

# Bridging the Gap: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Respiratory Infections and NCDs

WEBINAR

5 March 2026 12:00 – 13:30 (CET)

**Kick-off meeting Interdisciplinary Disease Collaboration (IDC)**

Our mission focuses on the bidirectional relationship between acute respiratory infections and non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Whether you are a researcher, policymaker, healthcare professional, or civil society representative, join our IDC Chairs, **Marco Goeijenbier**, **Tor Biering-Sørensen** and **Kirsty Short** and invited experts diving into:

- THE CATALYST EFFECT:  
How even mild respiratory viruses can trigger the onset or exacerbation of chronic conditions.
- RISK MANAGEMENT:  
Addressing why those with NCDs face higher risks of severe infection.
- SCIENCE TO POLICY:  
Translating the latest data into evidence-based approaches for prevention, diagnostics, and treatment.

## PROGRAMME

Welcome and introduction	<b>Marco Goeijenbier</b> <b>Tor Biering-Sørensen</b> <b>Kirsty Short</b>
IDC Vision and Mission	<b>Marco Goeijenbier</b>
EU Policy context	<b>MEP Tomislav Sokol</b>
The scientific context	<i>DAVINCI Consortium</i> <b>Gulsah Gabriel</b>
The voice of an NCD	<i>International Diabetes Federation Europe</i> <b>João Filipe Raposo</b>
The voice of a risk group	<i>The European Interdisciplinary Council on Ageing</i> <b>Cornel Sieber</b>
Open discussion	

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