

Air Liquide Healthcare signs a partnership with IDF Europe to support organizations advancing diabetes care

Air Liquide Healthcare, European leader in home healthcare, announces its support for IDF Europe (International Diabetes Federation European Region), the European headquarter of the International Diabetes Federation, in its advocacy and awareness-raising activities targeting people affected by this chronic illness, the society and policymakers in Europe. The Group's support also aims to advance diabetes research.

Through this partnership, Air Liquide Healthcare intends to contribute to informing as many people as possible about diabetes-related issues and support research in this area. Accordingly, Air Liquide Healthcare will support IDF Europe's communication and awareness-raising actions, as well as the 2018 Young Researcher Prize. The purpose of the latter is to reward the work of a young researcher under 40 who is involved in research aimed at improving our knowledge of diabetes.

As part of its home healthcare business, Air Liquide Healthcare takes care of numerous diabetic patients in Europe to help them improve their lives with the disease. The partnership with IDF Europe illustrates Air Liquide Healthcare's long-standing commitment to people suffering from chronic diseases and healthcare professionals, as well as its willingness to strengthen dialogue with the different stakeholders.

As a major public health issue, diabetes is a chronic illness that affects 425 million¹ adults worldwide, i.e. 5.6% of the world's population. Today, 212 million¹ people are still unaware that they have this disease. IDF Europe brings together 70 national organizations from 46 countries and gives a voice to people with diabetes, as well as the greater community and healthcare professionals, to encourage improvements in diabetes prevention, care and treatment at the European level.

Diana SCHILLAG, Vice President of Healthcare Operations in Europe, said « *Air Liquide Healthcare strives every day to strengthen home healthcare services and improve the quality of life of people suffering from diabetes. This new partnership with IDF Europe is testament to our desire to improve relationship with patients and other stakeholders. We believe this dialogue is essential to meet the public health and social challenges posed by this disease.* »

For more information on [Air Liquide's actions for diabetes](#)

For more information on [IDF Europe](#)

¹ IDF. Diabetes Atlas 8th edition 2017, page 41. Available at: <http://diabetesatlas.org/resources/2017-atlas.html>

Air Liquide Healthcare

Air Liquide Healthcare supplies **medical gases, home healthcare services, hygiene products, medical equipment and specialty ingredients**.

In 2017, it served over **15,000 hospitals and clinics** and more than **1.5 million patients** at home throughout the world. The Group's Healthcare business reached **€3,401 million in revenues in 2017**, with the support of its **16,500 employees**.

The Home Healthcare Business

Air Liquide, **European leader in home healthcare**, provides home healthcare services in compliance with medical prescription for patients suffering from chronic diseases such as COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), sleep apnea and diabetes. These home healthcare services are being developed in addition to hospital care, enabling patients to enjoy better quality of life and local authorities to reduce costs. Home healthcare represents **45% of Air Liquide's revenue in Healthcare in 2017**.

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Air Liquide's ambition is to lead its industry, deliver long term performance and contribute to sustainability. The company's customer-centric transformation strategy aims at profitable growth over the long term. It relies on operational excellence, selective investments, open innovation and a network organization implemented by the Group worldwide. Through the commitment and inventiveness of its people, Air Liquide leverages energy and environment transition, changes in healthcare and digitization, and delivers greater value to all its stakeholders.

Air Liquide's revenue amounted to 20.3 billion euros in 2017 and its solutions that protect life and the environment represented more than 40% of sales. Air Liquide is listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (compartment A) and belongs to the CAC 40, EURO STOXX 50 and FTSE4Good indexes.