

Statement on the Initiative to Mobilize Parliamentarians to Act to prevent, Care and Treat diabetes (IMPACT).

It is with honour I join IDF Europe, National MP's and fellow MEP's in the IMPACT project.

Diabetes is a worldwide problem, which requires politicians, citizens and industries to stand closer together in the fight to prevent, care and treat.

The number of people with diabetes is growing globally with haste and initiatives are needed to counteract this development, which holds drastic consequences.

In Denmark, the number of diabetics has doubled from 2002-2012, which causes great concern. Not only for people living with the condition, but also for our society as a whole. While the cost of diabetes is high for society, the cost for the affected citizens, on an individual level, is too high to quantify.

This is why we as policy-makers have a responsibility to create a holistic framework encompassing both research and innovation, healthcare and information activities. This requires contributions by all affected parties - industry, health care professionals, patients and relatives as well as policy makers - to ensure a coherent approach to the prevention and management of diabetes, at a European level.

Therefore, I support IDF Europe in bringing together diabetics and professionals and providing information about diabetes, as an important contribution in the battle against diabetes.

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