



"Take the Blue Circle Test: Let's Take Control of Diabetes Now"

Diabetes Screening Event in the European Parliament
Brussels, 9-10 November 2010

On 9 and 10 November 2010, an important diabetes screening event will take place in the European Parliament in Brussels. The event will be organised and hosted by the Co-Chairs of the EU Diabetes Working Group, Marisa Matias MEP, Simon Busuttil MEP, Sarah Ludford MEP and Christel Schaldemose MEP, in close collaboration with the International Diabetes Federation Europe.

This event will be the 5th diabetes screening event organised in the European Parliament. Previous events enjoyed the support of the European Commission and the European Parliament (Parliament President and ENVI).

What are the objectives of the event?

The event will aim to raise awareness on diabetes and the importance of prevention and screening, in line with the global World Diabetes Day campaign on diabetes education and prevention (as supported by the WHO).

Where and when will the event take place?

The event will take place on 9 and 10 November 2010, between 9:00 and 18:00, at the Place du Luxembourg entrance of the European Parliament, left-hand side ("Zone D Mail, ASP Entrance, Luxembourg Place, left-hand side").

What kind of testing and information will be offered?

A diabetes test in the form of HbA1c testing will be offered. In addition, diabetes risk factors (such as diet, physical exercise, BMI) will be measured and information on diabetes prevention and management will be provided.

The tests will be performed by qualified health professionals who will also provide information on diabetes and respond to questions.

Programme:

- Diabetes Screening Event: 9-10 November, 9:00 – 18:00

The 'Blue Circle' screening area can be visited any time between 9:00 and 18:00 on 9 and 10 November. Representatives of diabetes associations will be present on both days.

- Press conference 'Life for a Child' film on living with diabetes in the Congo: 9 November, 12:30

The Life for a Child film, which will be launched during a press conference on 9 November, will also be shown in the Blue Circle testing area.