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Acronym	Organisation/Network/Contact	Type	Description	Website
AGA	German Working Group of Obesity in Childhood	Academic	More than 250 pediatricians, psychiatrics, dieticians, psychologists and sports therapists are integrated. The aims of the AGA are to initiate clinical and scientific studies, to join diagnostic, therapeutic and scientific centers, to improve the education, to support self-help groups, and to standardize diagnostic and therapeutic procedures in the field of obesity in childhood and adolescence. (Details awaiting confirmation)	AGA
ALPHA	Karolinska Institutet	Academic	The general objective of the project ALPHA is to provide a set of instruments for assessing levels of physical activity, its underlying factors (e.g. build environment, transport, and workplace) as well as fitness in a comparable way within the European Union. By making available such improved information this will assist further health policy planning and eventually help to improve levels of physical activity.	ALPHA
BEUC	The European Consumers Organisation	Consumer NGO	BEUC investigates all European Union decisions, programmes and developments liable to affect consumers. BEUC promotes the development of a single market in the interests of consumers, and believes that suppliers of goods and services should strive to create the right conditions for consumers to make independent decisions. BEUC's work is also based on respect for human dignity, and the needs of the most vulnerable consumers, such as children, the elderly and the disadvantaged.	BEUC
CHILT	Children's Health Intervention Trial	Academic	The project is a primary prevention program combining health education and increased physical activity in primary schools based in Germany.	http://www.chilt.de
CI	Consumers International	Consumer NGO	Consumers International (CI) is an independent global campaigning voice for consumers, with over 220 member organisations in 115 countries	Consumers International
CHOP	EU Childhood Obesity Childhood obesity: early programming by infant nutrition	Academic	EC and commercially-funded scientific project to test relationships between formula milk composition, feeding patterns and obesity risk and other health status indicators.	CHOP

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CIAFEL	Centro de Investigação em Actividade Física, Saúde e Lazer (The Research Centre in Physical Activity, Health and Leisure)		CIAFEL is involved with Promoting and collaborating in basic and applied research projects at national and international level on health-related physical activity issues. It also deals with community Intervention, providing services to the community and developing effective intervention strategies leading the intervention process in physical activity programs, such as the ACORDA intervention program for obese children and adolescents) and Exercise and Health for the Elderly .	CIAFEL
CNRÉPOP	Coordination Nationale des Réseaux pour la prise en charge et la prévention de l'obésité en pédiatrie		National Co-ordinators of RePOP, see REPOP (below) for further details.	RePOP
CPME	Standing Committee of European Doctors	Professional	Network of 28 national organisations representing medical doctors.	CPME
MOVI	MOVI		MOVI is the name given to the intervention aspect of the CUENCA study a research project whose objective is to evaluate the efficacy of a free time physical activity program for schoolchildren to prevent them from becoming overweight/obese and from developing other cardiovascular risk factors	MOVI
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APRIFEL	Agency For Research and Information on fresh Fruit and Vegetables	Commercial	Created in 1981, APRIFEL provides consumer information on fruit and vegetables, and communicates to the scientists and professionals under the aegis of its Scientific Committee created in 1995. Interfel have a national network of dieticians who can advise consumers. This has been in place since June 2000.	APRIFEL
ASFS	Association for the study of Food & Society	Academic NGO	The ASFS is a multidisciplinary international organization dedicated to exploring the complex relationships among food, culture and society.	ASFS

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ASPHER	Association of Schools for Public Health in the European Region		The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) is an association of institutions and individuals primarily concerned with strengthening the role of public health by improving the training of public health professionals for both practice and research within the European Region, as defined by WHO.	ASPHER
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BNF	British Nutrition Foundation		Charity part-funded by industry, aims to deliver authoritative, evidence-based information on food and nutrition in the context of health and lifestyle. Has extensive educational material, esp. for primary school children.	British Nutrition Foundation
BSUN	Black Sea Universities Network	Academic	The Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN) has been established based on the recommendation of the PABSEC Cultural, Education and Social Affairs Committee. Nowadays it includes over 100 universities from the 11 member countries of the Economic Cooperation from the Black Sea Region (BSEC) - Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine.	BSUN
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COFACE	Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union	General NGO	COFACE is an international NGO representing 60 organisations in 20 European countries. It promotes the interests of families and children.	COFACE
CORDIS	COmmunity Research & Development Information Service	Governmental	CORDIS is an information service on European Community activities and initiatives in the field of Research & Development (R&D) and Innovation.	CORDIS Link to report on obesity policy in EU
CPME	Standing Committee of European Doctors	Professional	Network of 28 national organisations representing medical doctors.	CPME

