Slovenia ranked 18th for diabetes care in the first Euro Consumer Diabetes Index; one step ahead of all Central European countries

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Slovenian diabetes care was ranked 18th in Europe at the launch of the first Euro Consumer Diabetes Index. Denmark leads the Diabetes Index ranking followed by the UK and France. This position is a step down for Slovenia compared to the strong performance in the Euro Consumer Heart Index where Slovenia reached 8th place.

The Diabetes Index compares care systems around Europe from a consumer point of view. In five categories, covering 26 performance indicators, Slovenia scored 656 points from a potential 1,000.

“Apart from the generally poor outcomes, a very serious problem is that there are no diabetes foot experts in Slovenia!” says Dr. Beatriz Cebolla Garrofé, Project Manager for the Diabetes Index.

What more could be done in Slovenia?
“The poor level of check-ups and follow-ups both in general and in risk population result in poor outcomes and this need to be addressed!” states the President of the Health Consumer Powerhouse, Mr. Johan Hjertqvist, analysing the Index outcome implications for Slovenia.

About the Index
The Euro Consumer Diabetes Index provides the first ever ranking of European diabetes healthcare services across five key areas: Information, Consumer Rights and Choice; Generosity, Prevention; Access to procedures and Outcomes. The Diabetes Index is sourced from public statistics and independent research. The producer is the analysis and information organisation; Health Consumer Powerhouse. As with all other HCP Indexes, the organisation takes a consumer-centred position. The Index is produced with the help of an unrestricted grant from Pfizer Inc.

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