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## News Release

### **Memorandum of Understanding between the European Renal Association and Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes: Time for a Stronger Collaboration**

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, during the 59<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Renal Association, representatives of the European Renal Association (ERA) and Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) signed the first Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two entities. The MoU outlines several projects and initiatives for the global nephrology community, including educational programs, joint presentations to international congresses and conferences, strengthening relationships with national societies in Europe, and working to encourage the involvement of the most outstanding experts and physicians in guideline development.

“For many years, there has been a productive and growing relationship between the ERA and KDIGO,” said Professor Mario Cozzolino, European Renal Best Practice (ERBP) Chair. “The signing of this important agreement is aimed at formalizing the ways in which we will work together in the future for the benefit of patients in Europe and around the world.”

The two organisations will work closely together on virtual educational programs such as webinars, e-seminars, and podcasts, with the aim of reaching the broadest audience possible.

Both entities will also continue facilitating opportunities by which publications and educational tools can be translated into local languages.

Thanks to the diverse and comprehensive expertise of its members, and particularly the ERBP, ERA will not only write commentaries on KDIGO guidelines but will also actively help identify expert reviewers to participate in the public review period of the KDIGO guidelines.

In addition, the two organisations will work together on programs called “Implementation Summits,” through which attendees relate and discuss opportunities and barriers in their country or region on implementing KDIGO Guidelines and Controversies Conference Reports.

And last but not least, special visibility will be given to this collaboration, and its outputs, during the annual ERA Congress, the largest European meeting in nephrology.

“This MoU provides a foundation for a number of important collaborations between KDIGO and ERA, and we are very excited about what we can achieve for patients by working together,” said John Davis, KDIGO Chief Executive Officer.