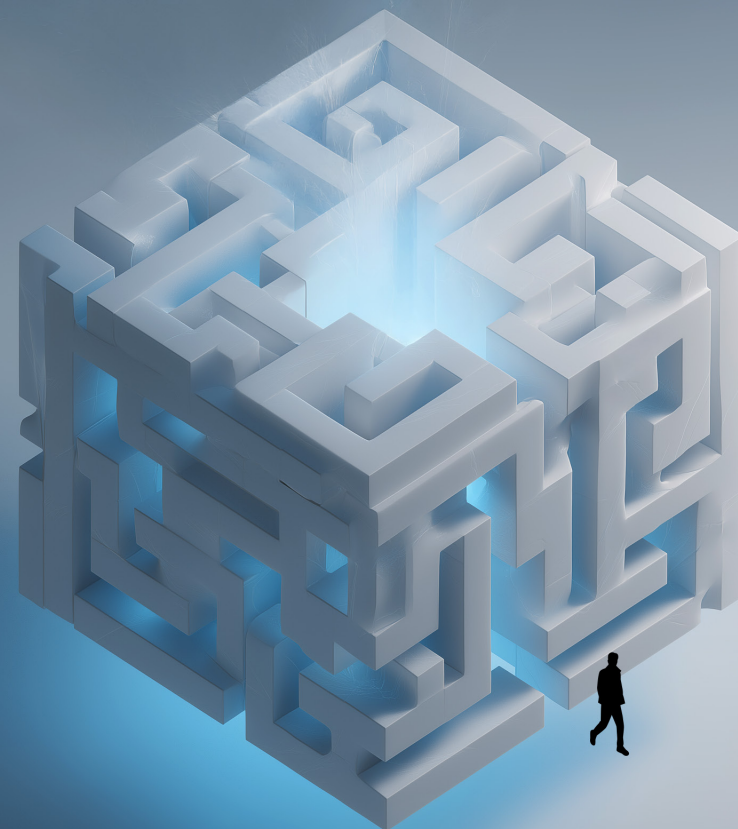




MINDSHIFT
A CROSS-COUNTRY MISSION TO RESHAPE ALZHEIMER'S CARE

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,

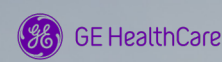
scalable pathways for improving Alzheimer's care across the disease continuum. The discussion will focus on three key priorities: enabling early and accurate diagnosis as a gateway to timely care and innovation; ensuring equitable and sustainable access to emerging therapies; and aligning health system 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

10:00

Transfer to the Chamber of Deputies

11:00

Institutional welcome by the Parliamentary Intergroup on Alzheimer, chaired by On. Annarita Patriarca

11:30

Beginning of the guided tour of the Chamber of Deputies

12:30

End of the guided tour

13:00

Standing lunch (Via in Lucina 17, Rome)

14:15 - 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

8:30

Transfer to Policlinico Tor Vergata

9:30 - 10.15

Opening remarks

10:15 - 11:30

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

Moderated by: Giorgio Rutelli, Deputy Editor-in-Chief Adnkronos

14:15 – 14:30

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

Oliver Varhélyi

European Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare (video message)

Antonio Tajani

Italian Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*

14:30 – 15:00

ITALIAN POLICY & INSTITUTIONAL REMARKS

Nicola Bonaccini

Head of the Technical Secretariat of the Ministry of Health

Antonello Aurigemma

Member of the European Committee of the Regions, official rapporteur for the European Union's health strategy and President of the Regional Council of Lazio Region

Annarita Patriarca

Chair of Italian Parliamentary intergroup on Alzheimer

Beatrice Lorenzin

Chair of Italian Parliamentary intergroup on Alzheimer

Elena Murelli

Member the Social Affairs Committee of the Italian Senate

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

Moderated by: Giorgio Rutelli, Deputy Editor-in-Chief Adnkronos

15:15 – 15:55

AD Across the Continuum: Advancing Detection and Diagnosis

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

Keynote:

