To reverse the alarming rise in chronic diseases by providing leadership and policy recommendations based on contemporary evidence.

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In OECD countries, on average, only 3% of total health expenditure goes towards population-wide public prevention and 97% of health expenses are spent on treatment. It is estimated that chronic diseases cost the EU economy €700 billion annually.

Chronic diseases are interrelated and comorbidities are common. They are also among the most preventable diseases and can be effectively controlled.

ECDA Policy Priorities

- Primary and secondary prevention related to chronic diseases
- Common risk factors: tobacco use, poor nutrition, physical inactivity, alcohol consumption and environmental factors.

About ECDA

The European Chronic Disease Alliance (ECDA) is a Brussels-based alliance of eleven European health organisations representing major chronic diseases such as: cancer, cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases, diabetes, allergies, hypertension, kidney and liver diseases.

Together, ECDA represents millions of patients and over 200,000 health professionals.

In 2010, the alliance’s members joined forces to put the case for immediate political action to reverse the alarming rise in chronic diseases which affects over 100 million EU citizens.

ECDA members currently include:

- European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI)
- European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL)
- European CanCer Organisation (ECCO)
- European COPD Coalition (ECC)
- European Heart Network (EHN)
- European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA)
- European Respiratory Society (ERS)
- European Society of Cardiology (ESC)
- European Society of Hypertension (ESH)
- European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)
- International Diabetes Federation Europe (IDF Europe)