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DanORC	Danish Obesity Research Centre	Academic & Commercial	DanORC consists of 15 research teams and four food industries from Denmark, all with interest in product development within foods. It is a 6 year long project with the aim to assure more - and more detailed - knowledge about how different types of obesity leads to diseases. This will be beneficial with respect to development of effective dietary guidelines and types of treatment, and food industry will be better equipped in the development of better and healthier foods.	DanORC
DETERMINE	An EU Consortium for Action on Socio-economic Determinants of Health	Academic	DETERMINE proposes to bring together a high level Consortium to apply evidence based approaches across policy sectors in the EU and its member states. The Consortium will comprise of governments, health bodies, organisations and institutions from 26 countries	DETERMINE
DG Sanco	DG Sanco	Governmental	DG Sanco's goal is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Empower consumers -Protect and improve human health -Ensure food is safe and wholesome -Protect the health of animals and plants -Promote the humane treatment of animals 	DG Sanco
DGKJ	Dt. Gesellschaft für Kinder- und Jugendmedizin e.V. (German Society of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine)		The DGKJ (German Society of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine) promotes the scientific and professional interests of pediatric and adolescent medicine and commits itself to the optimal ambulant and stationary medical care for children and adolescents in Germany. They are engaged to assuring the highest level of continuing education of pediatricians and doctors for adolescent medicine. The DGKJ supports the education, as well as the advanced training and professionalism of pediatricians and doctors for adolescent medicine, to include pediatric research. Last but not least, the society represents profession political interests of the pediatricians and doctors for adolescent medicine and offers them a platform for professional and personal exchange.	DGKJ

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DIABESITY	DIABESITY	Academic	DIABESITY is an EU-funded project on novel drug targets for obesity and type 2 diabetes, involving a consortium of 27 partners from 24 European Institutions, coordinated by The University of Gothenburg, Sweden	DIABESITY
DIAMAP	Roadmap for Diabetes Research in Europe	Health NGO	The mission of DIAMAP is to undertake a survey of the current European diabetes research landscape, from which experts can identify gaps and highlight strengths, to guide a Road Map strategy for diabetes research in Europe. DIAMAP invites input to the DIAMAP research database from independent investigators (group leaders) and health professionals working in diabetes research.	DIAMAP See also EURADIA
DIETS	Dieticians Improving Education Training Standards across Europe	Academic	The Network was established in October 2006 with the University of Plymouth as the coordinating institution, and continues to develop partnership activities. It builds on the work of the European Federation of Associations of Dietitians (EFAD, see below) established through their initiatives in education, such as developing the European Benchmark Statement for Dietitians .	DIETS Link to Partners
DIFE	German Institute for Human Nutrition	Academic	The mission of the German Institute of Human Nutrition (Dife) is to conduct experimental and clinical research in the field of nutrition and health, with the aim of understanding the molecular basis of nutrition-dependent diseases, and of developing new strategies for prevention, treatment, and nutritional recommendations	DIFE
DIODEGENES	Diet, obesity and genes	Academic	Diogenes is an EC-funded pan-European Programme targeting the obesity problem from a dietary perspective: seeking new insights and new routes to prevention.	DIODEGENES
DORN	Diabetes and Obesity Research Network	Academic	This is a partnership between the University of Manchester and various health services in the UK. DORN is a research network of basic science and clinical sciences research.	DORN
EACH	European Association for Communication in Healthcare	Academic	A network of researchers, medical educators and practitioners from eight European countries.	EACH

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EARNEST	Early Nutrition Programming of Adult Health		An EC and commercially-funded project looking at long term consequences of early nutrition by metabolic programming. The inter-disciplinary approach integrates knowledge from randomised controlled trials, prospective observational studies and animal, cellular and molecular techniques. This will enable a better understanding of the extent to which nutritional influences in early life can programme a person's development and metabolism in adulthood. Further aspects include studies to investigate consumer attitudes to early nutrition programming and the economic importance of early nutrition programming.	EARNEST
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EASO	European Association for the study of obesity	Academic-NGO	Umbrella group for national associations of obesity specialists in research, clinical practice etc.	EASO http://www.easo.org/membership/ member_associations.htm

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EATWELL		Academic-Private-NGO	The EATWELL project (FP7 2009-2012) will gather benchmark data on healthy eating interventions in Member States and review existing evaluations of the effectiveness of interventions using a 3 stage procedure: 1. The impact of the intervention on consumer attitudes and diets 2. The impact of the change in diets on obesity and health; 3. The value attached by society to these changes, measured in life years gained, cost savings and QALYs. Where evaluations have been inadequate EATWELL will gather and analyse secondary data sets and analyse them using models mainly from the psychology and economics disciplines. Particular attention will be paid to lessons that can be learned from the private sector that are transferable to the healthy eating campaigns in the public sector. EATWELL will also assess the acceptability of the range of potential interventions and recommend appropriate policies for Member States and the EU.	EATWELL
ECL	European Cancer League	Not for Profit	ECL is a not-for-profit association, registered in Belgium as an "asbl" ("association sans but lucratif", or "non-profit"). Its objectives are to improve communication, to promote, enhance and co-ordinate collaboration between European Leagues/societies and to foster fruitful activities between European Cancer Leagues and organisations, in order to reduce the growing burden in Europe	ECL
ECOG	European Childhood Obesity Group		The European Childhood Obesity Group (ECOG) consists of researchers from many European countries. The aim of the association is to arrange meetings among active researchers in childhood obesity.	ECOG

