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“A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life”**

**The JPI HDHL Knowledge Hub**

**on**

**“Determinants of Diet and Physical Activity” (DEDIPAC KH)**

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the DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub**

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## ***DEDIPAC Part A: Scientific Description of Background, Scope and Major Objectives of the DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub (KH).***

### **1. An Introduction to the Joint Programming Initiative “A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life” (JPI HDHL)**

The Joint Programming Initiative is a European process, by which Member States engage on a variable geometry basis in defining, developing and implementing an agreed vision document with common strategic research agenda (SRA) to address major societal challenges that no individual Member State is capable of handling independently. In the context of the JPI “A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life”, trans-disciplinary expertise, knowledge, facilities and approaches ranging from blue sky research to large population studies and controlled trials are needed to investigate the relationship between diet, exercise and health. In addition, there is a need to examine the influence of genotypes, individual genetic and epigenetic differences, dietary patterns and life styles, including their interactions and changes over the time, on health and disease susceptibility and morbidity. The JPI HDHL entails a voluntary partnership between Member States and Associated Countries of the European Union and aims to bring major benefits to this sector by:

-  *helping to coordinate the scope of research programmes across Europe and reducing duplication of efforts*
-  *making it easier to address common challenges developing suitable solutions with the same objective concerning food, nutrition and active life policy in the international arena while taking into consideration cultural diversities among countries*
-  *promoting scientific excellence through joint activities with common funding and peer-review processes to minimise fragmentation of research activities and to use public resources more efficiently and effectively improving the accountability and transparency of public research programmes*
-  *supporting cross-border collaboration and facilitating data pooling and their collection in a uniform and standardised way*
-  *sharing expertise scattered across countries or throughout Europe as a whole promoting creation of a critical mass, cross-border mobility and training to facilitate timely dissemination and translation of research results to inform public health practice and policy*
-  *increase the scientific, technological and innovative impacts of public investments in research by strengthening the coordination with other related policies through greater programme visibility and promotion of cross-border policy learning.*

**The vision of the JPI HDHL is that by the year 2030 all Europeans will have not only the adequate knowledge and motivation, but also the opportunity and accessibility to consume a healthy diet from a variety of foods, have healthy levels of physical activity and that the incidence of life style - related diseases will have decreased significantly.**

To attain the vision of the JPI HDHL and contribute significantly to the construction of a fully operational European Research Area (ERA) on the prevention of diet- and sedentary life style-related diseases and effectively integrate research efforts in the food-, nutritional-, exercise-, social- and health sciences, three key interacting research areas have been identified and adopted in the JPI HDHL Common Vision Document:

- ✚ **determinants of diet and physical activity: ensuring the healthy choice is the easy choice for consumers**
- ✚ **diet and food production: developing high-quality, healthy, safe and sustainable foods**
- ✚ **diet-related chronic diseases: preventing diet-related chronic diseases and increasing the quality of life, delivering a healthier diet.**

## 1.2 Determinants of Diet and Physical Activity: Ensuring the Healthy Choice is the Easy Choice for Consumers

In this key research area, as outlined in the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA), the JPI should contribute to the identification of the most cost-effective and efficient ways to ensure healthy life styles choices for consumers for prevention and control of diet and sedentary life style-related chronic diseases. The long-term goal of the JPI in this area is to stimulate a comprehensive and integrated health action at public and private levels aiming to motivate, nudge and enable people to adopt and easily maintain diet and physical activity healthy choices.

The research and development activities of the JPI are expected to deliver knowledge and tools, which will support evidence-based more effective interventions driving dietary and physical activity healthy behaviours. Since challenges and questions linked to social inequalities are of importance, strong interactions with research areas 2 and 3 are required to obtain a full picture of the impact of individual, social, economic, cultural and biological determinants on health and disease. The JPI activities and research results will be of importance for policy-makers, professionals in the public health area, the food industry and citizens.

**In this strategic research area, the Management Board (MB) of the JPI HDHL has adopted, as first joint initiative to be developed over the period 2012-2014, the establishment of an European trans-disciplinary research network programme on determinants of dietary and physical activity behaviour and their relation to best practice implementation strategies for long-term changes.**

## 1.3 Joint Action: Knowledge Hub on the “DEterminants of Diet and Physical Activity” (DEDIPAC)

The DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub will be a programme supported by the JPI HDHL to boost transnational co-operation, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary networking collaboration and communication among researcher’s communities in the field of “Determinants of Diet and Physical Activity”.

Within DEDIPAC, networks of selected research groups and their scientists from JPI Member States and Associated Countries will carry out joint trans- and multidisciplinary activities aiming to integrate biological, behavioural and social sciences expertise, knowledge, facilities and databases for a better understanding of how individual, social and environmental determinants influence food and physical




activity choices. Implementation strategies and innovative tools for collection, sharing and dissemination of research outcomes among all stakeholders in the field will be an important component of the programme.

## 1.4 Scope of the DEDIPAC KH

The establishment of this European trans-disciplinary research network programme is expected to contribute to the understanding of how biological, ecological, psychological, sociological, economic and socio-economic factors influence consumer decision-making. Differences across European Member States and Associated Countries in economic, social and policy environments present the opportunity to improve our understanding of how these contextual factors influence diet and physical activity. Better knowledge and best practice implementation strategies including predictive models are required for long-term life styles changes and for more effective policy interventions.


Increased complexity of populations on cultural, socio-economic and environmental grounds, impacts of genetic and epigenetic differences across the European population should be considered for effective disease prevention in target populations.

Although there has been extensive research in different disciplinary areas focusing on this topic, their integration can be improved substantially in order to understand the complexity of multiple interactions of different determinants by developing new approaches and combining data on diet and physical activity with environmental factors. This could be realised by a European trans-disciplinary knowledge network (hub) which will:

-  bring together research groups and its researchers from different disciplines to collaborate and create common databases for further analysis
-  establish a critical mass in this strategic research area via excellent science, research facilities sharing, training of young scientists and novel professional profiles development
-  facilitate prospective studies at a pan-European level, sharing standardised and innovative measures in different disciplines related to determinants of diet, food and physical activity choices

## 1.5 Scientific Content of the DEDIPAC KH

To define as comprehensively as possible, which factors and effects of lifestyles (eating behaviour, exercise and other social/societal parameters) contribute to diet and sedentary life style-related chronic diseases and which measures are needed to affect those critical determinants to improve EU consumer's health and quality of life, it is necessary to take an holistic approach. It has been agreed that to effectively exploit the full potential and added value of the DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub programme the following main topics should be fully integrated as part of an overarching common research strategy, which reflects their complexity and interdependence:

-  consumers: this area faces all aspects of diet and nutrition from store to mouth and in consumer subgroups. This covers consumer decision making to buy a certain product to the consumption throughout the life cycle, including choices in early nutrition with lasting health consequences in later stages of life

- ✚ physical activity throughout the life cycle: this area includes all aspects of physical activity (i.e., sport, physical exercise, work-related physical activities, spontaneous physical activities) from quantification and characterization to efficacy evaluation
- ✚ environment: this issue refers to the social and economic status (education, income, minorities etc.) and geographical environment of people and the impact of such factors on the diet and physical activity of individuals and groups including early environmental exposure during life span.

