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A resource for researchers and healthcare professionals conducting basic or clinical research in the field of diabetes. The website provides information from EURADIA on research issues such as:

- **EURADIA activities**
- **Calls for grant applications**
- **Framework Programme projects**
- **Quarterly Newsletter**
- **News from the European Union**
- **Updates on EU policies**
- **Position Statements**
- **Links to online journals**

To date, EURADIA is proud to feature the following non-profit organisations and leading pharmaceutical companies among its members:

EURADIA Partners

European Association for the Study of Diabetes
(EASD)

Federation of European Nurses in Diabetes
(FEND)

International Diabetes Federation -
European Region (IDF-Europe)

International Society for Paediatric and
Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD)

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
International (JDRF)

Primary Care Diabetes Europe (PCD Europe)

AstraZeneca

Eli Lilly and Company

GlaxoSmithKline

Merck Sharp & Dohme

Novartis

Novo Nordisk

sanofi aventis

Advocacy for Diabetes Research in Europe

As a unique alliance of NGOs and pharmaceutical companies, EURADIA's mission is to improve the lives of people affected by diabetes both now and in the future, through advocacy of diabetes research in Europe at the highest political and societal levels of influence, and by shaping the allocation of resources for diabetes research in Europe through increased awareness.

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Alarm about funding for diabetes research in Europe

Diabetes is a major epidemic: more than 30 million Europeans (EU 27) have the condition, a figure expected to increase sharply by 2025. There is a dramatic rise in both type 1 and type 2 diabetes, especially in younger people.

Indirect costs (costs of lost production) may be as much as **five times those of the direct costs**, which already **represent more than 10% of total health expenditures** in most EU Member States.

Diabetes is highly ranked among the leading single causes of death, but the actual number of deaths for which diabetes was an undocumented contributing factor is several times larger.

Diabetes research in Europe is under-funded relative to the potential of its researchers and its importance to society. Support for diabetes research from the European Commission has seen a welcome increase during the 6th and 7th Research Framework Programmes, but is still very low compared with National Institutes of Health diabetes research spending in the USA over the same period.

There is an urgent need for much greater investment in research in order to find a cure for diabetes and its complications. EURADIA's aim is to increase public and private funding for diabetes research in Europe and to ensure that such research is well coordinated.

The figures!

	EC	USA	World
Prevalence	>30 million approx. 8.6% of the population ¹ (2006 IDF Diabetes Atlas)	23.6 million approx. 7.8% of the population ² (2007 NIDDK)	246 million approx. 6% of the population (2006 IDF Diabetes Atlas)
Mortality	6 th leading cause ³ (2006 Eurostat)	6 th leading cause ⁴ (2009 CDC)	5 th leading cause ⁵ (2006 WHO)
Direct costs	€50 billion ⁶ (2005 IDF/FEND)	\$116 billion (2007 NIDDK)	
Research grants awarded	€130 million ⁷ (2008 EC)	\$1,080 million (2008 NIH)	

¹Between 20 and 79 years; ²all ages; ³13.9 per 100 000 of the population; ⁴for the year 2006; ⁵estimated 2.9 million people worldwide; ⁶average per year; ⁷Awarded by European Commission for diabetes (and obesity) projects in Research Framework 7 (FP7) in 2008 incl. countries outside EU27

CDC: Centers for Disease Control, EC: European Commission, Eurostat: Statistical Office of the European Communities, FEND: Federation of European Nurses in Diabetes, IDF: International Diabetes Federation, NIDDK: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, NIH: National Institutes of Health, WHO: World Health Organization. (See 'Links' for sources of information on www.EURADIA.org.)

Diabetes research funding in EU 27 and USA compared to diabetes prevalence