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ECOHOST	European Centre on Health of Societies in Transition	Academic	ECOHOST was established in 1997 to conduct research and to analyse policy on health and health care in the transition countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Even today, over a decade after the collapse of communism, nearly all of the Eastern transition countries - including those that recently joined the European Union - have lower life expectancy than the countries of Western Europe. ECOHOST has built up a considerable body of research on health care and health policy issues.	ECOHOST
ECOPA	European Child Obesity Prevention Alliance	Health NGO	An umbrella organisation of civil society organisations to tackle child obesity in Europe, Coordinated by the International Obesity Task Force (IOTF, see below)	ECOPA
EEN	EPODE European Network	Public-private partnership	EPODE (Ensemble, Prevenons L'Obesite Des Enfants): a European-wide childhood obesity intervention strategy consisting of concrete initiatives, at both national and local levels, that foster better and more balanced eating habits and greater physical activity in everyday life.	Epode European Network
EFAD	European Association of the Federation of Dieticians	Professional	The European Federation of the Associations of Dietitians (EFAD) was established in 1978 in Copenhagen, Denmark. EFAD currently has 30 member associations, representing over 29,000 dietitians in 24 European countries. EFAD has links with other organisations in the field of nutrition and dietetics and with other professionals	EFAD
EGEA	Egea	Academic	A series of conferences organised with commercial sponsorship from Freshfel (see below) and Aprifel (see above). Egea refers to the first conference devised near the Egean (Aegean) Sea. Work supported by DG Sanco, DG Research & DG AGRI	EGEA
EGPRN	European General Practice Research Network	Professional	EGPRN is the network organisation within Wonca Europe (see below) for promotion of research in general practice throughout Europe	EGPRN

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EHMA	European Health Management Association		EHMA has a long history in managing and participating in cutting-edge health management research projects, particularly under European Commission programmes. Current projects include work on health professional mobility (2009-2011), diagnostic related groups (2009-2011) and equitable access, quality and efficiency at different healthcare levels (2010-2012).	EHMA
EHN	European Heart Network	Health NGO	The European Heart Network works to reduce and prevent cardiovascular disease through advocacy, networking and education. Promotes a heart-healthy lifestyle; encourages ties between organisations concerned with CVD prevention; gathers and disseminates information relevant to CVD prevention; monitors European Union policy; encourages support for CVD research.	EHN
EMA	European Medical Association	Professional	A European network of doctors who aim to actively influence the development of European health care	EMA
ENDOBEZ	Endocrinology and Obesity in Romania	Academic	An informal network for epidemiological studies concerning metabolic syndrome and obesity in adults and childhood (lifestyle, nutrition, genetic factors).	
ENGSO	European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation	Health NGO	ENGSO is an NGO umbrella organization for European National Sports Confederations and National Olympic Committees.	ENGSO
ENLP	European Nutritionist Leadership Programme		The European Nutritionist Leadership Programme (ENLP) is a programme which aims to assist the development of future leaders in the field of human nutrition in Europe. The programme is organised by a group of leading European nutritionists in close collaboration with major representatives from food industry and European nutrition organisations and societies. At the present time the course is organised by Wageningen University and mainly supported by Danone, Kraft Foods, Nestlé and Unilever (see ENLP Sponsors). Since March 2007, eight universities and institutes, who agreed to establish a formal alliance to promote research in Food and Health in Europe (ENABLE), are partnering the industrial sponsors of ENLP through direct funding when they have candidates who are successful in the ENLP selection process.	ENLP