**With respect to these three main thematic areas the research challenges for DEDIPAC are:**

- ✚ establishing a joint and standardised monitoring system of dietary intake and physical activity patterns including specific systems for high risk populations (e.g. infants, children, adolescents, elderly, etc.)
- ✚ collecting and using harmonised data: fostering methodological and data management (extending from data collection to data retrieval) procedures in all relevant disciplines for studying the determinants of diet, nutritional status, food and physical activity choices. The ultimate goal would be to obtain all relevant data in the most harmonised manner, enabling cross European comparisons, multi-centre studies and secondary data analyses
- ✚ implementing systematic foresight activities and initiate scenario studies, including and exploiting relevant expertise from European trans-disciplinary research networks on determinants of dietary and physical activity representing all EU countries. The goal of such activities will be the generation of a common research agenda across disciplines, relevant to European research needs in the area of determinants of diet, food and physical activity choices
- ✚ making better use of existing databases by pooling existing prospective cohort studies, including data from biological, social or behavioural sciences
- ✚ establishing and maintaining integrated multidisciplinary databases that have used state-of-the-art methodologies.

## 1.6 Action Plan of the DEDIPAC KH

The DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub is designed to become a responsive and highly multi-disciplinary transnational European research network, consisting of different research groups and their scientists in the field of food-, nutritional-, exercise-, social- and health sciences. The combined multidisciplinary expertise of DEDIPAC members will facilitate a more holistic scientific approach by synthesising broad perspectives, knowledge and skills and allowing important interdisciplinary research questions to be addressed. The particular attractiveness of the DEDIPAC hub originates from its emphasis on interdisciplinarity and from its specific design as a bottom-up approach. The major objective will be the work on and to tackle the scientific questions raised and defined in the JPI HDHL SRA for research area 1: Determinants of Diet and Physical Activity.

**For participating research groups and scientists, DEDIPAC hub activities shall support:**

1. **NETWORKING:** to increase and facilitate transnational cooperation and coordination between excellent researchers, researcher's groups and research organisations, building a progressive and long-lasting network
2. **CAPACITY BUILDING:** to provide the opportunity to develop research capacity in this particular area and others, to join learning/training activities (*e.g.* mobility) and to share infrastructures
3. **RESEARCH:** to perform excellent joint research in the particular field in order to respond to questions arising from the JPI HDHL SRA

The first important task for DEDIPAC members will be to draw upon their own knowledge and broad range of expertise to develop a proposed programme of activities for the knowledge hub. The plan should focus on the most important questions with potential for major impact in the field whilst taking account of on-going activities and the time and budget that is available. It is possible that some activities may be accomplished quickly whilst others may be more long-term or may be implemented at a later stage of the JPI HDHL. To give applicants of DEDIPAC an idea of putative future ideas, we have listed some highly topical issues as examples:

- ✚ **Adoption** of tools and procedures for epidemiological data collection (characterisation of diet, nutrition status, nutrition and physical activity patterns including determinants of choices and psychological profile of populations as consumers or patients), data standardisation, data management and data sharing. Particular attention should be given to making the best use of and adding value to existing data; collaboration with the research activities of joint actions in strategic research areas 2 and 3 will be expected.
- ✚ **Tailoring** a new innovative programme to identify gaps and opportunities in relation to analyses and evaluation of:
  - ✚ the impact of current public health programmes (physical activity and nutritional status of populations), and recommended/planned public health interventions
  - ✚ the impact of policy and regulations (labelling), economics (food prices, subsidies, taxes, effects of income on food choices, vulnerability), social and cultural factors on diet and physical activity choices
- ✚ **Launch of pilot studies on:**
  - ✚ cognitive versus habitual behaviour with regard to food and physical activity choice, preference and behaviour, including the impact of social and environmental inequalities particularly in relation to minorities
  - ✚ understanding the determinants (biological, economic, social, psychological and environment) underpinning consumer behaviour and perceived risk/benefit or cost/benefit for food (focusing on food patterns instead of on individual food items) and physical activities choices in selected populations
  - ✚ development/validation of healthy, safe, suitable and determinant-based diet and physical and exercise programmes covering the life span.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Networking Meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 will be instrumental in determining the future programme of activities for the DEDIPAC Hub and, at a later stage, the content of a joint proposal for



a DEDIPAC Research Programme. In order to support this process, members of the JPI HDHL SAB, SHAB and Steering Committee of DEDIPAC will support the new DEDIPAC KH members through the 1<sup>st</sup> Networking Meeting.

## DEDIPAC KH Part B: Structure, Rules and Regulations of the DEDIPAC KH

### 2. Participating Countries and Respective Funding Organisations of DEDIPAC

As stated above, the JPI HDHL Knowledge Hub DEDIPAC is an instrument to foster the transnational co-operation, collaboration and communication of the existing research communities in the field of the JPI HDHL in order to contribute to the optimisation of research outcomes by facilitating a better networking and information exchange of all players. The DEDIPAC KH will be a research network of research groups and their scientists from JPI Member Countries within the Research Area 1 “Determinants of Diet and Physical Activity” of the JPI HDHL SRA.

The DEDIPAC KH aims to respond to scientific questions raised and defined in the JPI HDHL SRA in order to tackle the challenges being addressed by the JPI HDHL and to increase the visibility of the JPI HDHL. The objectives of the DEDIPAC KH are explained in Part A of this document.










To achieve these goals, the funders of the DEDIPAC KH will provide resources to research groups and their scientists. Depending on the country, this will be either “*in-kind funding*” and/or “*in cash funding*”. For details on the specific funding types and resources provided by each country, please see and refer to “Eligible Costs and National Requirements” in ANNEX B.

**The DEDIPAC KH is expected to develop a joint transnational networked activity and research programme, which will begin once the members of the DEDIPAC hub have been appointed during the 1<sup>st</sup> networking meeting. The networking should lead to one joint programme proposal based on the action plan of the DEDIPAC KH and has to include educational, training, research and integrating activities. The Joint DEDIPAC programme proposal is the first milestone of the DEDIPAC KH work.**

The parties listed below have expressed their interest in funding a JPI HDHL Knowledge Hub as a transnational research network on “Determinants of Diet and Physical Activity (DEDIPAC)”.

**Table 1: Member States and Associated Countries participating in the DEDIPAC KH.**

Participating Country		Funding Organisation(s)
AUSTRIA		Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research (BMWF)
BELGIUM		Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)
FINLAND		Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation (Tekes)
FRANCE		Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA)

GERMANY		The Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)
IRELAND		The Health Research Board (HRB)
ITALY		Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR); Ministry of agricultural, food and forestry policies (MIPAAF)
NETHERLANDS		The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw)
NORWAY		The Research Council of Norway/ Ministry of Health and Care Services (HOD)
POLAND		The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR)
SPAIN		Carlos III Institute of Health (ISCIII)
SWITZERLAND		The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)
UNITED KINGDOM		The Medical Research Council (MRC)

### 3. Facts and Rules of the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub

#### 3.1. Eligibility

Funding organisations participating in the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH will fund new activities and/or redirect existing funding/capacities (*i.e.* an in-kind contribution) towards the needs of the DEDIPAC KH. The nature of funding provided by each funding organisation and country is explained in detail in the National Requirements in ANNEX B. Each participating country will be responsible for deciding which of its national scientists are eligible to join the DEDIPAC KH and the type (new or in-kind) and level of funding it makes available to its selected members. The aim for the selection process is to result in a well-balanced network of members providing all the necessary expertise required by the DEDIPAC KH action plan.

#### 3.2. Participation and Membership in the DEDIPAC KH

Valid members of the DEDIPAC KH will be research groups that have the formal support of their respective research organisations and institutions. Consortia of research groups that are represented by one coordinating scientist may as well be valid partners. Within the DEDIPAC KH, one or several research organisations from each of the participating countries may join. From each research organisation, one or more research groups and their scientists may participate in the DEDIPAC hub according to national eligibility criteria.<sup>1</sup>

The members of the DEDIPAC KH should represent the very best expertise in their countries on the thematic area in question (“excellence”) and/or research groups that are supported by their country

<sup>1</sup> The participating researcher and research groups of the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub will be funded by their national funding organisations via their respective research organisations.

to enter in order to develop innovative approaches in a multidisciplinary and international cooperation context (“capacity building”).

