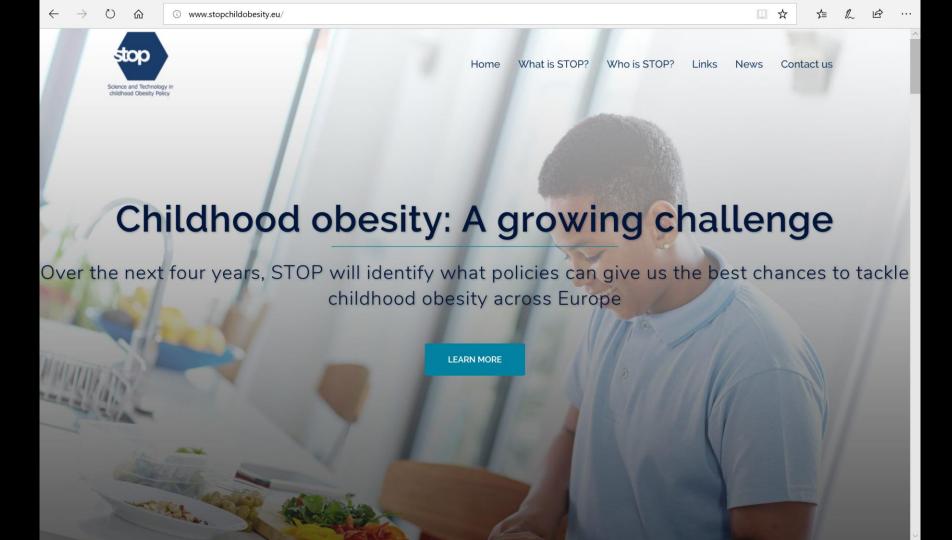


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National Public Health Agencies



















Civil Society Organisations









International Organisations











International Partners

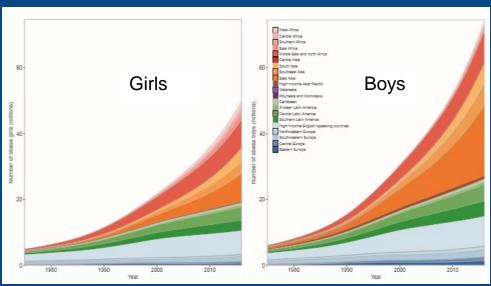




Obese Children Worldwide, age 5-19

<u>1975-2016</u>

The childhood obesity epidemic has first developed in the United States and is now spreading rapidly at the global level



Source: NCDRisC Collaboration, The Lancet, 2017.

Main Gaps in Knowledge on Childhood Obesity

- Measuring childhood obesity
- Understanding determinants and causal pathways
- Assessing policy impacts
- Working in a multi-actor framework



Measuring Childhood Obesity

DATA POOLING AND STATISTICAL MODELLING

GAPS:

- Mix of measures based on different approaches
- Incomplete coverage, knowledge of variations
- Measuring diet and physical activity

SURVEYS
BIG DATA
BIOMARKERS

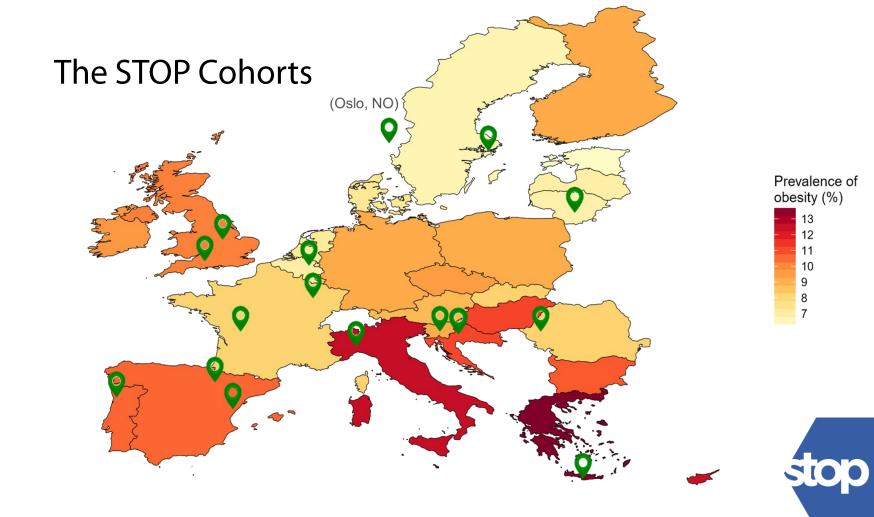


Understanding Determinants and Causal Pathways

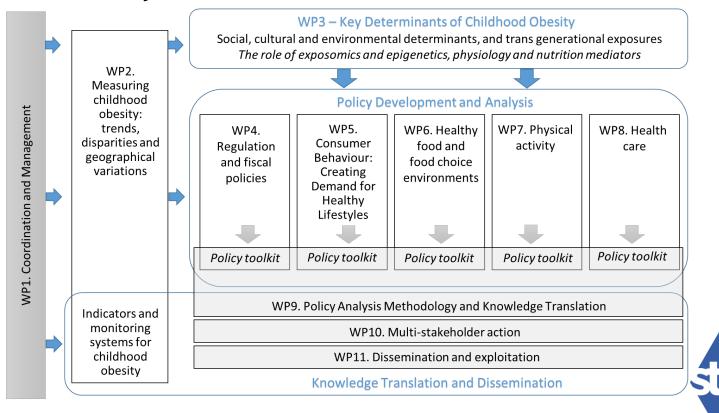
LEVERAGING CUTTING EDGE SCIENCE

Starting from the family and the living environemnt (the school environment, the play environemnt, the built environment, the digital environment), and leveraging new biomarkers to understand influences on children's bodies,





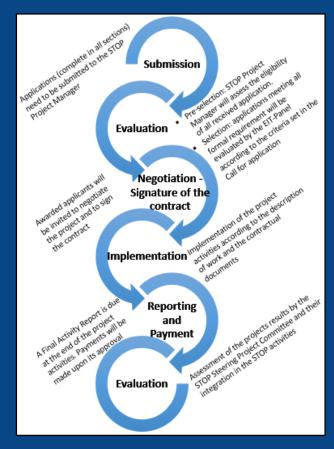
The STOP Project Structure



STOP Industry-led Innovation Projects

VIABLE MARKET SOLUTIONS TO TACKLE OBESITY

- € 600k to fund up to 4 pilot projects for 2 years
- Translate innovative concepts into viable technology solutions to tackle childhood obesity
- Areas include:
 - New "food concepts"
 - Innovations in food retail
 - Digital solutions for healthier choices
- Call out April 2019
- Projects to start September 2019



Assessing Policy Impacts

NEW EVIDENCE AND POLICY SIMULATIONS

GAPS:

- Growing evidence base, but limited outcome measures
- Sustainability of behaviour change and health improvement
- Understanding of long-term impacts

SIMULATION SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS

ECONOMETRICS





THANK YOU