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EPHA	European Public Health Alliance	Health NGO	Umbrella organisation for 100 not for profit organisations working on public health in Europe.	EPHA
EPIC-PANACEA	European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition (EPIC) - Physical Activity, Nutrition, Alcohol, Cessation of smoking, Eating out of home in relation to obesity (PANACEA)	Academic	The general objective of this collaborative EC funded project (EPIC PANACEA) is to identify and describe the determinants of weight and weight changes and to develop specific recommendations and guidelines for the prevention of Obesity in Europe	EPIC-PANACEA
EPODE	Ensemble, Prévenons L'Obésité Des Enfants	Public/Private Partnership	Community child obesity prevention. The program is, as a large scale community based initiative building on existing practical experience in France and emerging experience in other parts of the world. Funding includes commercial sources	EPODE
ESPEN	The European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism		ESPEN is dedicated to all issues relevant to the field of clinical nutrition and metabolism and promotes: basic and clinical research, basic and advanced education, organization of consensus statements about clinical care and care quality control. The aims of ESPEN are to encourage the rapid diffusion of knowledge and its application in the field of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition or, more broadly, Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism.	ESPEN
ESPGHAN	European Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition		ESPGHAN is an international scientific society based in Europe and founded in 1968. Membership includes 500 paediatric gastroenterologists, hepatologists and nutritionists, as well as scientists in relevant fields. Sets standards for education, training and clinical excellence within Europe.	ESPGHAN
EU Platform	EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health	Multi stakeholder	This is a series of meetings hosted by the European Commission, DG Sanco, to encourage actions to tackle disease linked to diet and physical activity.	EU Platform
EUA	European University Association		The European University Association (EUA) represents and supports higher education institutions in 46 countries, providing them with a unique forum to cooperate and keep abreast of the latest trends in higher education and research policies	EUA

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EUFIC	European Food Information Council	Public-private NGO	The European Food Information Council (EUFIC) is a non-profit organisation which provides science-based information on food safety & quality and health & nutrition to the media, health and nutrition professionals, educators and opinion leaders, in a way that consumers can understand.	EUFIC
EUPEAH	Glucocorticoid Hormone Programming in Early Life and its Impact on Adult Health	Academic	EUPEAH is an EC-funded project to provide relevant information for the understanding of the impact of early life <u>programming on adult health</u>	EUPEAH
EUPHA	European Public Health Association	Professional	An association for public health professionals, aiming to promote and strengthen public health research and practice in Europe; improve communication between policymakers, researchers and practitioners; provide a platform for the exchange of information, experience and research, and encourage and promote effective European joint research and other activities in the field of public health research and health services research in Europe	EUPHA
EurActiv	EurActiv	Media Portal	A cross European news and affairs service including health policy news.	Eur Activ Health Pages
EURADIA	Alliance for European Diabetes Research	Health NGO	EURADIA aims to improve the lives of people affected by diabetes through advocacy of diabetes research in Europe at the highest political and societal levels of influence, and by shaping the allocation of resources for diabetes research in Europe through increased awareness. See also DIAMAP	EURADIA
EUROBESE	Ethics and the Obesity and Overweight Epidemic Image, Culture, Technologies and Interventions	Academic	The Eurobese project is a network of university centres to analyse the ethics of the prevention of obesity and the cultural norms and values regarding the image of obesity and overweight, food and eating, physical exercise, individual lifestyle and the impact of medical or socio-cultural <u>technologies</u>	EUROBESE
Eurocoop	European community of consumer cooperatives	Consumer NGO	National organisations of consumer cooperatives in 16 European countries. Represents over 3,200 local and regional cooperatives, the members of which amount to more than 22 million consumers across Europe.	Eurocoop

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EuroHealth Net	EuroHealthNet	Health NGO	EuroHealthNet is a network of 35 health promotion and public health agencies in Europe. The aim of its work is to contribute to a healthier Europe with greater equity in health between and within European countries. It constitutes a platform for information, advice, policy and advocacy on health issues at EU level.	EuroHealthNet
EUROPREV	European network for prevention and health promotion in general practice and family medicine	Academic	Two EUROPREV meetings are organised every year (one of them at the same time as the WONCA Conference, see below) to discuss topics of prevention and health promotion in primary care.	EUROPREV
EUROPREV OB	Prevention of Obesity in Europe	Academic	EURO-PREVOB is an EC-funded coordination action project on the prevention of obesity through effective nutrition and physical activity actions. The aim of the project is to integrate at a European level, resources and expertise within and beyond the area of public health nutrition and physical activity as a means of tackling the high level of obesity in many parts of Europe. The EURO-PREVOB consortium includes 14 partners from 11 countries.	EUROPREVOB
EURRECA	EUropean micronutrient Recommendations Aligned	Academic	This project aims to harmonise nutrient recommendations across Europe with a special focus on vulnerable groups. Funding includes commercially-linked sources.	EURRECA
EXGENESIS	EXGENESIS	Academic	A consortium of 27 partners from 13 member states, concerned with health benefits of exercise: identification of genes and signalling pathways involved in effects of exercise on insulin resistance, obesity and the metabolic syndrome	EXGENESIS
FENS	Federation of European Nutrition Societies	Academic	FENS is a federation of 25 national nutrition societies in Europe, established to advance research and education in the science of nutrition. The main FENS event is the European Nutrition Conference, arranged every 4th year.	FENS
FEPI	Federation of the European Play Industry	Commercial	FEPI represents the interests of manufacturers and distributors of both outdoor and indoor play equipment and safety surfacing. FEPI is composed of 14 companies located in 11 European countries FEPI has a mandate to raise awareness of the importance of children's play and well-being.	FEPI

