

The importance of cross-border healthcare

Some projects in the spotlight

In 2020, the value of **cross-border (preventive) healthcare** was demonstrated even more than usual. In the fight against COVID-19, cooperation between different health organisations proved vital.

In addition, the pandemic once again made it clear that most **decisions in the area of (preventive) healthcare** are made at the national level and do not always take into account residents in border regions. For example, the closure of cafes in one country meant that border regions in another country were overrun by tourism. Or think of informal carers who were unable to provide care for their loved ones when the border between the Netherlands and Belgium was closed.

euPrevent's achievements in 2020

We are therefore proud that, in 2020, we have once again worked hard to strengthen our network and promote cooperation between health organisations in the border region.


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38 new partners joined our network (total number of partners: 140), including Sciensano (Belgium), Kreis Viersen (Germany) and Veiligheidsregio Limburg-Noord (the Netherlands).


 +4

4 new projects started, of which 2 were related to the COVID-19 pandemic


 9

9 times mentioned in newspapers, articles and other news items


 4

4 international conferences where we were guest speakers, including at the WHO


 302

302 followers on social media


 25000

almost 25000 citizens reached



Sustainable Healthy ERMN (SHE)

this project aims to establish a structural network of cooperation between public health services in the Rhine-Meuse-North Euroregion (ERMN). The focus is on gathering knowledge about the health structure of the public health care systems in the Rhine-Meuse-North Euroregion and sharing this knowledge across borders.



Social Norms Approach (SNA)

with this project, we want to strengthen existing preventive initiatives in the border region with the help of the Social Norms Approach, an approach that assumes that information about the health behaviour of people in our vicinity promotes making healthier choices.



euPrevent COVID-19

this project aims to assess the impact of COVID-19 on the Meuse-Rhine Euroregion (EMR) in order to gain insight into the effects of COVID-19 in border regions.



Knowledge broker

the Euroregional knowledge broker for health, vitality and participation contributes to social structural change in Dutch Limburg through research, meetings, structure building and advice. The goal of the knowledge broker is to catch up with the backlog in Limburg in the areas of health and labour participation.