Title: The EU Safe Hearts Plan and JACARDI: European policy initiatives improve outcomes for people living with diabetes'.

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Abstract:

This session will explore two major European policy initiatives — the EU Safe Hearts Plan and the Joint Action JACARDI — and their potential to improve outcomes for people living with diabetes across Europe.

As a founding member of the European Diabetes Forum (EUDF), FEND plays an important role in connecting clinical expertise with European policy action. At a time when diabetes and cardiovascular disease are placing increasing pressure on health systems, these new initiatives aim to strengthen prevention, early detection, integrated care, and health equity across EU Member States.

The presentation will provide an overview of both initiatives, explain their relevance for diabetes care, and explore the challenge of translating European policy ambitions into meaningful change in everyday practice. Particular attention will be given to the important contribution diabetes specialist nurses can make in supporting implementation efforts within their own healthcare systems and communities.

Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of current European policy developments, greater awareness of the opportunities these initiatives create for improving diabetes care, and encouragement to engage in the dialogue and actions needed to help turn policy into practice.

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