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FLABEL	Food Labelling to Advance Better Education for Life	Public-Private NGO	Co-ordinated by EUFIC. Strategic objectives of this Project are to determine how nutrition information on food labels can affect dietary choice, consumer habits & food-related health issues. Secondly it aims to provide the scientific basis on use of nutrition information on food labels, including scientific principles for assessing the impact of different food labelling schemes.	FLABEL
Food Dudes	The Food Dude Healthy Eating Programme	Academic	A peer modelling and rewards-based intervention, featuring the heroic Food Dudes, that produces large and long-lasting increases in primary school children's fruit and vegetable consumption. The intervention has been extensively evaluated in UK and Irish schools, and is currently being made available to all schools in Ireland as a national scheme.	Food Dudes (UK)
FOS	Forum Obesity Switzerland	Health NGO	The Obesity Forum Switzerland FOS is an alliance of internationally active specialist societies and promotion and patient organizations in the area of obesity / overweight / obesity. The Forum advocates the planning and implementation of a comprehensive, interdisciplinary education and treatment of obesity in Switzerland, within the meaning of health promotion and disease prevention. It provides a platform for the exchange of information and represents the common interests and concerns. The creation of synergies, the activities supported in the field of health promotion and disease prevention and the benefit effective obesity-specific therapeutic measures to strengthen the long term.	Forum Obesity Switzerland

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GAPA	Global Alliance on Physical Activity	Health NGO	GAPA was established to advance knowledge, skills and population-based approaches to the promotion of physical activity and aims to provide advocacy, coordination, integration and a strategic orientation to global activities to promote physical activity. The work of GAPA aims to support those working in the health as well as those working in transport, local government, education and urban design sectors who share an interest in increasing participation in physical activity, walking and cycling, sport and active leisure. GAPA's activities include advocacy, co-hosting scientific and policy meetings on physical activity, sharing of information and resources, and linking likeminded networks and organisations.	GAPA
GPOW	Guidelines for the Prevention of Obesity at the Workplace	Not for Profit & Academic	The GPOW project aims to enhance the prevention of overweight and obesity and their health consequences in the European working population. It wants to identify and address the obesogenic factors that are attributed or related to the workplace environment which at the same time can contribute to the workplace becoming a positive setting for the prevention of obesity. It also aims to identify specific economic sectors (eg. white and blue collar workers and industrial worksites) where obesity may place employees at a higher risk. The strategic objectives consist of providing up-to-date information and useful tools for the prevention of obesity to diverse stakeholders who should and can implement obesity prevention activities and measures at the workplace.	GPOW
HabEat	Determining factors and critical periods in food Habit formation and breaking in Early childhood: a multidisciplinary approach		This FP7- funded European project was launched on 1st January 2010, for a duration of 4 years, and mobilises 11 partners. The project's aim is to understand the process of formation of food habits and eating patterns and to identify the key determinants of behavioural changes (food habit-breaking) in early life (weaning- 5yrs old).	HabEat

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HACES	Hábitos de Alimentación Correctos y Ejercicio Saludable.(Correct dietary Habits and healthy exercise)	Professional	The HACES project aims to measure the improvement of the eating habits and physical fitness after three years of school health program intervention (2005-2008) in eight schools of our health district. This is an interventional community, longitudinal and prospective study with a control group.	
HBSC	Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children	Academic-governmental	The WHO Collaborative Cross-National Study on the Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) is a cross-national research study conducted in collaboration with the WHO Regional Office for Europe. The study aims to increase understanding of young people's health and well-being, health behaviours and their social context	HBSC
HELENA	Health Lifestyle in Europe by Nutrition in Adolescence	Academic	HELENA. The research consortium believes that the key to health promotion and disease prevention in the 21st century is to establish an environment that supports positive health behaviour and healthy lifestyle. Includes commercial funding sources	HELENA
HEPA Europe	European network for the promotion of health-enhancing physical activity	Academic-governmental	This is a collaborative project which works for better health through physical activity among all people in the WHO Region	HEPA Europe
HOPE	Health promotion through Obesity Prevention across Europe	Academic/Health NGO	HOPE is an EC-funded project to support the development and implementation of systematic, evidence-based policies for the prevention of obesity and its negative consequences on health and health inequalities. HOPE aims to bring a wide range of scientific research on overweight, obesity and their determinants together and use the expertise of researchers all over Europe.	HOPE
IASO	International Association for the Study of Obesity	Health NGO	IASO is an umbrella organisation for national obesity associations which comprises of 52 member associations, representing 56 countries. In 2002, the International Association for the Study of Obesity merged with the International Obesity TaskForce (IOTF, see below).	IASO

