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Introduction

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The IRC is calling on governments and policy makers to establish funded national strategies, which include prevention, new models of care, ambitious measurable targets, and accountable leadership to improve lung health by focusing on:

Better...

1. Prevention of respiratory diseases
2. Access to the right treatment at the right time
3. Action on reducing inequalities
4. Prioritisation of research, data and insight to improve care

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Societal economic cost by disease:

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- COPD: €15.1 billion
- Interstitial Lung Disease: €1.2 billion
- Lower Respiratory Tract Infections: €4.2 billion
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- Lung Cancer: €20.9 billion
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