The governance structure of the DEDIPAC KH comprises a Hub Coordinator<sup>2</sup> (HC), who can be supported in his activities by Thematic Area/Work Package Leaders (TAL/WPLs). The HC will be a scientist member of the DEDIPAC KH and will be elected by the members of the DEDIPAC hub during the 1<sup>st</sup> Networking Meeting. The elected person must have received a majority of DEDIPAC KH members votes (>50%, either in a single or multiple voting rounds, each member has a single vote) during an open vote procedure. The TAL/WPLs as coordination support team are elected in a similar procedure. Afterwards, the HC and the TAL/WPLs have to be confirmed by the Steering Committee (SC) of the DEDIPAC KH (details see below).

The HC, domiciled in one of the countries participating in the DEDIPAC KH, will have the overall responsibility and will be accountable for the affairs and scientific progress of the DEDIPAC hub. The HC will provide and will thus be responsible for scientific leadership of the DEDIPAC KH (ANNEX A). The HC will take a broad view across thematic areas/work packages in order to ensure maximum coherence of the scientific vision that acts as the thrust of the DEDIPAC KH. The TAL/WPLs will be working in close collaboration with the HC and will be responsible for the coordination and integration of all activities within the thematic areas/work packages they are responsible for. They will generate and provide the necessary inputs to the HC from their thematic areas. The roles and responsibilities for the HC and the TAL/WPLs are explained in greater detail in ANNEX A. The members of the DEDIPAC KH will be expected to design and implement a valid overall governance structure to guide the work of the Hub and between the HC and the TAL/WPLs within the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH Programme.

### 3.3. Eligible Costs

For details on the eligible costs within the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH, please refer to ANNEX B. Depending on the country’s funding body(ies), the eligible costs may include:

- ✚ contribution to costs of the HC and TAL/WPLs
- ✚ travel costs to attend JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH meetings
- ✚ communication and dissemination costs *e.g.* workshops, newsletters, etc.
- ✚ education, training and capacity building measures *e.g.* fellowships, grants, seminars, summer schools, etc.
- ✚ mobility and research costs *e.g.* staff and consumables

Each research group of the DEDIPAC KH is subjected to the rules and regulations of its respective national funding organisation. Therefore, members of the DEDIPAC hub are advised to check their countries’ rules and eligible costs to decide on their putative role and activities in the DEDIPAC KH (*e.g.* Hub Coordinator). While the DEDIPAC KH proposal will be submitted jointly by the members of the DEDIPAC KH from the different participating countries, the scheduled research activities of the individual research groups within the DEDIPAC hub will be funded by their respective national JPI

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<sup>2</sup>Candidates for the Hub Coordinator should check that associated costs are considered eligible costs in the corresponding national annex.

HDHL funding organisation(s) according to their own eligibility criteria and up-front an initial binding funding commitment.

### 3.4. Financial Modalities

The funding of the DEDIPAC KH will last 3 years.

#### Modalities for funding organisations

Partner funding organisations taking part in this joint action agree to contribute to common “coordination costs” via a virtual common pot. Each funding organisation will fund their national research groups and their national scientists depending on its own national rules and regulations. Eligible costs may vary according to the corresponding funding organisation’s rules.

#### Modalities for participating research groups

A consortium agreement (CA) has to be signed by all research groups and their corresponding organisations participating in the DEDIPAC KH, at latest when the joint research proposal has been finally granted. The CA will specify at least the following issues, the governance structure, the decision making processes, the collective responsibilities and the management arrangements including specific arrangements on intellectual property rights (IPR), timely expertise description of work as an annex, scientific reporting and controlling. Administrative and funding relations will be stated in the DEDIPAC KH MoU as a bilateral responsibility between each participating research organisation in the DEDIPAC KH and its relevant funding organisation.

## 4. Implementation and Execution of the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH

The DEDIPAC KH will be implemented in a three-step procedure. Following the submission of the expression of interest letters and the national eligibility evaluation to select the members, the work of the DEDIPAC hub will start on the occasion of a special networking meeting to facilitate the design, development, writing and submission of one transnational programme proposal. The DEDIPAC KH proposal will be evaluated in a peer-reviewed process by internationally renowned experts in the field, the Evaluation Panel (EP). In case, the proposal will require revisions, the hub coordinator will be invited to resubmit a revised DEDIPAC KH programme proposal. Details on the corresponding three-step process are listed below.

### 4.1. Expression of Interest (Eoi)

Within the first stage of implementation, interested research groups or consortia will submit an Expression of Interest (Eoi) letter written in English. A corresponding online form and further instructions will be made available on the JPI HDHL website at <https://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/> and <http://www.jpighdl.eu> on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

The Eoi should express the willingness of the applicant(s) to join the DEDIPAC KH as an active and contributing member. The applying research groups or consortia are expected to join the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH to enhance its scientific excellence and/or to provide capacity building activities. The

applicants should state in the EoI how and by what means and activities they plan to achieve these aims.





Following their intended contribution to the DEDIPAC KH, the applicants should describe their particular scientific expertise in one or more areas of the DEDIPAC KH action plan and their putative role and planned activities in the hub. Excellence in research and/or capacity building as well as motivation and added value of work within a pan-European network will be considered. They will list their most significant previous and ongoing research projects related to the DEDIPAC KH, publications and patents that can be considered as in kind contribution to the hub.

Moreover, the applicants should state whether they would like to be considered as Coordinator of the Hub (HC) or Thematic Area/Work Package Leaders (TAL/WPLs). Candidates who declare their willingness to become HC or TAL/WPLs must state this in the EoI. They will also state that they have full institutional support to fulfil their tasks within the DEDIPAC KH. This form has to be signed by the candidate and by the legal representative of its institution.

The EoI must be submitted to the Joint Action Secretariat (JAS) via the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH online submission system, which will be opened on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The submission system will be closed by December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (01:00 pm CET). Note that the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH online submission system will automatically provide the corresponding text boxes, formats and outline for length and structure of the EoI.

The selection and appointment of research groups to become a member of the DEDIPAC KH itself will be based on a national selection process. The contents and overall quality of the submitted EoIs will be checked for the coherence with both, the general DEDIPAC KH criteria and the specific national eligibility rules (see ANNEX B).

**The national eligibility rules have to comply with the following DEDIPAC KH selection criteria:**

-  an overall high scientific quality of the intended contribution of the research group/organisation and how it matches the remit of the DEDIPAC KH
-  a high quality of the planned activities in the DEDIPAC KH
-  a high quality of the currently running and funded research projects as documented by given facts, figures, papers, patents, etc..
-  a good balance among different expertises, wherever possible, to guarantee the multidisciplinary and interdisciplinarity approach of the DEDIPAC KH.

The selection will be performed by the respective national funding organisations. The final list of eligible research groups has to be validated and approved by the members of the DEDIPAC KH Steering Committee (see information below). The final list of eligible research groups and their scientists will be communicated to the interested research groups via email by February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A formal letter stating the decision will be subsequently provided.