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IBFAN	International Baby Food Action Network	Health NGO	Consists of public interest groups working around the world to reduce infant and young child morbidity and mortality, and to protect and support breastfeeding and optimal infant feeding practices. European coordinating office in Geneva. The NETWORK (organization) is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes and subsequent relevant World Health Assembly resolutions.	IBFAN
ICAFR	International Council for Physical Activity and Fitness Research	Health NGO	The aim of the Council is to promote physical activity and fitness. It encourages basic research in physical activity and physical fitness, standardises tests in physical fitness and the assessment and the measurement of physical activity, encourages research based upon the standardized tests and measurements and to enhance participation in physical activity and the improvement of physical fitness.	ICAFR
IDEFICS	Identification and prevention of dietary- and lifestyle-induced health effects in children and infants	Academic	Project designed to study the health effects of a changing diet and an altered social environment and lifestyle of infants and children, and develop, implement and validate specific intervention approaches, focusing on the age group of 2 to 10 years. Funding includes corporate sponsorship.	IDEFICS
IDF Europe	International Diabetes Federation – European Region	Health NGO	The IDF is a worldwide alliance of over 200 diabetes associations in more than 160 countries. IDF's working bodies bring together people with diabetes and their families; professionals involved in diabetes healthcare and related fields; diabetes representative organizations, and partners from commercial organizations with concerns which align with our mission.	IDF Europe
ILSI	International Life Sciences Institute		ILSI is a nonprofit, worldwide organization whose mission is to improve public health and well-being. It achieves this mission by engaging academic, government, and industry experts in a neutral forum to advance scientific understanding related to nutrition, food safety, risk assessment, and the environment.	ILSI

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IMAB	International Medical Assembly		The IMAB has been founded in Varna - Bulgaria in 1990 with the idea to build a bridge between the medical people of Bulgaria and those with bulgarian origin who live and work abroad. The major goals include: qualification of Bulgarian physicians and dentists abroad; organization of many scientific meetings in Bulgaria with the accent on the Annual Assembly of IMAB; consultations and treatment of bulgarian patients in foreign university hospitals; participation of IMAB in various national and international non-profit and non-government programmes and activities.	http://www.imab-bg.org/
IN FORM	IN FORM - Deutschlands Initiative für gesunde Ernährung und mehr Bewegung (Germany's initiative for healthy diet and more physical activity)		There are many different projects of the Federation, their states and municipalities and the civil society. The aims are to counteract the emergence of incorrect diet, lack of exercise, overweight and therefore coherent illnesses in Germany. The "national action plan" of the Federal Government brings these various initiatives in a nationwide strategy together.	IN FORM
Interfel	Interprofession de la filière des Fruits et Légumes Frais	Commercial	Inter-professional Association of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable industry, IFAVA is a private association of professional organisations for production and distribution of fresh fruit and vegetables.	INTERFEL
IOTF	International Obesity TaskForce	Academic-Health NGO	IOTF is the policy and advocacy arm of IASO, and an international research network and think tank on obesity policy issues. Based at the IASO Headquarters in London.	IOTF
IPEN	International Physical Activity and the Environment Network	Academic	The network aims to encourage collaboration between researchers investigating environmental correlates of physical activity, stimulate research in physical activity and the environment, and recommend common methods and measures.	IPEN
ISBNPA	International Society of Behavioural Nutrition and Physical Activity		ISBNPA stimulates, promotes and advocates innovative research and policy in the area of behavioral nutrition and physical activity toward the betterment of human health worldwide. ISBNPA has an international presence with nearly 400 members representing 29 countries,	ISBNPA

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ISCA	International Sport and Culture Association	Health NGO	ISCA is based in Copenhagen and aims to bring together sport, culture and youth organisations, believing that everyone should have the chance to participate in international activities such as festivals, exchanges and sports tournaments. Sport “regulates social behaviour and creates a feeling of belonging – which in turn leads to a strengthening of democracy”	ISCA
ISFAE	International Society of Food, Agriculture and Environment	Academic	ISFAE is a non profit scientific society and a network working to promote science and development and to disseminate news and information on an international scale. ISFAE encourages communication and collaboration among scientists and experts. Members range from government bodies, to universities, institutes, industries and schools to individuals	ISFAE
IUHPE	International Union for Health Promotion and Education	Health NGO	The IUHPE is a network working to promote health and contribute to the achievement of equity in health between and within countries. Members range from government bodies, to universities and institutes, to NGOs and individuals across all continents	IUHPE
IUNS	International Union of Nutritional Societies	Academic	IUNS promotes advancement in nutrition science, research and development through international cooperation; encourages communication and collaboration among nutrition scientists, and disseminates information in nutritional sciences through modern communication technology	IUNS

