

Possible links between EURRECA and Network for Capacity Development in Nutrition in Central and Eastern Europe (NCDN CEE)

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Future possible activities

- 34th SCN (26 February – 2 March 2007 in Rome)
- Nutritional and lifestyle epidemiology course June 2007 Wageningen, EURRECA event in 2008?
- Posters at the FENS Conference, Paris, July 2007
- Future formal links between the two networks, or just informal?
- Engagement of EURRECA individuals at future SCN Working Group on Capacity Development?
- 3rd NCDN CEE Meeting in November 2007

Background and objectives

- Regional UNU/SCN networks
 - The CEE network is the newest network, others already exist in Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Southern Africa.
 - The CEE was inaugurated in Budapest February 2006, and the first capacity activities was held in FAO Budapest 16-17th November 2006.
<http://agrowebcee.net/subnetwork/ncdn/>
 - Objective of the Network is to support CEE countries in developing research and training in public nutrition

Participating countries

- The UNU/SCN NCDN CEE meeting was attended by participants from 11 countries:
 - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, FYR Macedonia, Hungary, The Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia
- Participation in EURRECA Project
 - Belgium, Cyprus, **Czech Republic**, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, **Hungary**, Italy, **The Netherlands**, Northern Ireland, Ireland, **Norway**, Poland, Portugal, **Serbia**, Spain, United Kingdom

Capacity development challenges

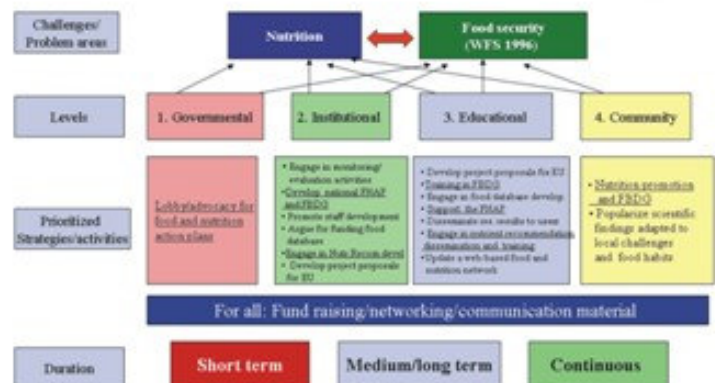
The gap in capacity in nutrition education is major challenge seen from a CEE perspective:

- Inadequate/insufficient *knowledge among specialists, nutritional epidemiology and clinical nutrition; training of nutrition in schools and universities; knowledge of nutrition in the population; education and curricula of nutrition in medical faculties; nutrient recommendations harmonisation and development; knowledge among health professionals working with the population.*

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- Training, Dissemination and Spreading of Excellence of the new nutrient recommendations and FBDG across Europe.

Planning guidelines for capacity development in nutrition in CEE



NCDN CEE linked with EC Projects

- Euro FIR - European Food Information Resource Network (NoE) FP6 www.eurofir.net
- EURRECA - Harmonising nutrient recommendations across Europe with special focus on vulnerable groups and consumer understanding (NoE) FP6 www.eurreca.org
- DIETS – Dieticians Improving Education Training Standards across Europe, Thematic Network for Dieticians in Europe, Socrates Erasmus fund

Capacity Development in Nutrition
Thematic Knowledge Network
Central and Eastern Europe

January 2007
Contact database started for NCDN Network
More information

November 20, 2006
The 1st Meeting of the Network in cooperation with FAO SEER started to build the NCDN web site
More information

November 10-17, 2006
1st Meeting of the Network for capacity development in nutrition in Central and Eastern Europe (NCDNCEE) (Budapest, Hungary)
More information

February 13-14, 2006
Meeting for a capacity development initiative in nutrition in Central and Eastern Europe (Budapest, Hungary)
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