

# Cross-border public health cooperation in diversified themes

2022 has been an inspiring year for euPrevent. While the COVID-19 pandemic slowly came to an end, its long-term impact on many people's health and life has become increasingly noticeable. The healthcare system is being confronted with new challenges. Meanwhile, in the aftermath of the flood catastrophe of 2021, the topic of environmental health and climate consequences for health in Euroregions has increasingly come into focus. We therefore focused on a diverse set of health challenges across borders.

## Some projects in the spotlight

### New projects started

In addition to continuing our work on the prevention of loneliness among the elderly in the Meuse-Rhine Euroregion within the framework of the project euPrevent PROFILE, we launched two new projects:

#### EUPREVENT | ACP

##### Project ACP (Active Citizenship Participation)

The goal of the project ACP is to establish a framework for structural citizen participation that will be embedded in the cross-border decision-making process in the Meuse-Rhine Euroregion, starting with the theme 'Climate change and health'. After implementation, other health-related issues with similar transboundary features will also be integrated in the participation framework.



→ [euprevent.eu/project-euprevent-acp](https://euprevent.eu/project-euprevent-acp)

#### EUPREVENT | SOME

##### Project SoMe (Social network and mental health)

The project SoMe aims at raising awareness for a euregional citizen-centred approach to preventing and caring for mental health problems through the social networks of citizens.



→ [euprevent.eu/some](https://euprevent.eu/some)

### Other projects



##### PERISCOPE (Pan-European Response to the Impacts of COVID-19 and Future Pandemics and Epidemics)

As an associate partner for the Horizon 2020 project PERISCOPE, euPrevent developed – together with GGD Zuid Limburg – an online training module on experience gained in euregional collaboration. This is being used as part of a large online training about lessons learned from COVID.



→ [youtube.com/watch?v=m2B-ITkCSl0](https://youtube.com/watch?v=m2B-ITkCSl0)

## euPrevent's achievements in 2022

In 2022, we expanded our working territory to cover various border regions between the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. Once again, we have worked hard to promote cooperation among different health organisations in the border region.

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**7 new partners have joined our network** (total number of partners: 170), including GGD Limburg Noord, Gesundheitsämter of Düsseldorf, Rhein-Kreis Neuss, Viersen, Krefeld, Mönchengladbach and Caritas Euskirchen.

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**2 new projects** started

23

**23 times mentioned** in newspapers, articles and other news items

8

**8 international conferences** where we were guest speakers

775

**775 followers** on social media

15K  
20K

more than **15,000 professionals and 20,000 citizens** have been reached

## Collaboration with Flanders

Within the framework of structural cross-border collaboration between BE and NL public health services, euPrevent supported Logo Limburg in organising an exchange event around the topic of environmental health. This was commissioned by Agency Care and Health from Flanders. This resulted in a report being drawn up analysing the environmental health systems in BE, NL and DE, and which has been published on the website of euPrevent.



→ [tinyurl.com/eupreventreport](https://tinyurl.com/eupreventreport)