National Programme for the **Promotion of Healthy Eating** (PNPAS) Portugal



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PNPAS – Description

• A National policy for healthy eating to improve the nutritional status of the Portuguese population through co-ordinated and cross cutting set of actions to promote availability and access to healthy foods.

Main Goals

- target general population, all ages, disadvantaged neighbourhoods
- increase food literacy
- modulate availability of (healthy) food
- inform & empower
- work across sectors
- guideline development & training for different professional groups
- Widened focus: from obesity to healthy food



PNPAS – Background

- Political commitment and numerous efforts to develop a national nutrition strategy since 1970's
- In 2012 PNPAS developed in response to
 - a shift in eating patterns of Portuguese population
 - Economic crisis



PNPAS – Background



Social media platforms

- Scientific basis for addressing poor nutritional status (increased energy, saturated fat, meat, fish, eggs, intakes and decreased fruit and vegetable intake)
- High salt intakes
- Increase in overweight and obesity in children and adults
- Increase in food insecurity due to economic crisis

Targeting food provision and supply in schools and hospitals (canteens, school bars etc)







Methodology - Activities in five main areas





Website Development

Food Roulette

From abstract to concrete... from the nutriente to the food to 24 the recipe. This should be one of the magnets to the site, and them make people find out more information.













PNPAS – Positive Evaluation Results

6-8 years of age



PNPAS – Factors of Success & Transferability

Cross sectoral collaboration

- Government Inter-departmental collaboration (education, health, social affairs, agriculture)
- Cross institutional (schools, universities, hospitals, sports clubs & associations, authorities)
- National, regional, & municipality level
- Public-private partnership
- Governance Structure a national framework for all healthy eating and nutrition interventions shared using a common database shared
- Leadership One key figure with passion, good negotiation & social skills with vision & persistence
- **Training** of different professionals in nutrition (embedded in legislation) Effective Leadership
- Effective communication and personal networks across Nutrition community
- Multi-professional teams (nutritionist, public health medical doctor, public health nurse, representatives from municipalities, from local hospital, local school, & agricultural sector)
- Flexibility at local level to choose most relevant interventions
- All partners benefit from participation
- Unified data collection with broad accessibility Data collection and monitoring of risk factors at municipality level
- Progress & evaluation reports: <u>http://www.alimentacaosaudavel.dgs.pt/relatorio-anual-pnpas/</u>

