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- The eurreca Network of Excellence is a sustainable initiative established to harmonise the way micronutrient recommendations are produced across Europe
- eurreca is identifying and addressing those micronutrients of particular concern in vulnerable population groups
- eurreca's evidence based tools will improve the basis for the development of nutrient recommendations and Food Based Dietary Guidelines across the EU
- eurreca's advisory panels will include representation from governments, national nutrition societies and professional societies to ensure effective consultation and dissemination

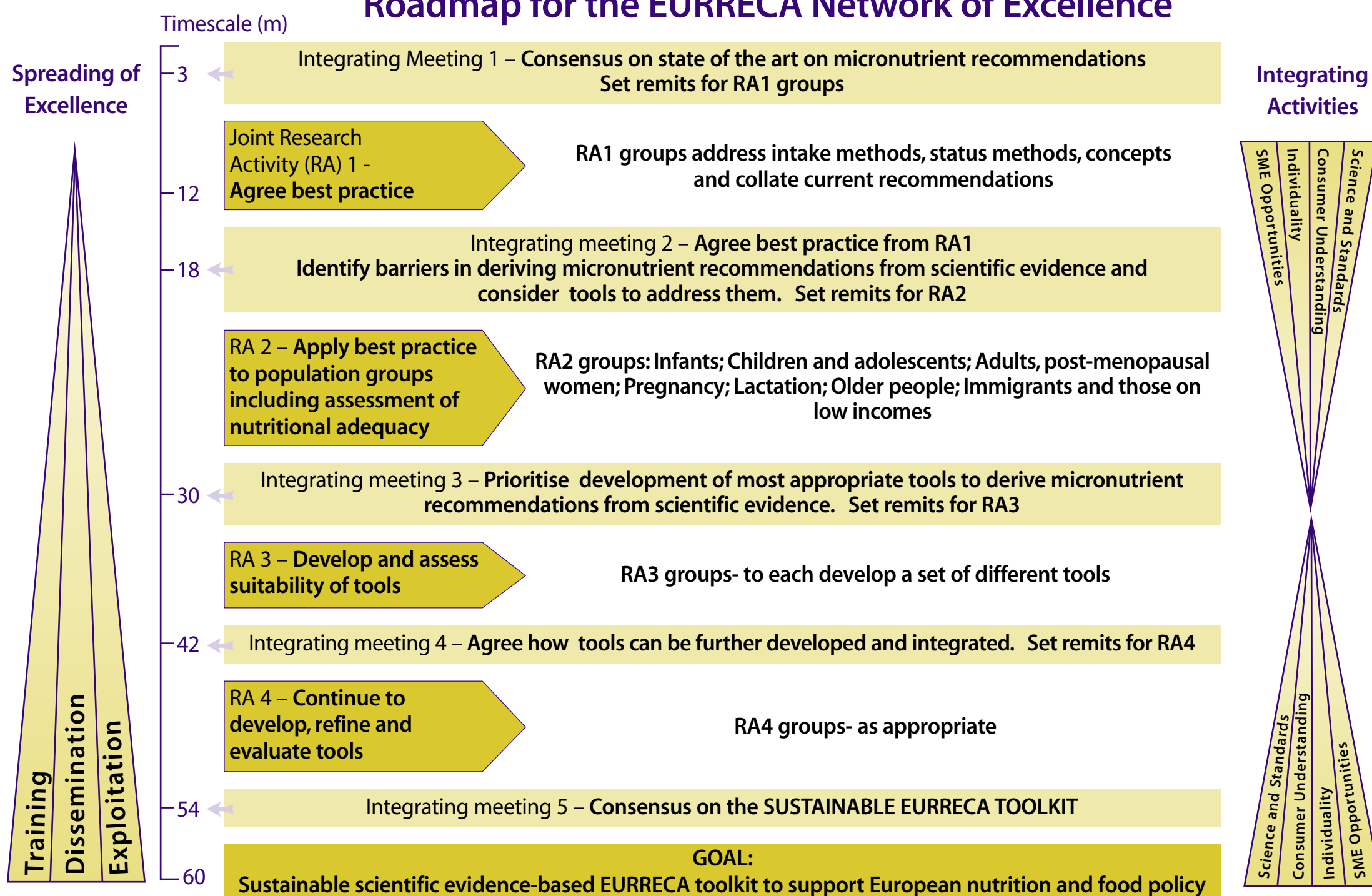


eurreca Partners

The network includes 34 organisations in 17 European countries, including many 'new' EU member States. It comprises academics, SMEs and consumer organisations.

- ILSI Europe, Belgium (Coordinator)
- Aarhus School of Business, Denmark
- Ashwell Associates (Europe) Ltd, United Kingdom
- Biotempo – Consultorio em Biotecnologia Lda, Portugal
- Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
- Community Nutrition Unit of Bilbao, Spain
- Euro Consultants s.a., Belgium
- European Food Information Council a.i.s.b.l. (EUFIC), Belgium
- Foodlab Ltd, Cyprus
- Hylobates Consulting srl, Italy
- INRA – Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, France
- Lambert Nutrition Consultancy Ltd, United Kingdom
- Minerva Public Relations & Communications Ltd, United Kingdom
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
- National Association for Consumer Protection, Hungary
- National Institute of Public Health, Czech Republic
- Nutrition Research Foundation, Spain
- Oxford Brookes University, United Kingdom
- TNO, The Netherlands
- University College Cork – National University of Ireland, Ireland
- University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
- University of Belgrade – Institute for Medical Research, Serbia
- University of Central Lancashire, United Kingdom
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- University of Milano, Italy
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- University of Oslo, Norway
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- University of Surrey, United Kingdom
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- University of Zaragoza, Spain
- Wageningen University, The Netherlands
- Warsaw Agricultural University, Poland
- World Health Organization – Regional Office for Europe, Denmark

Roadmap for the EURRECA Network of Excellence



eurreca's Research will:

- Systematically review existing data and collect new data as appropriate in all the identified vulnerable groups;
- Critically assess and promote standardisation – for specific uses and for groups – of methodologies for nutrient intakes, status and requirements;
- Identify micronutrients critical for the health of vulnerable population groups;
- Develop evidence based tools for producing comprehensive innovative and consumer consumer-friendly nutrient recommendations.

Through its cross-cutting Integrating Activities, eurreca will:

- Involve consumer and other stakeholder groups at all stages, including research, training and dissemination;
- Integrate Science and Standards throughout to optimise quality assurance;
- Encourage SMEs to identify opportunities for exploitation in diverse fields such as computer software and laboratory assays;
- Address individual differences within population groups and identify and develop ways of increasing consumer understanding, prerequisites for behavioural change.

The eurreca Network is committed to Spreading the Excellence from the joint programme of Research Activities and the outputs from the Integrating Activities throughout Europe and beyond, through:

- Training – for network members and external stakeholders;
- Dissemination – to policy makers, professionals and consumers;
- Exploitation – via activities to ensure the expertise is utilised by Government, professional and commercial organisations.

The eurreca Network is also committed to establishing ways of sustaining its activities beyond the life of EC funding.

Management

A team oversees the management of the Network to ensure full integration and dissemination of results and to foster links with key stakeholders such as EFSA, DG Sanco and national nutrition societies.



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