



“Being a member of a European patient organisation”

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# Who we are and what we do?

- Diabetes Association of Serbia was founded in 1997 as a non-profit and non-governmental organization
- Full Member of International Diabetes Federation (IDF) since 2003
- Our members are local Diabetes Associations in various cities in Serbia
- Our task is to translate IDF's Guidelines and promote their inclusion in the agenda of diabetes care in Serbia. Experience of diabetes care in Serbia is transferred to the world by participating in forums, conferences and other diabetes related events
- IDF Europe's mission is to advance care, prevention and cure worldwide
- Our mission is to promote diabetes care, prevention and education in Serbia

# How membership in IDF benefits the Diabetes Association of Serbia

- **General information** - newsletters, Diabets Voice magazine, brochures, manuals, toolkits
- **Promotion & campaigning** - IDF website, IDF EU Newsletter, Facebook, WDD posters in Serbian language and campaigning materials
- **World Diabetes Congress and Youth Leaders Camps**- free attendance
- **Governance** - Right to participate and vote in the IDF Global and IDF Europe General Assembly.



# Examples of involvement in policy and advocacy work at European level

- Serbia is not a member of EU
- We have participated in the European Diabetes Leadership Forum in Copenhagen (The Copenhagen Roadmap)
- We have a respectable member in IDF Europe's "Prize in Diabetes" Committee (Prof. Lalic)
- Case Study: Health 2020: "Role of Patient Association" at Serbian National Assembly  
Support for the UN Resolution on NCD (Lead by IDF)





# Impact of IDF work at a National level



**Peer education** – spreads the mission of good glycemic control and a healthy lifestyle

**Empowerment** - teaching of others and volunteer work reinforces the confidence of people with diabetes

**Youth Leaders in Diabetes** - strengthens and expands the mission of the organization

**Advocacy** – makes possible to establish clear consensus about the needs of people with diabetes and convey to decision makers



# Transfer of relevant information, knowledge, skills

- Through everyday communication with our members, web site ([www.diabeta.net](http://www.diabeta.net)) and social networks (Diabetes Serbia Facebook, Twitter), magazines, TV, radio, press releases and conferences
- We organize Diabetes Leadership Camps for volunteers in Serbia and plan to organize Regional Diabetes Leadership Camp

