

MINDSHIFT

A CROSS-COUNTRY MISSION TO RESHAPE ALZHEIMER'S CARE

9 - 10 JUNE 2026 ROME, ITALY

CONCEPT & OBJECTIVE

Alzheimer's disease is entering a transformative phase, where scientific progress is creating new opportunities but also placing greater responsibility on healthcare systems and policymakers. This initiative aims to foster structured cross-country exchange to align strategies, share best practices, and strengthen collaboration among policymakers, clinicians, experts, and patient representatives across Europe.

The closed-door policy dialogue will convene stakeholders from multiple European countries to explore concrete, scalable pathways for improving Alzheimer's care across

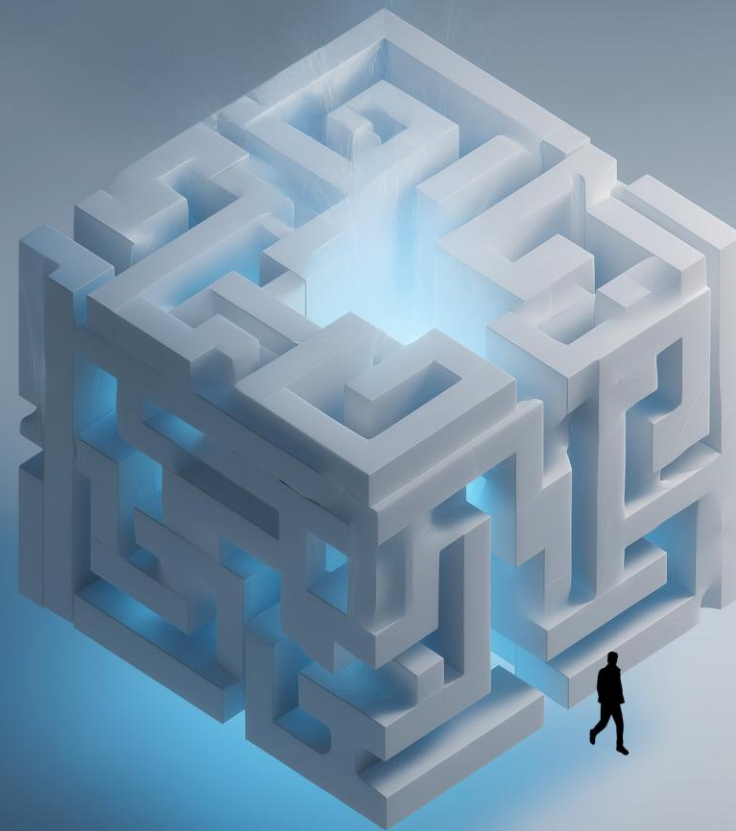
the disease continuum. The discussion will focus on three key priorities: enabling early and accurate diagnosis as a gateway to timely care and innovation; ensuring equitable and sustainable access to emerging therapies; and aligning health system planning with the evolving scientific landscape.

Through thematic panels and interactive discussion, the initiative will address systemic barriers, promote a more integrated and proactive approach to care, and support the translation of scientific advances into real-world impact.

By leveraging diverse national experiences, the dialogue aims

to move beyond reflection and identify actionable solutions and shared policy priorities.

The outcomes of the exchange will contribute to a common policy direction at European level and inform the development of the MindShift policy Paper, consolidating evidence, best practices, and recommendations to improve biological diagnosis, expand access to innovation, and strengthen health system readiness—ultimately ensuring timely and equitable access to care for people living with Alzheimer's disease across Europe.



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NAVIGATING THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND BUILDING SYSTEM READINESS

The two-day mission will open with an institutional welcome hosted by the Italian Parliamentary Intergroup on Alzheimer's, followed by a guided visit to the Chamber of Deputies, underscoring the role of Parliament in advancing dialogue and policy action on Alzheimer's disease. The programme will then continue with a closed-door roundtable on biological diagnosis, access to innovation and health system preparedness across the Alzheimer's disease continuum.

DAY 1: INSTITUTIONAL FOCUS

10:45 AM

Transfer to the Chamber of Deputies

11:30 AM

Institutional welcome by the Parliamentary Intergroup on Alzheimer

11:40 AM

Beginning of the guided tour of the Chamber of Deputies

12:30 PM

End of the guided tour

1:00 PM

Standing lunch (Via in Lucina 17, Rome)

14:30 – 18:00

Closed Door Policy Roundtable

19:00 – 22:00

Networking Dinner (Fondazione Roma)

TRANSLATE SCIENTIFIC INNOVATION INTO EFFECTIVE AND SCALABLE MODELS OF CARE: AN EMPIRICAL CASE

Participants will visit Fondazione Policlinico Tor Vergata, a leading Italian centre of excellence in neurology and Alzheimer's disease, to gain first-hand insight into how research, advanced diagnostics and multidisciplinary care are integrated in practice. Building on the previous day's roundtable and policy paper, the visit will highlight the importance of system readiness, sustainable care pathways and coordinated action to translate scientific innovation into effective and scalable models of care.

DAY 2: SCIENTIFIC FOCUS

9:30 AM

Transfer to Policlinico Tor Vergata

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Opening remarks

10:30 – 11:30 AM

Guided clinical visit - Tour of diagnostic and clinical facilities focusing on diagnosis pathways, multidisciplinary care, and research integration in Alzheimer's disease

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CLOSED-DOOR POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Palazzo Fiano al Corso
Entrance Via in Lucina, 17 Rome

14:30 – 15:00

Institutional greetings

Oliver Varhely

European Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare *

Sandra Gallina

Director-General for Health and Food Safety,
European Commission*

Orazio Schillaci

Italian Ministry of Health *

Rocco Bellantone

President of the Italian National Institute of Health*

Annamaria Bernini

Italian Minister of University and Research*

15:00 – 15:15

Prevalence of dementia in Europe

The growing burden of Alzheimer's disease in Europe: how scientific progress can be translated into earlier diagnosis, more effective care and improved outcomes for patients.