## 4.2. Networking Process and Preparation of the DEDIPAC KH Proposal

The appointed DEDIPAC KH members will be brought together in the Networking Meeting scheduled to take place on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Participation of the members of DEDIPAC is mandatory. The meeting will be used to present, explain and discuss the background and specific objectives of the DEDIPAC KH and the major objectives of the JPI HDHL with members of the SC and SAB/SHAB. The networking meeting will mark the starting point for the work on the preparation of the DEDIPAC KH proposal and will elect the Hub Coordinator (HC) and his coordination support team. At this time, the JPI HDHL submission system will be re-opened for submission of the joint JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH proposal. The members of the DEDIPAC hub will be expected to submit their joint proposal following a pre-defined format and written in English through the HC via the online JPI HDHL submission system no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 01:00 p.m. CET.

The DEDIPAC KH programme proposal should strictly comply in its sub-sections with the national regulations given in ANNEX B. Programme proposal drafters should comply with the upfront of nationally binding funding commitment, the DEDIPAC documents and should take notice of individual national/organisational rules. They are strongly encouraged to contact their National Contact Person before adding their specific work package to the DEDIPAC KH proposal (see ANNEX B: national contact information). For applicants from some countries/regions, it might be necessary to submit a copy of the proposal and/or other information directly to the country's/regional funding organisations. Further information on how to submit the proposal will be made available through the JPI HDHL websites (<https://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/> and <http://www.jpighdl.eu> meta database).

## 4.3 Evaluation of the DEDIPAC Proposal

The DEDIPAC KH programme proposal will be evaluated by the Evaluation Panel (EP) and selected for awarding by the SC. The result of the evaluation process and the final decision on whether the successful DEDIPAC KH programme proposal is recommended for funding is expected to be communicated by June 27<sup>th</sup> or August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 (further information see section 5.3).

### 4.3.1 The Evaluation Panel

The EP consists of international experts being responsible for the evaluation of the submitted DEDIPAC KH programme proposal. In detail, it comprises international experts in DEDIPAC thematic areas as well as in management issues.

EP members cannot take part in the DEDIPAC KH programme, and each EP member will have to sign an agreement and confirmation that there are no conflicts of interest and a code of conduct. The appointment will be agreed by the SC upon nominations provided by the funding organisations based on the European standardized CVs, taking into account expertise, gender and geographical balance. Each DEDIPAC KH member state will propose three experts for the EP in the thematic area of DEDIPAC. Next the SC members will vote and nominate an uneven number of EP members (5 or 7). Funding organisations are entitled to send representatives to panel meetings in an observer capacity as witness of the evaluation process without taking part in the discussion and/or influencing the process itself in any way. The EP will be responsible for the correct execution of the evaluation

process of the DEDIPAC KH. It will be supported by the JAS. The evaluation process will be monitored and supervised by the SC.

### 4.3.2 Evaluation Criteria for Scientific and/or Technological Excellence

The following criteria for the evaluation process will be applied:

- ✚ high quality of the joint scientific plan of activities, including integration of DEDIPAC thematic areas and interaction of research groups
- ✚ high degree of innovation of planned activities
- ✚ high degree of European and international competitiveness of research groups and of planned work
- ✚ high quality and efficiency of the implementation and management: coordinator's proficiency, appropriateness of the governance and management structure and procedures, its organisation and coordination, including the management and sharing of data and models
- ✚ high quality and relevant experience of individual scientists and research groups
- ✚ high quality of the Hub as a whole, including complementarities and balance among its main themes
- ✚ high quality of the means for networking and building a long lasting interaction
- ✚ scientific added value resulting from European collaboration
- ✚ perspective of the intended means for capacity building
- ✚ timelines, suitability of work schedule, requested resources, and feasibility
- ✚ detailed risk analysis.

### 4.3.3 The Criteria of Potential Impact

The criteria of potential impact are:

- ✚ contribution to the advancements of the research area
- ✚ outcomes of capacity building measures
- ✚ appropriateness of measures for the dissemination and/or exploitation of results, and management of intellectual property
- ✚ strategic plan for long-term data storage and open access
- ✚ strategic plan for translation of research into public health practice or policy.

### 4.3.4 Additional Evaluation Criteria

Additional evaluation criteria will include:

Determinants of diet and physical activity
Diet and food production
Diet-related chronic diseases



- ✚ commitment of the partners
- ✚ proof a critical mass to achieve the overall scientific goals and objectives
- ✚ capacity of attraction to other research.

#### 4.4 Funding Decision and Contract Negotiation

Based on the DEDIPAC KH programme proposals' evaluation by the EP on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the funding organizations represented at the SC will make the decision:

- a. to fund the DEDIPAC KH programme proposal as it is in case of a very positive evaluation result
- b. not to fund the DEDIPAC KH programme proposal
- c. to negotiate changes deemed necessary by the EP in case of a conditional recommendation.

In the event of a recommended improvement (option c), the SC will ask the HC and the members of DEDIPAC KH to improve the submitted proposal according to the EP's recommendations. The HC will be provided with specific items and specific information on which parts of the proposal have to be re-designed and improved. Afterwards, the HC will be given time to improve and re-submit the proposal till July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The compliance of the re-submitted final proposal will be evaluated by the Chair of the EP and the members of the SC. The SC will recommend the DEDIPAC research consortium to be funded by the national/regional funding organisations. Based on these recommendations, final decisions and negotiation will be made by the national/regional funding organisations and will be subjected to budgetary considerations. The final decision is scheduled on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

#### 4.5 Responsibilities, Reporting Requirements and Dissemination during the Funding Period

The HC of DEDIPAC KH has the obligation to submit an annual progress report and a final report to the SC at the end of the three year funding period. All reports must be written in English. A common report format will be provided by the JAS.

The TAL/WPLs are responsible for delivering to the HC the reports on their thematic area. All members of the DEDIPAC KH are jointly responsible for the delivery of the reports and the main progress report. The SC will only accept complete reports delivered by the HC on behalf of the entire Hub.

If required, each member of the DEDIPAC KH has to submit financial and scientific reports to its national/regional funding organisations, according to national/regional regulations. The progress and final results of each individual contract (ministry decree, letter of grant, etc.) will be monitored by the respective national/regional funding organisations.

The intermediate and final reports will be submitted to EP evaluation and SC assessment. The HC will be responsible for taking corrective actions if required.

Funding recipients must ensure that all outcomes (publications, oral presentations, etc.) of the DEDIPAC KH include a proper acknowledgement of JPI HDHL support and the respective national/regional funding partner organisations.

The HC, TAL/WPLs and/or national members of the DEDIPAC KH may be asked to present the results of their activities at JPI HDHL MB meetings, conferences and progress meetings organised by the JPI HDHL.

To brand the JPI HDHL and to bring about larger awareness of the DEDIPAC KH, centralised communication and information exchange on its research activities will be addressed through the JAS (Joint Action Secretariat) and the JPI HDHL Secretariat. In addition to the national contact points and contact persons, both will provide general information on the DEDIPAC KH, mainly via the JPI HDHL website and the dissemination platform and the publication of documents such as newsletters, papers and other scientific information made available by the HC and/or TAL/WPLs and/or national group leaders.

Scientific communication will be the responsibility of the participating research groups involved in the DEDIPAC KH according to the JPI HDHL policy at this purpose.

## 5 Governance and Management Structure of the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC

### 5.1 The Joint Action Secretariat

The implementation of the invitation to participate in the submission of the joint JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH programme proposal(s) will be under the responsibility of the Joint Action Secretariat (JAS). The JAS acts as the primary contact point for interested research groups and scientists for information on general issues of the joint action and its technical aspects (DEDIPAC KH online submission system, delivery of submission documents, etc.). It will take care of managing and administration of the submission procedures (proposal submission, evaluation, selection) under the supervision of the Steering Committee (SC) and the support of the National Contact Points (NCP; ANNEX B) at national level. The JAS will provide requested information to the JPI HDHL Management Board (MB) and the JPI HDHL Advisory Boards (SAB, SHAB) as well.