Mercè Boada Rovira

Co-founder and Medical Director, ACE Alzheimer Center Barcelona

Institutional remarks:

Elena Nevado Del Campo

Member Committee on Public Health, EU Parliament (message)

Panelists:

Bruno Vellas

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

Mario Zappia

President, Italian Society of Neurology (SIN)

Katerina Sheardova

Scientific director, Czech Brain Aging Study

Umberto Basile

Member, Italian Society of Clinical Biochemistry and Clinical Molecular Biology – Laboratory Medicine (SIBioC)

Michael Schöll

Professor in molecular medicine, University of Gothenburg

Konrad Rejdak

Head of the Department of Neurology, Medical University of Lublin, Polish Neurological Society, and COMFORTage Consortium

Vincenzo Di Lazzaro

Director of the Neurology Unit and Full Professor of Neurology, Campus Bio-Medico University Hospital

Open discussion:

András Horváth

Head of Department, Gyula Nyíro Hospital of Budapest

Margarita Raycheva

Department of Neurology, Medical University of Sofia

Petra Tegman

Vice President, Demensförbundet

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 AD by addressing systemic barriers and supporting sustainable implementation across Europe.

Keynote:

Alessandro Martorana

Head of the Dementia Center, Tor Vergata University Hospital

Institutional remarks:

Alessandra Locatelli

Italian Minister for Disabilities (message)

Panelists:

Patrizia Spadin

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

Jesus M^a Rodrigo Ramos

Executive Director, Spanish Confederation of Alzheimer (CEAFA)

Monica Diluca

President-elect, Italian Society of Pharmacology (SIF)

Gerhard Ransmayr

Specialist in Neurology and Psychiatry, Innsbruck

Katarzyna Sejbuk-Rozbicka

Healthcare Systems Expert & Scientific Project Manager, Lazarski University of Warsaw

Open discussion:

Friederike de Maeyer

Chairwoman, Austrian National Association for Dementia Self-Help

Peter Körtvélyessy

Neurology specialist, Charité Berlin

Moa Wibom

Department of cognitive medicine, Ängelholm Hospital

Katya Stoyanova

Department of Neurology, Medical University of Sofia

16:45 – 17:30

Aligning health planning to strengthen AD response and optimize resources

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

Keynote:

Alexia Zurkhulen

Executive Board Member and Managing Director, German Centre of Gerontology and Support for Older People (KDA)

Institutional remarks:

Adolfo Urso

Italian Minister for Enterprises and Made in Italy (message)

Panelists:

Marco Bozzali

President, Autonomous association affiliated with SIN for dementia (SINdem)

Elena Lorenzini

Deputy Chief of Staff, Italian Minister for Enterprises and Made in Italy

Edyta Ekwinska

Vice-President, Alzheimer Polska

Marta Marbán de Frutos

Member, Madrid Regional Assembly

Claire-Marie Ferracín

Scientific Projects Coordinator, Alzheimer Research Foundation

Open discussion:

Alexander Dimitrov

Member and project coordinator "Joint act on Dementia", Bulgarian Society of Dementia

Irina Ilieva

President, Alzheimer Bulgaria

Shima Mehrabian

Associate Professor of Neurology, Medical University of Sofia

Miluše Margarjanová

Education Coordinator, Czech Alzheimer Society

17:30– 17:45

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

Endorsement of the Policy Paper as a shared call to action on Alzheimer's disease.

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.

9:30 - 9:45

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

Roberto Bei

Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Tor Vergata University Hospital

Alessandro Martorana

Head of the Dementia Center, Tor Vergata University Hospital

Sergio Bernardini

Director of the School of Clinical Biochemistry of Tor Vergata University Hospital, Secretary of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, and Past President SiBioC

9:45 - 10.15

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 Saverio Mennini

Head of Planning Department, Ministry of Health

Alessia Savo

Chair of the Health Committee, Regional Council of the Lazio Region

10:15 - 11:30

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 work-flows are organized, how different specialties collaborate, and how innovation is translated into patient care within a real-world hospital setting