

PROGRAMME OF COMMUNITY ACTION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH (2008-2013)

*« Health Programme 2008-2013 »
EU Health Programme implemented by EAHC
(Executive Agency for Health and Consumers)*

MEDWASTE

sharing good practices in Health Care Waste management
in order to reduce health inequalities

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Health Programme 2008-2013

Background of the Health Programme

The second Health Programme is intended to complement, support and add value to the policies of the Member States and to contribute to increased solidarity and prosperity in the European Union. The Programme's objectives are

1. to improve citizens' health security;
2. to promote health, including the reduction of health inequalities
3. to generate and disseminate health information and knowledge

Duration of the project

1.5 -3 years (from 18 month to 36 months)

Project Amount

The majority of projects represents a total budget of around 500,000 to 1,000,000 EUR over a period of 3 years.

In previous years, the amount of the subsidy ranges from 120,000 EUR to a maximum of 1200000 EUR.

Financial provisions

For projects selected for funding, the Awarding authority will determine the amount of financial assistance to be granted and the percentage of co-financing on the basis of budget availability

Projects are financed under the shared cost principle

Given the complementary and motivational nature of Community grants, at least **40% of the project costs must be funded by other sources**. Consequently, the Community **financial contribution will normally be up to 60% of the eligible costs for the projects considered**.

Deadline partner's engagement

The final deadline for the engage of partners is **7 May 2009**

Deadline

The final deadline for the submission of proposals is **20 May 2009**

Application package

- Application form for projects, made by main partner.
- Declaration of honour (main partner and associated partners), printed and signed by all partners.
- The organisation's status/articles of association (main partner only)
- The official registration certificate of association (main partner only)

Award criteria

1. Policy and contextual relevance of the project (40 points, threshold: 20 points)
2. Technical quality of the project (30 points, threshold: 15 points)
3. Management quality of the project and budget (30 points, threshold: 15 points)

Sélection criteria

1. Financial capacity
2. Operational capacity
3. Additional documents to be supplied at the request of the Commission

Partners

It is essential that the project has a **European dimension** (Transnational partner)

There is no official threshold set for the minimum number of states involved in a project, but the coverage is an important criterion for project selection. The presence of at least one of the ten new entrants is also an important benefit.

“MEDWASTE” Project by RUDOLOGIA

▪ 3.3 Priorities of Health programme “Health promotion”

✓ 3.3.1.4. *Develop and share health systems’ good practice in addressing health inequalities.*

A. Introduction

Health Care Waste (HCW) with infectious risks is produced in a more or less large quantity by health care institutions, liberal professionals, self-medicated people...

In case of inadequate management this category of waste can present risks for medical staff, patients and their family as well as for workers in charge of waste collection.

Since 2003, Rudologia (National competence center for waste management), the ADEME (French Agency for Environment and Energy Management) and the French Ministry for health, concerned about public health problems caused by this type of waste, have initiated several actions : organisation of training sessions, data collection and dissemination(creation of a site dedicated to HCW management), ... and recently a European conference (October 22 2008) in Paris.

Regarding this last event, the interest of France on improving HCW management arouses also the interest of other member countries of the European Union.

In this context, Rudologia proposes to bring together different European partners within the European Project "Health Programme 2008-2013".

B. Project background:

Our work and in particular the study that we conducted on HCW management in Europe, revealed numerous inequalities within EU member states.

- Absence of available data
- Absence of regulation
- Differences between regulations and practice ...

The impact on human health is severe, an inappropriate management can cause major infections such as HIV, hepatitis B and C, ...) as well as injuries or psychological trauma. Different categories of people are concerned : medical staff, patients and their families, people in charge of collecting household and HCW waste,If not correctly treated, these wastes can also contaminate children if abandoned on play grounds, beaches ... which happen in certain areas
In this context, Rudologia propose a set of actions in order to share best practices to facilitate the establishment of appropriate management

Based on the experience of France and other European countries who have established a system of health waste management, the draft guidelines cover :

- ✓ The need to **reduce disparities of risks** in health care waste management and as a result of the spreading of the European Union, knowing that this situation is likely to increase with further spreading.
- ✓ **Capitalization of experiences** and **exchange of good practices** would contribute to fight against these disparities within the framework of European reference networks
- ✓ The need to promote and develop **methods and tools** based in particular on information technologies and communication involving all stakeholders
- ✓ The need to provide citizens with a better **access to information** in order to increase their ability to make decisions in their best interests.



- ✓ Collecting, processing and analyzing comparable data collection consistently would facilitate setting up a **transnational cooperation**.

B. Project summary :

It is divided into three major phases:

1. Sharing best practices in the form of network

A communication tool will be created to enable the networking of European referents (identified by the inventory and thanks to the 2008 European Conference) which will allow :

- To collect data regularly from each country regarding this waste management
- To provide centralized data
- To interchange good practices of health waste management (and widely on environmental health)
- To establish working groups and provide support to countries looking for help

2. Creation and dissemination of adapted tools.

They may take different forms and will depend on the needs identified during the first phase:

- Recommendations guide.
- Basic online training modules
- Security processes

3. Pilot actions.

Coordinate and advise actions aiming at reduce disparities HCW management

