

2. Organization and Management

The project is a collaborative effort of 18 different Member States (MS) and the European Heart Network. Initially, twelve countries signed the agreement to participate (Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom).

Two other countries (Denmark and Greece) joined the project later on. In the year 2004 four further countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Poland) were involved in the Project.

A questionnaire for the creation of any of the available information sources and indicators was prepared and sent to each partner country who returned it completed.

A list of possible indicators and recommendations was generated during the meetings open to all formal participants. Six meetings were organised during the **I phase** of EUROCISS project:

- Rome, 5-6 April 2001;
- Amalfi, 18-21 October 2001;
- Luxembourg, 7-8 March 2002;
- Taormina, 17-20 April 2002;
- Dresden, 28-30 November 2002;
- Varese, 8-10 April 2003.

The EUROCISS project was presented:

- at the European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Epidemiology and Prevention (Taormina, 17-20 April 2002) in the symposium Surveillance of Cardiovascular disease ‘The EUROCISS Project: the need for a common health currency in Europe’ (S.Giampaoli);
- at the tenth Annual Meeting of the European Public Health Association (Dresden, 28-30 November 2002): *Workshop ‘Monitoring of Cardiovascular disease and Risk Factors: results from the EUROCISS Project’* proposed by the EUROCISS Research Group: ‘Monitoring of acute myocardial infarction and coronary heart disease’ (N. Hammar); ‘Monitoring of stroke and other cerebrovascular disease’ (V. Salomaa); ‘Monitoring of cardiovascular risk factors’ (S. Sans); ‘Recommendations from the EUROCISS Project’ (S. Giampaoli);
- at the International Epidemiological association - European Epidemiology Federation (Toledo, 1-4 October 2003): *Workshop ‘Monitoring of Cardiovascular disease and Risk Factors: results from the EUROCISS Project’* proposed by the EUROCISS Research Group: ‘Monitoring of acute myocardial infarction and coronary heart disease’ (N. Hammar); ‘Monitoring of stroke and other cerebrovascular disease’ (V. Salomaa); ‘Monitoring of

cardiovascular risk factors' (S. Sans); 'Recommendations from the EUROCISS Project' (S. Giampaoli);

- at the 11th Annual Meeting of the European Public Health Association (Rome, 20-22 November 2003): *Workshop 'Monitoring of Cardiovascular disease: results from the EUROCISS Project'* proposed by the EUROCISS Research Group: "The burden of cardiovascular disease in Europe" (S Sans); "Recommended indicators for monitoring acute myocardial infarction and ischaemic heart disease" (N Hammar); "Recommended indicators for monitoring stroke and other cerebrovascular disease" (S Petersen); "Recommended indicators for monitoring of heart failure and other forms of heart disease" (K Steinbach);

The following manuscripts have been published on behalf of the EUROCISS Working Group:

- Coronary and cerebrovascular population-based registers in Europe: are morbidity indicators comparable? Results of the EUROCISS Project (European J Public Health 2003;13, suppl3);

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