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LORN	Liverpool Obesity Research Network	Academic	LORN is a research network of six obesity units and research laboratories based across the University of Liverpool, Aintree University Hospital and Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen Hospital Trusts. It includes the Human Ingestive Behaviour Laboratory of the Biopsychology Group (appetite expression in humans), Diabetes & Endocrinology Research Clinical Research Unit (clinical studies in diabetes and obesity), the Obesity Biology Unit (adipose tissue and endocrine signalling), Veterinary Science (Neurobiology of nutrient sensing, and Europe's only clinical centre for weight control in companion pets), Public Health Nutrition and Promotion (epidemiology of obesity and evaluation of nutrition programmes), and the Epithelial Signalling Research Group (signalling from the gastrointestinal tract).	LORN
MEND	Mind, Exercise, Nutrition & Do it	Academic - Governmental	MEND's mission is to enable a significant, measurable and sustained reduction in childhood overweight and obesity levels. The MEND Programme aim to be a fun, effective and practical lifestyle solution focused on families with overweight or obese children	MEND
MOVI	MOVI		MOVI is the name given to the intervention aspect of the CUENCA study a research project whose objective is to evaluate the efficacy of a free time physical activity program for schoolchildren to prevent them from becoming overweight/obese and from developing other cardiovascular risk factors	MOVI
NCDN-CEE	Network for Capacity Development in Nutrition Central and Eastern Europe	Academic	This is one of several regional networks to foster capacity development initiated by the United Nations University Food & Nutrition Program, and the UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN), in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Central and Eastern Europe. The regional initiative in Eastern and Central Europe (CEE) commenced in 2005. The first full meeting took place in Budapest in February 2006.	NCDN-CEE

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NEOeN	North East Obesogenic Environment Network	Public Health Charity	North East Obesogenic Environment Network (UK) has been recently established to initiate integrated working partnerships within research, practice and the wider community. The objective of NEOeN is to provide a networking facility across practice, academia and communities with a view to positively impacting on tackling obesity in northeast England.	NEOeN
Nordnet	Nordic longitudinal epidemiologic research program "Prenatal and Childhood Growth in Relation to Cardiovascular Disease"	Academic	Nordnet is a collaborative project based on data from Nordic longitudinal population-based cohorts. Its aim is to explore how growth in utero and during childhood is associated with cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk as assessed by CVD risk factors, CVD morbidity and mortality in adulthood. Further, it also aims to understand to which extent factors such as gender, time, place, socio-demographic status and adult life style modify or mediate these associations.	
NuGO	European Nutrigenomics Organisation	Academic-Commercial	NuGO has 23 partners in research organisations, universities and small-medium sized businesses, from ten European countries. Their common aim is to promote and strengthen nutrigenomics research. NuGO hosts the Nutrigenomics Society, a network of professionals specialising in nutrigenomics.	NuGO
OFN	Oresund Food Network	Academic-Commercial	Oresund Food Network is primarily a Danish/Swedish network that functions as a forum for exchange of knowledge and research cooperation within food matters. Oresund Food Network gathers Danish and Swedish stakeholders from the industry, trade, universities, research institutions and governments, and operates within three main areas: Food & Health, Production & Process and Gastronomy. Within each main area are several networks and projects, among these one on obesity. The obesity network is working to explore the borderline area between Food and Pharma and the network has hosted several symposiums on relevant objectives.	Oresund Food Network

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PEB	Plattform Ernährung und Bewegung e.V. (Platform on Diet and Physical Activity)		PEB is an alliance for a healthy lifestyle among children and young people in Germany. The core task is promoting a healthy lifestyle which is based on balanced nutrition and sufficient physical activity. It is an independent private organisation and is financed by member fees, sponsorships and project funding	PEB
PERISCOPE	Pilot European Regional Interventions for Smart Childhood Obesity Prevention in Early Age	Health NGO	The aim of this project is to prevent child obesity between the ages of 3 and 6. PERISCOPE will develop and evaluate intervention strategies that can contribute to counteract obesity development through collecting information on family and kindergarten factors favouring/ reducing obesity development risk, designing and implementing good and innovative practices to develop and maintain healthy lifestyle behaviours in preschool children living in countries with different traditions, food culture, socio-economic development and childhood obesity prevalence rates. It is and coordinated by ASL BRindisi and Movimento Difesa del Cittadino (NGO).	PERISCOPE
PROGREENS	Karolinska Institutet	Academic	PROGREENS aims to assess the level of consumption of fruit and vegetables in children before and after a school-based intervention, and to develop and test effective strategies to promote fruit and vegetable consumption among school children	PROGREENS
PTBO	Polish Society for the Study of Obesity			PTBO
REPOP	Réseaux pour la prise en charge et la prévention de l'obésité en pédiatrie (Network for the treatment and prevention of childhood obesity)		A professional network looking at long term lifestyle modifications involving both the family and wider community. Considerations include both physical & dietary factors, with the primary aim of halting the rise in childhood overweight	REPOP Toulouse
Savvy Kids	Savvy Kids		Community Interest Company developing primary school based food and lifestyle educational initiatives	Savvy Kids

