Brief overview of the Joint Action

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At EU and international level: since 2000, many political initiatives

Since 2000, at EU level, 16 Council conclusions on topics related to nutrition, physical activity, obesity, or lifestyle

Many EU actions and research projects
High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical activity

Since 2007, the High level group on nutrition and physical activity, chaired by the European Commission, allows, 3 times a year, the meeting of European government representatives.

It seeks, though the sharing of the countries’ policies design and implementation to propose European solutions to nutrition and obesity-related health issues.

EU Framework for National Initiatives on Selected Nutrients, on salt, on saturated fat, on added sugars; Actions on food products improvements

It has joint meetings with the EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health.

It elaborated during the Greek presidency (2014), on the basis of the work done during the Irish Presidency (2013), the EU Action Plan on Childhood Obesity 2014-2020.
EU Action Plan on Childhood Obesity 2014-2020

Goal: To contribute to halting the rise in overweight and obesity in children and young people (0-18 years) by 2020

Areas for action (with operational objectives, actions, indicators, targets)

✓ Support a healthy start in life;
✓ Promote healthier environments, especially in schools and pre-schools;
✓ Make the healthy option the easier option;
✓ Restrict marketing and advertising to children;
✓ Inform and empower families;
✓ Encourage physical activity;
✓ Monitor and evaluate;
✓ Increase research.
JANPA General objective

To contribute to halting the rise in overweight and obesity in children and adolescents by 2020 in EU, within the global frame of the “EU Action plan on childhood obesity 2014-2020”, and in close link with the “European action plan for a nutrition and food policy 2015-2020”.

Duration: 27 months, Sept. 2015 to Nov. 2017
JANPA’s overarching characteristics

- The question of social inequalities

- A life course approach: promotion of a healthy diet and physical activity in children already starts during pregnancy and early age

- A multi-sectorial approach, with integrated actions better coordinated, government actions between the social, employment, education, health, agriculture, transport and private sectors

- A diversity of issues: economic aspects for advocacy, information, food reformulation, physical environment, stakeholder involvement-dissemination,

- A variety of settings: pre-natal, kindergartens and schools, home, health facilities, retailers, ...
Technical work packages

- WP4 Evidence and Economic rationale for action on childhood obesity: Ireland
- WP5 Nutritional information monitoring and food reformulation prompting: France
- WP6 Healthy environments by integrated approaches: Hungary
- WP7 Early interventions: Finland

Transversal work packages

- WP1 Coordination (administrative, financial, technical, ...): France
- WP2 Dissemination (stakeholder analysis, website, poster, social media, ...): Italy
- WP3 Evaluation (performance as to relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, ...): Greece

7 to 14 countries in each WP
JANPA Partners

26 countries/ 39 associated partners (ministries, public health and nutrition agencies and institutes, universities, ...) & collaborative partners

1. Austria
2. Bulgaria
3. Belgium
4. Croatia
5. Cyprus
6. Czech Republic
7. Estonia
8. Finland
9. France
10. Germany
11. Greece
12. Hungary
13. Ireland
14. Italy
15. Latvia
16. Lithuania
17. Luxembourg
18. Malta
19. Norway
20. Poland
21. Portugal
22. Romania
23. Slovakia
24. Slovenia
25. Spain
26. Sweden

In addition to:
– WHO-Europe
– JRC, EC
**Today's programme (1)**

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| 09:40 - 10:10 | **Keynote speech: Addressing children overweight and obesity: strategies, challenges and perspectives. What is new from an international point of view?**  
Francesco Branca, Director of the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development – WHO, Geneva |
| 10:10 - 11:45 | **Based on selected best practices: lessons learnt for the WHAT and HOW to prevent childhood obesity from pregnancy to school age**  
Moderator: Hélène Thibault, Vice-president of APOP, JANPA external evaluator  
How can decision-makers and program planners make the best use of the JANPA Toolbox and Guidance?  
Viktoria Kovács, WP6 leader – OGYEI, Hungary  
Early interventions to prevent childhood obesity: what have we learnt from European best practices?  
Heli Kuusipalo, WP7 leader – THL, Finland |
|          | **Comments**  
Panellist:  
- Sandra Caldeira, Project Manager – JRC  
- Pascale Duché, Professor of Pediatric Exercise Physiology - Université Clermont Auvergne - France |
|          | **Questions** |
| 11:45 - 12:35 | **How to produce and use nutrition information to promote reformulation and improve food behaviors?**  
Modérateur: Anne de Looy, Honorary President of EFAD, JANPA external evaluator  
Beyond regulation, how to achieve a better harmonisation of food composition and nutritional information in Europe  
Karine Vin, WP5 leader and Jean-Luc Volatier – ANSES, France |
|          | **Comments**  
Panellist: Stéphan Marette, Directeur de recherche - AgroParisTech, France |
|          | **Questions** |
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<td><strong>Social inequalities, health and nutrition situation among European children</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Aileen Robertson</strong>, Public Health Nutritionist, Metropolitan University College Copenhagen - The Health Equity Pilot Project</td>
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<td>12:55 - 14:15</td>
<td><strong>Lunch (possibility to buy lunch at Ministry canteen)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Coffee will be available from 13:30 until 14:30</td>
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<td>14:15 - 15:05</td>
<td><strong>Today’s childhood obesity and overweight will place a huge burden on social budgets for the next decades: is it an argument for ambitious public preventive policies?</strong>&lt;br&gt;Moderator: <strong>Nathalie Farpour-Lambert</strong>, President-Elect of EASO, JANPA external evaluator&lt;br&gt;<strong>Estimating forecast costs of childhood obesity: what have we done, what remains to be done</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Kevin Balanda</strong>, WP4 leader – IPH, Ireland&lt;br&gt;<strong>Comments</strong>&lt;br&gt;Panelist: <strong>Michele Cecchini</strong>, Economist / Policy Analyst - OECD&lt;br&gt;<strong>Questions</strong></td>
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<td>15:05 - 16:30</td>
<td><strong>What are the strategic orientations for the future?</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Presentation of JANPA Position Paper</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Angela Spinelli</strong>, WP2 leader – ISS, Italy&lt;br&gt;<strong>Roundtable discussion on the challenges for the future</strong>&lt;br&gt;Moderator: <strong>Maria Hassapidou</strong>, WP3 leader – ATEITH, Greece&lt;br&gt;Discussants:&lt;br&gt; - <strong>Artur Furtado</strong>, Deputy Head of Unit, Health Determinants and Inequality (EC - DG SANTE)&lt;br&gt; - <strong>João Breda</strong>, Head of the WHO European Office for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases and Programme Manager, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity (WHO Europe)&lt;br&gt; - <strong>Johanna Ralston</strong>, Chief Executive Officer (World Obesity Federation)&lt;br&gt; - <strong>Monique Goyens</strong>, Director General (BEUC)&lt;br&gt; - <strong>Dirk Jacobs</strong>, Deputy Director General, Director Consumer Information, Diet and Health (FoodDrinkEurope)</td>
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<td><strong>Closing remarks</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Roger Genet</strong>, Director General, ANSES – France</td>
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