The JAS will be set up at:

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## 5.2 The Steering Committee (SC)

The DEDIPAC KH Steering Committee (SC) is composed of representatives of the funding organisations/Member States or Associated States (one representative per each funding organisation and a deputy) that have signed the DEDIPAC KH Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Representatives may be recruited from the respective members of the JPI HDHL MB. The SC will supervise the progress of the DEDIPAC KH, the selection of the EoIs and the evaluation of the DEDIPAC KH programme proposal(s). The SC will make the final funding recommendation to the national/regional funding organisations on the DEDIPAC KH successful proposal and participating research groups to be funded, based on the assessment and final conclusions reached by the EP. All decisions concerning the proposals submission procedures and their implementation will be taken by the SC.

## 5.3 Timeline of the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub

### Step 1

June 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Pre-announcement of DEDIPAC on the 1 <sup>st</sup> International Conference of JPI HDHL in The Hague, The Netherlands
October, 2012	Preliminary Announcement of DEDIPAC
October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Approval and signature of MoU's during MB Meeting in Krakow
November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2012	Announcement of the EoI and opening of the DEDIPAC KH online submission system
December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Closing of the DEDIPAC KH online submission system and start of the national evaluation and selection process
January 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Results of the national selection
February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013	Approval of DEDIPAC KH members by the SC and official appointment followed by an invitation of the selected members to the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH Networking Meeting on March 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2013

### Step 2

March 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH Networking Meeting and opening of the DEDIPAC KH online submission system for submission of the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH programme proposal(s), participation is mandatory!
May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Deadline for submission of the DEDIPAC KH programme proposal, closure of the DEDIPAC KH online submission system and start of the evaluation process by the EP
June 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Evaluation meeting of EP (SC members will be present as observers) and communication of results to the SC and HC (conditional approval of SC and MB on a concomitant SC/MB meeting)

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Putative revision of the proposal and resubmission to the Chair of the SC- if required

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

Chair EP/SC approves or disapproves full improvement of proposal, proclamation of results of re-evaluation by Chair of SC, start of national contract negotiations.

#### 5.4 Contact and Further Information

The JAS will be the primary point of contact concerning the submission procedures for the DEDIPAC KH, the Steering Committee (funders) and the JPI HDHL Secretariat. All interested parties in issues of the DEDIPAC KH are strongly advised to contact their National Contact Person(s) for any questions on specific national regulations (see ANNEX B).

#### 5.5 Admission of New Partners from Members States and Associated Countries to DEDIPAC

The DEDIPAC KH explicitly appreciates the admission of new partners (countries and/or research groups), and will allow for the entry of any interested parties at all stages of the launched JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH process. As basic prerequisite, new partners must sign the DEDIPAC KH Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), stating that they will join the DEDIPAC KH to contribute to it according to its major objectives and the goals of the JPI HDHL SRA. The proposed activity should be supported by national funds and the participation must be discussed and approved by HC and TAL/WPLs.

## ANNEXES

### ANNEX A

## 6. The Roles and Responsibilities of the Hub Coordinator (HC) and Thematic Area/Work Package Leaders (TAL/WPLs)

### A. The Hub Coordinator (HC)

The JPI HDHL DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub members will elect the Hub Coordinator (HC) domiciled in a DEDIPAC KH participating country. The HC must have received more than 50% of all votes in a single or more election rounds during the first networking meeting. The result of the election has to be confirmed by the SC of the DEDIPAC KH. The HC will be overall responsible and accountable for the affairs of the DEDIPAC KH and provide/ascertain its strategic scientific leadership. The HC will take a broad view across the thematic areas/work packages of the DEDIPAC KH in order to ensure coherence of the scientific vision that maintains the thrust of DEDIPAC.

#### The HC's main responsibilities will be to:

- ✚ develop a joint programme of activities for the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC KH as well as a strategy for its implementation
- ✚ coordinate and facilitate integration of the planned activities across the thematic areas/work packages
- ✚ ensure that results arising are communicated promptly and regularly across the DEDIPAC KH
- ✚ attend DEDIPAC KH meetings to monitor the progress of the activities
- ✚ coordinate the exploitation of results interface and build collaborations with relevant organisations within Europe and worldwide
- ✚ provide means to build and strengthen the research communities in the DEDIPAC KH thematic areas at the regional, national and European level.

#### Other management duties of the HC will include to:

- ✚ complete the electronic submission of the proposal on behalf of the partners
- ✚ be the primary point of contact for the SC
- ✚ deliver regular reports and products to the SC on behalf of the partners
- ✚ communicate with the SC any event that might affect the sound implementation of the project
- ✚ be responsible for the overall justification of resource expenditure.

**Criteria for election of the HC:****1. Scientific vision and scientific expertise**

- ✚ capacity of the applicant to deliver a strategic research plan of activities and an innovative programme for its implementation
- ✚ skills and knowledge necessary to pursue the DEDIPAC KH objectives
- ✚ ability and experience to stimulate the development of new tools, techniques or methods across the hub.

**2. Contribution to the DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub**

- ✚ scientific leadership of the applicant and relevance to the JPI HDHL mission
- ✚ proven ability to communicate with relevant stakeholders
- ✚ international competitiveness and previous experiences in coordination of large EU consortia.

**3. Institutional and external commitment**

- ✚ institutional funding: direct contribution of institutional funds to the applicant's centre/department/group
- ✚ links to stakeholders (including government, industry) in the DEDIPAC KH thematic areas.

**4. Leadership**

- ✚ proven outstanding leadership skills and proven outstanding managerial skills.

**B. The Thematic Area/Work Package Leaders (TAL/WPLs)****The TAL/WPL's main responsibilities will be to:**

- ✚ contribute to develop a joint programme for the Knowledge Hub and a strategy for its implementation in collaboration with the HC and the other TAL/WPLs
- ✚ manage the research activities within the thematic area and work packages
- ✚ communicate results arising regularly through the HC and across the DEDIPAC KH
- ✚ attend DEDIPAC meetings and report on their progress
- ✚ design a strategy for the exploitation of results in consultation with the other TAL/WPLs and the HC
- ✚ interface and build collaborations with relevant organisations, within Europe and internationally
- ✚ provide means to build and strengthen the research communities at the regional, national and European level.










**Other management duties of the TAL/WPLs will be to:**

- ✚ provide regular reports and deliverables to the HC for reporting to the JPI HDHL SC
- ✚ inform the HC of any event that might affect the sound implementation of the work plan
- ✚ be responsible for the overall justification of resource expenditure within the thematic area/work package




## ANNEX B: National/Regional Contact Persons Details, Requirements and Eligible Costs

### 7. National Contact Points

Hereunder are provided the contact data of the National Contact person(s) for the submission of the EoI letters for participation in the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub. National Contact Points are namely responsible for informing potential applicants about relevant national issues (national eligibility criteria, eligible costs). It is strongly recommended for each applicant to contact their contact point prior to submitting their EoI.














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FINLAND	 Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation (Tekes)	Dr. Heikki Aro Dr. Saara Hassinen (SalWe)	Phone +35 8 29 5022548, fax +35 8 2251 1540, email heikki.aro@tekes.fi Phone +35 8 40 5311 661 , email saara.hassinen@salwe.fi
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GERMANY	 Project Management Agency in the German Aerospace Centre (PT-DLR), Heinrich-Konen-Straße 1, 53227 Bonn	Dr. Friederike Bathe; Dr. Sonja Matthiesen	Phone +49 228/3821- 1210, email ernaehrung@dlr.de
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## 8. Eligible Costs Per Country

This table is provided only for your information. It does not warranty any eligibility, which should systematically be checked with your NCP. Eligibility for selected issues is indicated in green (eligible) or red (non-eligible) colours and further explanations may be given.