Keynote speaker:

Angela Bradshaw

Director for Research, Alzheimer Europe

15:15 – 15:55

Alzheimer's Across the Continuum: Advancing Detection and Diagnosis

How healthcare systems can adapt to a continuum-based approach to Alzheimer's disease, strengthening biological diagnosis, planning, coordination and more integrated care pathways.

Keynote:

Henrick Zetterberg

Professor Department of Psychiatry and
Neurochemistry University of Gothenburg *

Panelists:

Bruno Vellas

Chair of the Gerontopole & Department of Geriatric
Internal Medicine at the Toulouse University Hospital *

Katerina Sheardova

Scientific director of the Czech Brain Aging Study

Alexia Zurkhulen

Executive Board Member and Managing Director KDA

Mercè Boada Rovira

Co-founder and Medical Director, ACE Alzheimer
Center Barcelona *

Elisabeth Stöegmann

Associate Professor at the Medical University of Vienna*

András Horváth

Head of Department at Gyula Nyiro Hospital

Open discussion

15:55 – 16:35

Bridging the Access Gap to Innovation in Alzheimer's Care

How to enable timely and equitable access to disease-modifying therapies for Alzheimer's disease by addressing systemic barriers and supporting sustainable implementation across Europe.

Keynote:

Alessandro Martorana

Head of the Dementia Center at Tor Vergata
University Hospital

Panelists:

Patrizia Spadin

President of AIMA (Italian Association of Alzheimer's
Patients)

Vicky Maeijer

Member of the House of Representatives of the
Netherlands*

Jesus M^a Rodrigo Ramos

Executive Director of CEAFA (Spanish
Confederation of Alzheimer)

Monica Di Luca

President-elect of the Italian Society of
Pharmacology (SIF)*

Frank Jessen

Associate Researcher German Center of Neurodegenerative
Diseases*

Arthur Schellekens

Director-general Patienfederatie Netherlands*

Open discussion

16:45 – 17:30

Aligning health planning to strengthen Alzheimer's response and optimize resources

How more strategic and coordinated health planning can strengthen cross-country response to Alzheimer's disease, improve system preparedness, and translate innovation into sustainable impact.

Keynote:

Argonde van Harten

Neurologist at Alzheimer Centre Amsterdam UMC *

Panelists:

Edyta Ekwinska

Vice-President, Alzheimer Polska

Beatrice Lorenzin

Chair of Italian Parliamentary intergroup on Alzheimer

Irina Ilieva

President of Alzheimer Bulgaria *

Elena Murelli

Group Leader in the Social Affairs Committee of the Italian
Senate

Joel Jaouen

President of France Alzheimer*

Eva Ortiz

Member of the Spanish Senate*

Open discussion

17:30–17:45

Building a Shared Commitment: A Policy Agenda for Alzheimer's Disease

The closing session will bring together the main policy conclusions of the roundtable, present the Policy Paper, and invite participants to endorse it as a shared call to action on Alzheimer's disease.

**The participants have currently been invited, and we are in the process of collecting confirmations of attendance*

**FROM DIALOGUE TO EXPERIENCE:
VISIT TO POLICLINICO TOR VERGATA**

On the second day of the cross-country mission, participants will visit Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria Policlinico Tor Vergata, a leading Italian centre of excellence in neurology and Alzheimer's disease, to gain first-hand insight into how research, advanced diagnostics and pharmaceutical innovation are translated into clinical practice. Building on the previous day's discussions, the visit will further advance the MindShift mission by demonstrating

how healthcare systems can effectively respond to the evolving landscape of Alzheimer's disease. Particular attention will be given to early and accurate diagnosis, timely and equitable access to innovative therapies, and health planning aligned with innovation-driven strategies, with the ultimate goal of translating these elements into effective and scalable models of care.

10:00 - 10:15

Opening remarks

Opening welcome to Policlinico Tor Vergata, setting the scene for the visit and outlining the hospital's role as a centre of excellence in neurology and dementia care. The session will introduce key priorities in advancing innovation and integrated care pathways for Alzheimer's disease

Nathan Levaldi Ghiron

Rector, University of Rome Tor Vergata*

Diego Centonze

Full Professor of Neurology, Department of Systems Medicine, University of Rome Tor Vergata*

Alessandro Martorana

Head of the Dementia Center at Tor Vergata University Hospital

10:15 - 10.30

Shaping Alzheimer's Care Pathways: a regional perspective

This session will provide a regional policy perspective on healthcare planning and governance in Lazio, with a focus on strengthening system readiness, improving access to innovation, and ensuring sustainable care models for Alzheimer's disease

Francesco Rocca

Governor of Lazio Region*

Antonello Aurigemma

President of the Regional Council of Lazio*

Francesco Saverio Mennini

Head of Planning Department, Ministry of Health*

Luciano Ciocchetti

Vice Chair of the Social Affairs Committee, Chamber of Deputies*

10:15 - 10.30

Guided visit

Tour of diagnostic and clinical facilities focusing on early and accurate diagnosis pathways, multidisciplinary care, and research integration in Alzheimer's disease. Participants will gain practical insights into how clinical workflows are organised, how different specialties collaborate, and how innovation is translated into patient care within a real-world hospital setting