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Dr. Barengo is one of the coordinators of a major type 2 diabetes prevention study in Europe, the DE-PLAN. Furthermore, he is one of the two main leaders of the METABOLAT project in Latvia with the goal to screen for glucose metabolism disorders in the Latvian population and to implement screening and prevention strategies for type 2 diabetes. Dr. Barengo's PhD work analysed the association between physical activity, cardiovascular risk factors and all-cause respectively CVD mortality. His main areas of activities are risk factors of non-communicable diseases. He has wide experience in the coordination of community intervention studies in Argentina and Nigeria following the experiences of the North Karelia project. At present, he is working in international collaboration studies in Colombia and Peru.