Country	Coordinators' costs (HC/TAL/WPL) <sup>3</sup>	Research costs (e.g. staff and consumables)	Travel costs (e.g. for DEDIPAC meetings)	Communication & dissemination costs (e.g. workshops, newsletters) <sup>4</sup>	Training & capacity building (e.g. seminars, summer schools) <sup>3</sup>	Mobility
AUSTRIA 						
BELGIUM 						
FINLAND 						
FRANCE 	For INRA	For INRA	For INRA	For INRA	For INRA	
GERMANY 						
ITALY 						
IRELAND 					Workshops, seminars and summer schools	
NETHERLANDS 						
NORWAY 						
POLAND 	Only Polish coordinators; personnel costs	Direct costs: personnel costs; operating costs	Standard travel costs: tickets,	Workshops: organisation costs (once in 3 years in KH) and	Seminars and summer schools: organisation costs	Short-term internships,
SPAIN 						
SWITZERLAND 						
UNITED KINGDOM 	HC Only					

<sup>3</sup> Research groups in participating countries that offer coordinators costs are eligible to apply to be coordinators.

<sup>3</sup>This indicates that the participating country can organise workshops, seminars or summer schools. Nonetheless, all Knowledge Hub participants may take part in these events.

## 9. National Regulations

### AUSTRIA

#### Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research

##### Eligibility

Investigators from Austria are welcome to apply to participate in the DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub on the condition that:

- They hold a post at an Austrian University, a non-university research institute/organisation or at a private company – in particular SMEs
- They apply on behalf of their research centre/institution or a multi-partner consortium;
- They can demonstrate the support of a lead host institution;
- They can demonstrate expertise and a research track record in one or more thematic areas of DEDIPAC and are engaged actively in research in these areas nationally and/or internationally.

Potential applicants are strongly recommended to contact their national contact point (see below).

##### Funding

The Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF) has allocated a budget of max. € 25.000,- to support DEDIPAC KH networking activities for Austrian participants.

In addition, applicants are strongly encouraged to contribute in kind.

*The BMWF has agreed in principle to provide additional funding to support the involvement of investigators from Austria in activities agreed in the final, approved DEDIPAC proposal. The nature and amount of this funding will be agreed and communicated once a draft proposal is ready for review.*

##### Eligible costs

Coordinators' Costs

Travel Costs

Communication and Dissemination Costs

##### National Contact Point

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## BELGIUM

### Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO), Belgium

Art. 9 of the FWO-regulation on regular research projects states who can apply as a Principal Investigator to a research project (<http://www.fwo.be/Documentatie.aspx?ID=399b8594-9710-4771-9289-426ff73731e1>):

-  a professor with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university;
-  a professor with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and a main task as researcher;
-  a professor with an appointment of 5% at a Flemish university and with an appointment as (assistant) clinical head or an equal function in a university hospital;
-  an academic staff member with an appointment at the Evangelical Protestant Faculty in Leuven and the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels;
-  a research director of FWO;
-  a Flemish beneficiary of an ERC Starting Grant, an ERC Advanced Grant or an allowance in the FWO-funding programme Odysseus II.

All co-promoters have to be researchers at at least postdoctoral level in at least one of the following types of organisations:

-  – a Flemish university;
-  – a Flemish research institution;
-  – a Flemish university hospital;
-  – the Transnational university Limburg;
-  – a federal scientific institution, if the co-promoter belongs to the Dutch language register.

Researchers from outside Flanders can be involved as co-promoter without being entitled to receive funding from the FWO and insofar this cooperation is relevant for the project. “If more than one universities are involved in the project, at least one promoter of each university has to fulfil the above mentioned eligibility criteria as well as to occupy a position covering entirely the period of the project that is applied for. The criteria have to be met with at the start of the project at the latest, which has to be proven at the date of the submission.

**For all further information please contact the FWO representative:**

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Research Foundation - Flanders



## FINLAND

**Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation – Tekes** funding is provided to the joint action under the Joint Programming Initiative “A Healthy Diet for A Healthy Life” (JPI HDHL) titled “Determinants of Diet and Physical Activity Choice” (DEDIPAC).

### Eligibility

Tekes is funding Finnish applicants coming from universities and research institutes. Eligibility of Finnish applicants will be assessed by Tekes together with Strategic Centre for Science, Technology and Innovation in Health and Well-being (SalWe Ltd). Applications must indicate the national benefits of participation, and be compatible with the thematic area of DEDIPAC and for the SalWe research programme “Mind and Body”. Potential candidate institutions are recommended to contact national contact points before sending their letters of expression of interest.

### Funding

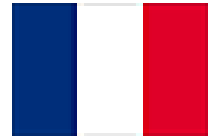
The submission and the approval of applications will be of two phases. The procedure concerning the Expression of interest (EoI) applications must be provided with in kind contribution of applicants.

Applicants with approved EoI will be invited to submit their funding applications. The funding body of the accepted JPI HDHL DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub projects is Tekes, and the funding decisions are based on the recommendations of the international Expert Panel of JPI and SalWe Ltd. The funding criteria, follow-up and reporting of funded projects are regulated according to general terms of Tekes.

### Contact points:

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## FRANCE

### Eligibility

- ✚ French applicants coming from public research institutions can apply to this call for expression of interest. They will have to provide in kind contribution for their participation.
- ✚ Potential candidate institutions are strongly recommended to contact their national contact point (see below) before sending their letters of intent.

### Specific funding rules for INRA

- ✚ INRA is funding INRA units only. Other French applicants will have to provide in kind contribution.
- ✚ Funding for coordination and communication costs of INRA teams will be about 50,000 per year. Eligible costs are: costs to support a coordinator as far as INRA coordinators are chosen, travel costs, communication, workshops.
- ✚ INRA research costs will be funded in kind. It is estimated to represent 2 million € per year.

For all further information please refer to the national contact point:

Dr. Patrick Etievant, [presidence@dijon.inra.fr](mailto:presidence@dijon.inra.fr)



## GERMANY

### Federal Ministry of Research and Education (BMBF)

- ✚ BMBF funding of the JPI HDHL DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub call is provided as delineated in the announcement *Richtlinien zur Förderung eines europäischen Knowledge Hubs im Rahmen der "Joint Programming Initiative Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life"* published in [www.bundesanzeiger.de](http://www.bundesanzeiger.de) and [www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/4648.php](http://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/4648.php). Funding is based on §§23 and 44 BHO (Bundeshaushaltsordnung) and associated administrative regulations. The main items are as follows:
  - ✚ Applications must be compatible with the above mentioned national announcement.
  - ✚ Funding will be awarded as non-repayable project grant.
  - ✚ The funding regulations, follow-up and reporting of publicly funded projects are regulated according to ANBest (Allgemeine Nebenbestimmungen).
  - ✚ Eligible applicants are universities, research institutions and companies domiciled in Germany. Research institutions, which receive basic financing, can be funded subject to specific conditions.
  
- ✚ In any case, German applicants must obligatorily contact with the German National Contact Points:

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## ITALY

### (Ministry of Education, University and Research-MIUR, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry policies - MIPAAF)

Research groups with an excellent expertise in the thematic areas of DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub (KH), already participating in National and/or European projects on the same area and that can provide in-kind contribution for research activity are eligible to participate in the DEDIPAC KH.

