

PRESS RELEASE AND MEDIA ADVISORY

European conference on obesity takes place in Brussels on Thursday

Representatives of the European institutions, WHO, OECD, Member States authorities and health experts will discuss Europe's growing obesity epidemic

Brussels, 14 May 2018: A major policy conference calling for more to be done to tackle Europe's growing obesity epidemic will take place in Brussels on Thursday. (May 17).

Among the keynote speakers will be Members of the European Parliament, representatives from the World Health Organization and OECD, patients, doctors and EU Member State authorities who have been invited to share best practice and discuss the need for better education, treatment and care.

The conference organisers, the European Association for the Study of Obesity (EASO), will also present the results of a survey of 700 GPs in Europe and which will be published the same day.

The survey, commissioned by EASO to better determine the perceptions of GPs, and their knowledge and treatment of obesity, shows that better training is needed.

The conference is being held in conjunction with European Obesity Day 2018 which takes place on Saturday, May 19.

Full details of the conference, the agenda and last-minute registration details are available at <https://www.europeanobesityday.eu/easo-annual-policy-conference/policy-conference-2018/>

Activities around the conference and European Obesity Day can be followed on Twitter (@EOD2018 and #EOD2018) and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/EObesityD/> .

-Ends-

For further information:

Tim Edgar: tim.edgar@easo.org - Tel: +32 47537 66 93