or organizations.

## EUDF Operation

The Association shall have two membership categories: Full Members and Associate Members.

The General Assembly shall be composed of all Members. Each Member shall be represented at the General Assembly by its Representative(s).

### FULL MEMBERS

The category of Full Membership is open and accessible to any legal entity which:

- (a) Works in the diabetes scope and/or has a purpose similar to the purposes of the Association;
- (b) Is duly constituted in accordance with the laws and practices of its country of origin; and
- (c) Has the legal personality.

- Full Members shall enjoy all membership rights, including **voting rights at the General Assembly**, each Full Member shall have one (1) vote
- The Association shall be administered by a Board composed of minimum four (4) and maximum ten (10) members of the Board. Each member of the Board shall be a Representative of a Full Member. **Each Full Member may propose at least one (1) candidate member of the Board** to the Board. The Board must inform the Full Members as soon as a new election by the General Assembly is necessary
- A Full Member can be invited to participate to the **EUDF Board meetings** without voting rights (unless the Full Member is elected as a board member)
- A Full Member may request **ad-hoc advice from the Board** on diabetes issues
- The Board may establish and delegate tasks to the **Strategy Forum**. The Strategy Forum shall have a supporting role to the Board on specific issues. A Full Member can be appointed to the Strategy Forum by the board based on their expertise and interest on specific topics
- A Full Member can **propose mutually beneficial projects to the Board**, that supplement the core work of the Forum and contribute to the fulfilment of its objectives
- A Full Member can request that the Forum **disseminates information** on its projects where they are in line with the Forums objectives
- A Full Member will receive **acknowledgement** on our website and publications, during activities and publications
- A Full Member will be invited to the **activities of the EUDF**
- A Full Member will receive an **overview on how the funding** given through this membership is used by the Forum

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The category of Associate Membership is open and accessible to any legal entity:

- a) Duly constituted in accordance with the laws and practices of its country of origin;
- b) Having the legal personality;
- c) Does not meet the criteria to be eligible as a Full Member; and
- d) Wishing to support the work which forms the purpose of the Association, by its advice, influence, and activity.

- Associate Members shall have the **right to attend the meetings of the General Assembly without voting rights and with the right to be heard**
- An Associate Member can be invited to participate to the **EUDF Board meetings** without voting rights
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#### ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

Any applicant to membership shall submit an application for admission to membership via regular means of communication to the Board.

The Board shall submit this application for admission to the General Assembly after having verified that all conditions for membership are complied with. Subsequently, the General Assembly shall decide on the admission to membership either during a physical meeting or via the written/online procedure

#### Transparency and Reporting

- All funding will be made public, as will an annual summary of interactions and projects derived from the Membership.
- Members will be entitled to receive information on how the funding was used by the European Diabetes Forum.

**For more information on the Membership for non-profit legal entities, please contact [info@eudf.org](mailto:info@eudf.org).**