



## European Parliament Receives Delegation on Burden of Cardiovascular Disease in Europe



A delegation of cardiology and cardiovascular surgery professionals were received recently by the President of the European Parliament, Polish MEP Jerzey Buzek. The meeting was a unique opportunity to raise awareness on the burden of cardiovascular diseases in Europe at the highest level of the EU institution as well as to discuss the challenges met by the profession to promote cardiovascular health. Understanding the disease and improving its management are two concerns of a cardiologist: the availability of comparable data on cardiovascular disease in Europe is crucial and was discussed as one of the main challenges in Europe, at EU and member states levels.

Another challenge will be to raise the funding dedicated to cardiovascular research, to help understand how the diseases develops as well as find treatment and cure.

Finally, participants in the meeting shared with Mr Buzek the efforts of the profession to improve the quality of care across Europe, hence striving to reduce inequalities in access to optimal care and treatment, and to provide the best possible level education to medical students as well as to confirmed doctors.

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