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SIPCAN	Special Institute for Preventive Cardiology And Nutrition		The association SIPCAN save your life (S pecial I nstitute for P reventive C ardiology A nd Nutrition) was founded in 2005. The aim of the club activities is to promote health and prevention at all ages and the prevention of lifestyle-related disorders and risk factors such as obesity, diabetes, lipid disorders and cardiovascular diseases such as heart attack or stroke. In the western industrialized nations calling for these vascular and metabolic diseases, more deaths than cancer. SIPCAN save your life working as an independent, non-profit organization with the support of a national, scientific panel of experts on medical and related disciplines (internists, cardiologists, endocrinologists, pediatricians, nutritionists, social medicine, etc.). The projects and activities of the Association are made possible by national subsidies, and in particular by private sponsors and companies from home and abroad.	SIPCAN
SLAN	Survey of lifestyles, Attitudes and Nutrition	Governmental	This is a national survey of the lifestyles, attitudes and nutrition of people living in Ireland. It is the third SLÁN survey to be commissioned. Previous studies were conducted in 1998 and 2002. A scientifically representative random sample of 10,000 people aged 18 and over will be interviewed in their own homes, by experienced researchers. The survey covers general health, behaviours relating to health (e.g. exercise, nutrition) and the use of certain health services. In addition, 1,500 people will take part in a detailed medical examination	SLAN
SPOC	Scandanvian Pediatric Obesity Conference	Academic	An ongoing series of conferences, started in 2001 and coordinated by Malmo University Child Obesity Unit.	SPOC
SSIB	Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior		Research society specialising in eating (and drinking) behaviour. Largely basic research, but including intervention studies	Soc Study of Ingestive Behavior
THAO	Programa Thao de prevención de la obesidad infantil	Health NGO	Similar to EPODE(see above) but in Spain. Funding includes commercial sources.	THAO

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USB	Union of Scientists in Bulgaria		The Union of Scientists in Bulgaria assists the advancement of science and higher education in the country, promotes their prestige and contribution to the prosperity of the Republic of Bulgaria. The USB participates as an independent partner and consultant to the Law- and Decision-makers in the elaboration and implementation of the national strategy for the development of science and higher education.	USB
VIASANO	Vitaliteit in de Stad / Vitalite en ville	Health NGO	Similar to EPODE(see above) but in Belgium. Funding includes commercial sources.	VIASANO
WFPHA	World Federation of Public Health Associations	Health NGO	World Federation of Public Health Associations is an NGO bringing health workers together for professional collaboration. Membership includes national and regional public health societies whose own memberships include nurses, sanitarians, administrators, physicians, health educators, pharmacists, anthropologists, researchers, and many other persons interested in public health	WFPHA
WHO Euro	World Health Organisation Regional Office for Europe	Governmental	WHO Euro is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends. WHO Euro organized the Ministerial Conference in 2006 in Istanbul, where the European Charter on counteracting obesity was launched. The Nutrition and Food Safety division led by Dr Francesco Branca works in topics such as Marketing targeting children, Nutrition Friendly Schools Initiative (NFSI), European Charter on Counteracting Obesity.	WHO Europe Obesity International inventory of documents on physical activity promotion
WONCA Europe	World Organization of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of General Practitioners / Family Physicians	Academic	The society is the academic and scientific society for general practitioners in Europe. Its objective is to foster high standards of care in general practice / family medicine; encouraging academic organizations of general practitioners / family physicians; and representing the educational, research and service provision activities of general practitioners / family physicians.	WONCA Europe

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YPHNN	YOUNG PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION NETWORK		The vision of the YPHN network is to advance and promote international public health nutrition by bringing together young public health nutritionists and facilitating collaboration and cooperation.	YPHN
	Stiftung Kindergesundheit (Child Health Foundation)		The CHILD HEALTH FOUNDATION is an independent, charitable foundation, located in Munich, Germany. It was founded in 1997 by Dr. Berthold Koletzko, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Munich, Germany. The aims of the CHILD HEALTH FOUNDATION are to promote preventive health care in children by supporting research and promoting communication of science based information of relevance to child health.	http://www.kindergesundheit.de