#### EoI applications guidance

Applicants have to fill in the Expression of Interest (EoI) letter provided by the JPI HDHL ESS at <https://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/> and <http://www.jpighdl.eu>. Each EoI applications must consist of multidisciplinary national teams of investigators, based in 5 or more independent eligible institutions, that can offer knowledge, expertises, databases in the thematic area/topics of DEDIPAC KH. The EoI applications should clearly indicate the national benefits in the participation to the DEDIPAC KH activities, should include a list of at least 15 relevant articles published in peer-reviewed journals in the last five years in the thematic area of DEDIPAC KH and should include a statement ensuring in-kind funding if awarded. The selection and appointment of research groups to become members of the DEDIPAC KH will be based on a national selection process. National eligibility rules will comply with the DEDIPAC KH selection criteria listed in the ToR (Terms of Reference) at page 13. Participation of the appointed members of DEDIPAC KH to the Networking meeting is mandatory.

Potential candidates are strongly recommended to contact their national contact points (see below) before sending their EoI letter.

#### Nature of the applicants

Applicants that belong to national public *and private* research institutions, that among their institutional and statutory scopes are “performing research activities” and not only are “promoting or supporting research activities”, can apply for funding. Institutions include all public or private research bodies supervised by the Ministries that support the JPI DEDIPAC action (MIUR, MIPAAF). It is mandatory, for all the private research bodies defined above, that they state in the official documents (statute and/or articles of incorporation, memorandum of association) that among their missions they also “perform research activities”, and in case, their non profit’s purpose. SMEs, industries and organisms with other statutory nature are welcome as participants if an added value to the network is proven and if they are willing to share data and results within the DEDIPAC KH.

#### Financial contribution

Italy costs to participate in the DEDIPAC KH will be funded mainly in kind. MIUR and MIPAAF have agreed in principle to provide additional funding to coordinate the involvement of investigators from Italy in activities included in the final, approved DEDIPAC programme proposal. The nature and amount of this funding (max. €400.000 from MIUR and €150.000 from MIPAAF in total for the duration of DEDIPAC KH-three years) will be communicated once the draft proposal *has been submitted by the DEDIPAC KH members for the peer review*. It can be anticipated that:



- MIUR in cash contribution will be available for supporting public Institutions, private no profit bodies, SME by up to 100% of the approved eligible project costs;
- Mipaaf in cash contribution will be available only for supporting the activities of CRA-INRAN research groups by up to 99% of the approved eligible project costs.

### Eligible costs to be refunded

#### A) Personnel

**1) Salaries** – Only for non-permanent scientific staff (including foreign visiting scientists, post docs, PhD students, fellowships and grants).

**2) Travel expenses**- for permanent and non permanent staff.

#### B) Consumables

**C) External activity costs** – expenditures for activity carried out externally to the research applicant (Consultancy services, agreements, maintenance, repairs, material transportation when needed for the project implementation).

**D) Overheads** – no more than 10% of the total amount of the above mentioned costs.

**F) Coordination** - if an Italian institution is playing a role of coordinator non-permanent administrative staff can be included in the coordination cost.

### Additional forms

Once the DEDIPAC KH programme of activities has been approved for funding and during the negotiation each Italian research unit will have to fill in the forms provided by the competent Ministry and present it to the funding body to apply for contribution.

In case of a research unit acting as coordinator, also the general plan of activities description, including the activity of all partners and the financial sheet, limited to the Italian research participants have to be presented to the funding body.

### For further information please refer to the national contact points:

#### Contact points:

Ministry of Education, University and Research – **MIUR**  
Directorate General for International Research, P.le J.F. Kennedy 20 – 00144 Roma (I)

Giovina Ruberti –National Research Council, Institute of Cell Biology and Neurobiology, Via E. Ramarini 32-00015 Monterotondo Scalo (Roma) (I), [gruberti@ibc.cnr.it](mailto:gruberti@ibc.cnr.it), phone +39 0690091263

Ministry of agricultural, food and forestry policies – **MIPAAF**  
Research and experimentation Office, DISR IV, Via XX Settembre 20, 00187 Rome (I) [cosvir4@mpaaf.gov.it](mailto:cosvir4@mpaaf.gov.it);

Annamaria Marzetti, [a.marzetti@mpaaf.gov.it](mailto:a.marzetti@mpaaf.gov.it), phone: +390646655174



## IRELAND

### Eligibility

Investigators from Ireland are welcome to apply to participate in the DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub on the condition that:

1. They hold a post in a recognised research institution in the Republic of Ireland;
2. They apply on behalf of their research centre/institution or a multi-partner consortium;
3. They can demonstrate the support of a lead host institution;
4. They can demonstrate expertise and a research track record in one or more thematic areas of DEDIPAC and are engaged actively in research in these areas nationally and/or internationally.

Potential applicants are strongly recommended to contact their national contact point (see below) before submitting their expression of interest.

### Funding

The HRB has allocated a budget of **€25,000 in 2013** to support DEDIPAC KH networking activities for participants from Ireland.

*The HRB has agreed in principle to provide additional funding to support the involvement of investigators from Ireland in activities agreed in the final, approved DEDIPAC proposal. The nature and amount of this funding will be agreed and communicated once a draft proposal is ready for review.*

### Eligible costs

- Travel costs
- Seminars, workshops and summer schools
- Communication and Dissemination costs

### Ineligible costs

- Hub coordinator costs
- Mobility costs
- Research costs

### National Contact Point

Dr. Annalisa Montesanti , Population Health and Health Services Research, Health Research Board, 73 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, Ireland, phone +353-01-2345208, email [amontesanti@hrb.ie](mailto:amontesanti@hrb.ie).



## THE NETHERLANDS

### Eligibility

- ✚ Application is open to researchers from Dutch institutes only.
- ✚ Only researchers working in a consortium existing of at least 2 academic groups and 1 University of Applied Science can apply for the KH; It's allowed to create a new consortium for this KH
- ✚ In any case, Dutch applicants must obligatorily contact with the Netherlands National Contact Points (see below)

### Funding

- ✚ Funding for coordination costs will be max. € 50,000 in total for the duration of DEDIPAC (3 years).
- ✚ Funding will be provided according to eligible costs (below) and ZonMw Grant Terms and Conditions (see [www.zonmw.nl](http://www.zonmw.nl))
- ✚ The selection will be done by an "ad hoc" commission of national scientist that are not directly involved in the knowledge hub.
- ✚ Applicants have to fill in a EoI letter for each researcher that wants to participate in the KH and they have to sent an extra one-page document to ZonMw about their consortium. The EoI letter of the consortium members and the one-page document form one application.
- ✚ Main criteria for selection will be:
  - composition of the consortium (diversity of research area's covered in the consortium, basis for collaboration);
  - quality of the researcher and research group
  - quality of the research groups in the consortium
  - contribution of the researcher and the research group to the KH
  - Benefits from participation KH for the researcher and research rroup
  - Added value of the consortium to DEDIPAC
  - Collaboration in the consortium
  - Realisation of the consortium
  - Experience of the consortium with European collaboration
  - Contribution of the researchers and the research groups to the consortium
  - How is the overall support of the researchers guaranteed by the consortium
  - How does this consortium fits in the expertise of the KH

### Eligible coordination costs are:

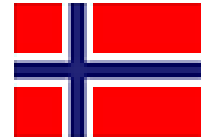
- ✚ Expenses to participate in the Knowledge Hub (travel costs)
- ✚ Research costs as described in the grand terms and conditions and in the budget formats
- ✚ communication and dissemination costs

### Additional information

There will be a maximum of 3 researchers funded by ZonMw to go to the knowledge hub due to budget restrictions. Of course researchers with an in kind contribution can be selected additionally.

