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Launch of the new European Joint Action on Chronic Diseases (CHRODIS-JA)

Today, in Madrid, Ministries, Institutes and other relevant organisations meet to take part in the Joint Action on Chronic Diseases and Promoting Healthy Ageing across the Life Cycle (CHRODIS-JA).

The new European Joint Action on Chronic Diseases and Promoting Healthy Ageing across the Life Cycle (CHRODIS-JA) aims to promote and facilitate a process of exchange and transfer of good practices between European countries and regions, addressing chronic conditions, with a specific focus on health promotion and prevention of chronic conditions, multi-morbidity and diabetes. Health promotion and prevention will focus on behavioural risk factor, social determinants and inequalities in health. EuroHealthNet leads on dissemination and co-leads, along with its German Member – The Federal Centre for Health Education (BZgA) - a work strand that focusses on the identification, selection and implementation of good practices in this field.

This Joint Action is part of the EU Health programme 2014-2020 aiming to include projects that aim to contribute to increase healthy life years and to promote healthy ageing. With this view, CHRODIS-JA will also participate in the first EU summit on chronic diseases (http://ec.europa.eu/health/major_chronic_diseases/docs/ev_20140403_ag_en.pdf) where medical, social and economic benefits of sustainable investments in health will be discussed, together with ways to reduce the burden of chronic diseases, and how to strengthen the prevention and management of chronic diseases, with a focus on EU added value and action. The first EU summit on chronic diseases brings together key policymakers, stakeholders and interest groups to explore ways to address chronic diseases effectively in the EU and to develop recommendations.

For more information about the European Joint Action on Chronic Diseases and Promoting Healthy Ageing across the Life Cycle (CHRODIS-JA), please contact the project's coordinator [Dr Juan E. Riese](#), from the Health Institute Carlos III (Madrid, Spain), the EuroHealthNet's Health Promotion Europe Manager [Ingrid Stegeman](#) or the EuroHealthNet's Public Health Coordinator [Cristina Chiotan](#).

For more information about the Chronic Diseases Summit, please click here http://ec.europa.eu/health/major_chronic_diseases/events/ev_20140403_en.htm