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SPEAKER BIO



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After graduating from the Luca School of Performing Arts 25 years ago, Veerle Vanhuyse mainly worked as an event planner and stage director in the classical music field. As a type 1 diabetes (T1D) patient, she set up different fundraising projects for Life For a Child. That triggered her to start thinking about making a career switch to a diabetes related job, for which owning a medical degree was not a necessity. In 2018, she got an opportunity to start working for INNODIA as a communication representative and grabbed it with both hands.

'I consider myself qualified to speak on this subject, because I can reflect from two different angles. I work as a communication person for the INNODIA project, a European consortium with the goal to advance the understanding of type 1 diabetes and address the lack of tools and technologies that will allow clinicians to predict, evaluate and prevent the onset and progression of T1D. But I've also been living with the disease myself for 34 years and I'm a member of the INNODIA Patient Advisory Committee (PAC), giving the patients living with type 1 diabetes a voice that should not be ignored. PAC makes sure the patients and their close family members understand what the ongoing research means to them and the impact it'll have on their daily lives, which is a must within a scientific project.