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EULAR 2024 – 2029 European Manifesto: ‘Promoting a European response to the health and socio-economic challenges of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases (RMDs)’

Dear Participant,

This is an invite for healthcare professionals to gain insight on the EULAR 2024-2029 European Manifesto. This session aims to enhance health care professionals understanding of the multiple benefits of such Manifesto in relation to the care and management of persons with RMDs.

A coordinated European response is urgently needed to protect European citizens, health and social care systems, as well as the economy from the impact of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases (RMDs). RMDs are often referred to as ‘the invisible diseases’. There is a very low awareness of RMDs and their impact amongst policymakers and the European public, and they have been ignored too often when political and financial priorities have been defined.

The **general objectives** of the campaign are to:

- ✓ Broaden and deepen support for the EULAR Manifesto amongst newly elected and returning EU policymakers.
- ✓ Convert earlier support into specific commitments to advance the objectives of the Manifesto.

More specifically the objectives have now been refined to:

- ✓ Recruit MEPs to a reinvigorated European Parliament Interest Group.
- ✓ Highlight ‘Europe’s escalating RMD crisis’ to national policymakers to influence the priorities of the Council of the European Union (Ministers) and Commission.

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Date:
Wednesday 19th February 2025

Time
12.30 hrs till 14.30 hrs

Venue:
Pathology Conference Room – Mater Dei Hospital

A light lunch will be served

Your esteemed attendance is being solicited.

Kindly confirm your attendance either by email on maryvellamalta@gmail.com or on 79233454 by 12th February 2025.

Kind regards,

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