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PAN-EUROPEAN ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTING PEOPLE WITH DIABETES AND/OR THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

	<b>European Association for the Study of Diabetes 2004</b>	<b>International Diabetes Federation (Europe) 1998 for Type 1 diabetes<sup>vii</sup></b>	<b>International Diabetes Federation (Europe) 1999 for Type 2 diabetes<sup>viii</sup></b>
<b>Body Mass Index</b>	18.5-25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Total energy intake</b>	to achieve or maintain desired BMI	to achieve or maintain desired BMI	to achieve or maintain desired BMI
<b>Carbohydrate</b>	Usually 45-60% total energy (Carbohydrates and monounsaturates 60-70% total energy)	50-55% total energy	carbohydrate-rich diet
sugars	< 10% total energy	do not need to be excluded but often need to be limited	do not need to be excluded but should be limited
fibre	high-fibre foods > 40g/day (or 20g/1000 kcal) low glycaemic index foods	soluble fibre	soluble fibre
<b>Fat</b>	< 35% total energy		
saturated/ <i>trans</i> fatty acids	< 10% total energy	< 10% total energy	< 10% total energy
polyunsaturated fatty acids	< 10% total energy	< 10% total energy	< 10% total energy
<i>cis</i> -monounsaturated fatty acids	usually 10-20% total energy (Carbohydrate and <i>cis</i> -monounsaturates 60-70% energy)	to balance energy intake	use to maintain palatability and balance energy intake

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cholesterol	< 300mg/day		

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<b>Protein</b>	10-20% total energy around 0.8g/kg body weight if established nephropathy	< 15% total energy < 0.8g/kg body weight if incipient or established nephropathy	< 15% total energy < 0.8g/kg body weight if incipient or established nephropathy
<b>Alcohol</b>	if taken:< 10g/day women < 20g/day men	moderate if desired	if desired as part of energy intake
<b>Salt:</b> normotensive hypertensive	< 6g/day further restriction may be of value	- < 7g/day	- < 6g/day
<b>Fruit and vegetables</b>	5 + servings/day	5 items/day	encouraged as part of mealtime energy intake
<b>Non-calorific sweeteners</b>			

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### RECOMMENDATIONS BY MEMBER STATES

	<b>France<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Sweden<sup>2</sup></b> <b>(Obese type 2 diabetics)</b>	<b>United Kingdom<sup>ix</sup></b> <b>(2003)</b>
<b>Body Mass Index</b>			18.5-24.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (depending on waist circumference and racial background)
<b>Total energy intake</b>	35 kcal/kg women 38 kcal/kg men		appropriate to sustain growth in children, to prevent or correct obesity in adults
<b>Carbohydrate</b>	45-55% total energy		45-60% total energy
sugars	< 10% total energy		sucrose <10% of total energy fructose, provided it is eaten in context of a healthy diet.
fibre			
<b>Fat</b>	30-35% total energy	< 30% energy	< 35% total energy
saturated/ <i>trans</i> fatty acids	25% fat intake (equals < 10% total energy)		< 10% energy
polyunsaturated fatty acids	25% fat intake (equals < 10 % total energy)		n-6 < 10% energy n-3 – eat fish, especially oily fish, once or twice weekly
cis-monounsaturated fatty acids	50% fat intake (equals 10-20% total energy)		10-20% total energy

<sup>1</sup> Summary of recommendations provided by French Administration.

<sup>2</sup> Information provided by Swedish National Food Administration.

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cholesterol			< 300mg/day (would be expected if saturated fatty acids < 10% total energy)
<b>Protein</b>	1g/kg ideal body weight or 10-15% total energy		Not<=1g/kg body weight
<b>Alcohol</b>			sensible drinking advice as for the general population
<b>Salt</b>			< 6g/day
<b>Fruit and vegetables</b>			
<b>Non-calorific sweeteners</b>			Useful for overweight individuals

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