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Summary

OPTIMISING THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE TO EUROPEAN CITIZENS

EUROPEAN RESEARCH IN ACTION

European health research will aim at providing the necessary basis both for informed policy decisions on health systems and for more effective strategies of health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis and therapy. These activities will be carried out under the umbrella of **Health Theme** that is part of the specific Programme "**Co-operation**" of the EC's **7th Framework Programme for Research**. These activities aim at developing new research methods and generating the necessary scientific basis to underpin informed policy decisions.

It is recognised that the health systems of the EU are a central part of Europe's high levels of social protection and contribute to social cohesion and social justice as well as to sustainable development. The health systems of the EU reflect the overarching values of universality, access to good health care, equity and solidarity, aiming to make provision that is patient-centred and responsive to individual need.

The focus of the area "**Optimising the delivery of health care to European citizens**" will be on: Translating clinical research into clinical practice, Quality, efficiency and solidarity of health systems and Enhanced health promotion and disease prevention.

The main objective under **Translating clinical research into clinical practice** is to better understand clinical decision-making making appropriate use of behavioural and organisation interventions and health therapies and technologies. Special attention will be given to patient safety including pharmacovigilance and investigating outcomes of different interventions including medicines.

Quality, efficiency and solidarity of health systems will aim to translate effective interventions into policy decisions, taking into account the importance of national contexts and population characteristics (e.g. ageing, mobility, changing workplace ...). In particular effectiveness, efficiency and equity of health systems as well as investment issues and human resources will be covered.

Under **Enhanced health promotion and disease prevention** research will look into developing evidence for effective public health interventions addressing wider determinants of health (such as stress, diet or environmental factors) at both the individual and community level.



Relevant related projects and web links

Sixth Framework Programme

AHEAD

<http://www.enepri.org/Ahead.htm>

HEALTHBASKET

<http://www.wm.tu-berlin.de/fachgebiet/mig/research/healthBasket/index.htm>

DIS-QOL

http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp6/ssp/dis-qol_en.htm

MARQUIS

www.fadq.org

MIC MAC

http://www.nidi.knaw.nl/en/micmac/newsletter/newsletter_1/micmac-newsletter-01.pdf

SPHERE

<http://www.epha.org/a/2259>

PATIENT SAFETY

www.patientsafetyresearch.org

Fifth Framework Programme

ACMEPLUS

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/acmeplus/>

OASIS

<http://oasis.haifa.ac.il/>

CARMEN

<http://www.ehma.org/projects/default.asp?NCID=111>

DEMWEL

<http://www.enepri.org/Demwel.htm>

CLESA

<http://www.onderzoekinformatie.nl/en/oi/nod/onderzoek/OND1287836/>

PROCARE

http://www.euro.centre.org/print_detail.php?xml_id=127

CARMA

<http://www.wz-berlin.de/ars/ph/projekte.de.htm>

CAREKEYS

<http://www.carekeys.net/>

EUROFAMCARE

<http://www.uke.uni-hamburg.de/extern/eurofamcare/>

Programme web links

FP7 calls for proposals

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/calls>

FP7 theme health

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/cooperation/health_en.html

FP5 key action Ageing population

<http://cordis.europa.eu/life/src/conf-ageing.htm>