Reviewer’s report

Title: The burden of chronic diseases across Europe: what policies and programs to address diabetes? A SWOT analysis

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The authors are to be commended for the large amount of work in bringing all of this information together.

I have some suggestions before I believe this manuscript will be ready for publication.

The title should include diabetes as this is the condition of interest. It is still appropriate to talk to the broader notion of chronic disease in the discussion.

The manuscript would benefit from substantial editing for grammar and language use. The abstract in particular needs rewriting.

It would be very useful for the reader if Figure 2 referenced each of the challenges and potentials so that the reader could look up the information for future use.

As well this figure would be more useful if the items were grouped according to a chronic disease management model or service provision model. At the moment there appears to be no formal structure to the way they have been presented.

Many of the policies have been in existence for a number of years. I would suggest adding a section to the discussion about what is still current, what is working well, what has been stopped and why it was stopped. A table may work well for this. This would then bring this important information up to date. Good luck with your re-submission.

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