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Think Tank 1: NCDs



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- 1. Focus of the European Commission
- 2. Strengthen political leadership to address chronic diseases
- 3. Target key societal challenges
- 4. More efficient use of available resources
- 5. Strengthen involvement of citizens in policy
- 6. Strengthen evidence and information





1. Focus of EU Commission

Conclusions from 2014 EU Summit on Chronic Diseases

- As answer to UN High Level Meeting on NCDs in 2011
- Shifted focus from non-communicable to chronic diseases in general
- Guidelines for health invest:
 - On sustainable health systems
 - On people's health as human capital
 - In reducing health inequalities





2. Political Leadership

- Consistent and coordinated approaches
- Integration of health across policies
- Broad involvement of civil society
- Effective action on key risk factors:
 - Tobacco
 - Alcohol
 - Nutrition and physical activity
- Exploration of all possible instruments
- Effective health promotion





3. Target Key Societal Challenges

- Ageing societies
 - Flexible health and social systems
 - Better integration of services through innovation
- Integration of health across policies
- Health and social dimension of diseases
- Public measures and policies focused on:
 - Diseases with highest burden
 - Multi-morbidity
 - Link physical <-> mental health





4. Efficient Use of Resources

- Effective prevention
 - Focus on schools and workplaces
- Incentives for lifestyle change
- Effective funding
 - Programmes in R&D (EU and national level)
 - Nutrition and physical activity
- Integration of health into other policies
- Exploit e-health, m-health & further IT solutions





5. Involvement of Citizens in Policy

- Citizen & patient empowerment
- Focus on mechanisms including social media
- Patients as managers of their own disease
- Participation of patient (organisations) in health policy
- Prevention through health and social professionals
- Improve outreach through new approaches
- Account on social, gender & equity issues





6. Strengthen Evidence and Information

- Reinforce research & development
 - Medicines, technologies, treatment & prevention
- Use of Big Data for collection & analysis
- Completion of data w/ medical, social & economical aspects
- Stimulation of dissemination for cost-effective interventions
 - Assessment on effectiveness
- Development of strategy for demographic change
 - Transfer between regions & countries
 - Scale-up of innovative practices





Thank you for your attention!

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