



Consortium for the prevention of obesity through effective nutrition and physical activity actions

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WHAT IS EURO-PREVOB?

Levels of obesity are increasing throughout Europe and there is a clear need for European countries to coordinate their scientific, regulatory and policy responses to this challenge.

EURO-PREVOB is a Coordination Action project linking scientific knowledge and policy-making to help reduce the burden of obesity in Europe. It supports collaboration across existing networks to tackle the social and economic determinants of obesity in Europe, taking into account the specificities of sub-regional groupings of countries.

The project will run for three years, from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2010. The Consortium includes 14 participants from 10 countries, with a multi-disciplinary team from key disciplines.



Project coordination:

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Project partners: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Italy, Latvia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EURO-PREVOB PROJECT ARE TO:

- ❖ Review current knowledge on the determinants of and inequalities in obesity, and on policy initiatives that can impact positively on the determinants of obesity (*reviews are available on the project website*);
- ❖ Develop and pilot a portfolio of instruments to assist policy analysis, and consisting of:
 - A Policy Checklist to examine the development and implementation of national policies that can impact on obesity, specifically the food and built environments, maternal/child health, school services.
 - A Community Questionnaire to capture contextual differences in environmental indicators relevant to obesity, and including direct measurements of the food and built environments in areas of varying socioeconomic levels.
- ❖ Develop and disseminate recommendations for the prevention of obesity and inequalities in obesity;
- ❖ Support collaboration across existing networks.

CONTRIBUTION TO POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The EURO-PREVOB Project findings can inform public health strategies for obesity prevention, and contribute to the broad dissemination and streamlining of actions against obesity and inequalities in obesity in Europe. Moreover, the EURO-PREVOB Policy Analysis Tool can assist in monitoring the policy response to obesity across Europe, as well as capturing the consequences of policies and various aspects of the obesogenicity of environments.

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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