For all further information please refer to the national contact point:

Valesca Kuling, email [kuling@zonmw.nl](mailto:kuling@zonmw.nl), phone 0031 70 3495206



## NORWAY

- ✚ Eols will be accepted from:  
Norwegian research institutions (university, university college, research institute or other institution at which research constitutes an important activity).
- ✚ It is an advantage that the applicants from Norway have participated in international research project collaboration.
- ✚ The Eol has to be of relevance both for DEDIPAC and for the Work Programme for the Public Health Programmes, priority one: *“Health behaviour such as physical activity, diet,.....”*
  - See [http://www.forskningsradet.no/prognett-folkehelse/Home\\_page/1222932153091](http://www.forskningsradet.no/prognett-folkehelse/Home_page/1222932153091) for both Norwegian and English version of the work programme.
- ✚ 1-2 research groups may be supported within a budget of 6 million NOK (equivalent to app. 0.8 mill Euro) for the duration of DEDIPAC.



## POLAND

The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR), executive agency of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education participates as funding body in a joint action under the Joint Programming Initiative “A Healthy Diet for A Healthy Life” (JPI HDHL) titled “DEterminants of Diet and Physical Activity Choice” (DEDIPAC).

NCBiR budget dedicated to support Polish research community in projects recommended for funding as the result of eligibility check and peer review in the frame of the joint action will be **up to 250 000 €**.

### Eligibility

NCBiR is funding Polish applicants coming from research institutions ranked by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education with the category in the range from one to three.

The list with categories of research institutions is available under following link:

<http://www.nauka.gov.pl/nauka/informacje-dla-kierownikow-jednostek-naukowych/informacje-dla-kierownikow-jednostek-naukowych/artikul/ujednolicony-wykaz-ustalonych-kategorii-jednostek-naukowych>

At the 1<sup>st</sup> phase, eligibility of Polish applicants will be assessed based on the number of publications and participation in international and national research projects.

Potential candidate institutions are recommended to contact national contact point before sending their letters of expression of interest and deliver all information included.

### Funding

Funding will be provided according to eligible costs:

- ✚ coordinators' costs (main coordinator or sub-coordinator) if Polish coordinators are involved: personnel costs
- ✚ research costs: direct costs: personnel and operating costs; indirect costs: *i.e.* overheads up to 20% of direct costs
- ✚ travel costs of Polish participants to cover participation in Knowledge-Hub meetings: standard travel costs: ticket, accommodation, subsistence, insurance
- ✚ communication and dissemination costs: workshops: costs to cover organization (one per three years of KH) and participation (travel costs) of Knowledge Hub participants from Poland
- ✚ training and capacity building: seminars or summer schools: costs to cover organization (one per three years of KH) and participation (travel costs) of Knowledge Hub participants from Poland
- ✚ mobility: short term traineeships: up to 3 months, travel costs only.



## SPAIN

National Contact Points:

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### Funding

The contribution will be in-kind by any CIBER (Centro de Investigación Biomédica en Red - Centre for Biomedical Network Research), or by CNIC (Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares – National Centre for Cardiovascular Research) according to their own research activity plan and subject to budget availability.

CIBERs are legal entities funded by Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCIII). They are aimed to a specific research area, such as

- CIBEROBN, Fisiopatología de la Obesidad y Nutrición (Physiopathology of Obesity and Nutrition)
- CIBERDEM, Diabetes y Enfermedades Metabólicas Asociadas (Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases)
- CIBERESP, Epidemiología y Salud Pública (Epidemiology and Public Health)

### Eligibility

Only research groups from a CIBER or from CNIC are eligible to send an EoI. An additional statement declaring the eligibility and ensuring funding if awarded, signed by the Scientific Director and the Management Director of the CIBER or of CNIC must be sent by each PI applicant to any of the ISCIII NCP's and received prior to the deadline of the EoI closing. Proposals not accompanied by this statement will be considered ineligible.

### Eligible cost

- Coordinator's costs
- Travel costs
- Communication & dissemination costs (e.g. workshops, newsletters)
- Other costs upon decision of applicant CIBER o CNIC

## SWITZERLAND



Eligible costs have to be in accordance with the rules of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).





## UNITED KINGDOM

### Partner: Medical Research Council - MRC

The MRC supports the launch of a joint action under the Joint Programming Initiative on “A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life” (JPI HDHL) titled Determinants of Diet and Physical Activity Choice (DEDIPAC). The MRC wishes to provide pump-priming funds to allow selected, eligible researchers to contribute to developing this trans-national initiative and encourages its research community to submit Expressions of Interest to participate in co-ordination activities.

### Eligibility

- ✚ UK universities, Independent Research Organisations with current research funding from MRC, as well as MRC funded Units and Institutes are eligible to apply. Groups with significant relevant funding from another funder(s) but no current MRC funding will be considered provided they meet all other eligibility criteria and can provide a compelling case for inclusion within the hub (e.g. unique expertise or possessing data and models highly relevant to the aims of the Knowledge Hub).
- ✚ Research groups/organisations should have a strong track record and expertise in a relevant field. We are particularly keen to hear from groups who have innovative ideas for cross-border activities which will complement their existing research programmes whilst providing real added value from a European collaboration, and high potential impact.
- ✚ Groups who wish to join the Hub and provide an in-kind contribution (rather than seeking funding) should make this known in their Expression of Interest.
- ✚ Private companies with a relevant track record in the food industry who wish to join the hub are eligible to submit an Expression of Interest, however are not eligible to apply for MRC funding. Expressions of Interest from Research Organisation/Industry partnerships are eligible for consideration. The academic partner may apply for MRC funding; the industry partner’s contribution should be detailed in the Expression of Interest, along with a justification of how the partnership is likely to add particular value to the Knowledge Hub.
- ✚ Under this call, the MRC will consider Expressions of Interest to participate in network activities in the JPI HDHL Knowledge Hub fitting the scientific remit of the call and within the remit of the Council as related to the following areas:
  - Nutrition, metabolic medicine, and obesity
  - Behavioural neuroscience
  - Ageing and lifelong health
  - Maternal health and the early origins of health and disease
  - Medical sociology
  - Lifestyle, socio-economic and behavioural impacts on general health and health inequalities

Particular relevance to the [MRC's Obesity Research Priorities](#) should be flagged in the Expression of Interest.

- ✚ Potential candidate institutions are strongly recommended to contact their national contact point (see below) before sending their Expressions of Interest. This particularly applies to non-MRC funded groups.

- ✚ Only groups with positively evaluated Expressions of Interest will be able, in a second stage, to participate in the full proposal. Expressions of Interest will be evaluated based on i) the criteria set out in this annex ii) the balance of expertise from submissions across all participating countries and coherence with the Knowledge Hub's aims.

## Funding

- ✚ While MRC may be able to offer assistance in meeting the costs for representatives for the selected Eols to attend the first networking meeting in February 2013, groups submitting an Expression of Interest should anticipate to meet these costs from their own budgets in the first instance.
- ✚ Subject to UK groups participating in a positively evaluated DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub proposal, the total MRC funding available for eligible co-ordination costs (below) will be £50,000 per year for 2 years in the first instance.
- ✚ Funding will be provided according to MRC procedures (refer to contact point for details).

## Eligible co-ordination costs are:

- ✚ Coordinators' costs (if a UK coordinator is chosen)
- ✚ Travel costs (e.g for DEDIPAC meetings)
- ✚ Workshops

## The following costs are not eligible:

- ✚ Research
- ✚ Mobility
- ✚ Training

**The MRC will require more detailed costs from UK participants at the time that a joint DEDIPAC Knowledge Hub proposal is submitted.**

## National contact:

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