



Memorandum of Understanding

between

Italian Parliamentary Intergroup "Quality of Life in Cities" (IPQVCs) and Italian Parliamentary Intergroup "Obesity and Diabetes" (IPOD), in the person of its Chairperson Hon. Roberto Pella MP

and

UK All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) for Diabetes, in the person of its Chairperson RH Keith Vaz MP

WHEREAS

- Nearly 1 out of 10 people in Europe have diabetes, amounting to around 60m people;
- The number of people with diabetes is increasing in every country;
- It is estimated that there are currently about 22m undiagnosed cases in Europe undiagnosed;
- By 2045 the number of people with diabetes is expected to increase by 22% to 81m people in Europe;
- About 50% of people with diabetes are unaware of their condition, resulting in large investments on the part of society in the treatment of complications, such as blindness, amputations, as well as cardiovascular, renal and neurological disease. These complications are caused by both the failure to diagnose the disease and ineffective treatment;
- Diabetes is a 'silent killer': every 6 seconds someone dies from a diabetes related complication², the majority of who die due to a cardiovascular event;
- Rapid, global urbanization is changing both where we live and the way we live. City planning, policy, and culture have a direct impact on people's health and on the diabetes and obesity determinants;
- The human and economic costs can be significantly reduced by investing in the prevention – especially primary prevention – of the complications generated by diabetes;



- This health emergency also has a tremendous impact on the Colombia and Italy. The aforementioned statistics can no longer be ignored, and the entire diabetes community – specifically patients, healthcare professionals, and the industry – plays a fundamental role in giving voice to the problem;
- It is necessary to urge governments to become aware of the problem and the urgent need for effective solutions;
- The diabetes community has decided to confront the problem through the European Diabetes Forum;
- Italian Parliament and UK Parliament have established the IPQVCs, IPOD and APPGs whose aim is to assess the clinical, social, economic, and political impact of the diabetes in their respective countries;

WHEREAS

- a) Diabetes prevention is a primary tool that needs to be developed through synergic and coordinated actions, and is the common objective of both Parties;
- b) It is indispensable to work towards institutional partnership projects, establishing international relationships among qualified parliamentary, governmental, academic, and socio-scientific organisations able to supply instruments of analysis useful to assess health-related, social, and communication mechanisms;

THEREFORE

the following Memorandum of Understanding is entered by the Parties in order to

Art. 1 – Recitals

The recitals and attachments are an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter, the “**Memorandum**”) and constitute the primary agreement for interpretative purposes as well.



Art. 2 – Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum is to support the development, both in Italy and in the UK, of an institutional parliamentary partnership to defeat and prevent Diabetes. In this context, the Parties undertake to form a working table, having recourse to experts, health authorities, key decision makers, scientific societies, patient organizations, companies aimed at defining actions, indicators and verification tools, as well as any other initiative that can be useful to realise a

working partnership.

Art. 3 – Objective

The objective of this Memorandum is to continuously improve the quality of life of the people with diabetes and innovate diabetes care, driven by policy action aimed at achieving the following goals:

- focusing policy action on primary prevention of diabetes;
- improving strategies in secondary care to prevent diabetes complications.;
- publishing periodical reports capturing the state of implementation concerning healthcare and social policy to prevent diabetes;
- defining political, economic, social, and clinical indicators with which to monitor the situation of diabetes in Italy and in the UK;
- fostering the introduction of innovative approaches and broader evidence for diabetes care into policy, and policy into action;
- educating the diabetes landscape on policy themes that impact the management of diabetes;
- bending the curve of diabetes in urban contest;
- guiding the relevant funding agencies on the focus and priorities for research;
- creating a model of parliamentary alliance on diabetes in Europe.
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Art. 4 – Activities and Commitments of the Parties

- While the Memorandum is undergoing implementation, the Parties undertake to support it on the basis of a solidarity-based institutional partnership and by respecting the specific identities;
- IPQVCs, IPOD and APPGs will establish a board and its will organise specific institutional meeting to implement the purpose of Memorandum.

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