

IUNS AGEV BFE Workshop
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Impact of Changing Food Choice and Habits on Nutritional Status in European
Countries

Task (4): to identify priority areas of food habit research in general and for joint European research projects

The DAFNE Initiative

The Scientific Network for the Pan-European Food Data Bank based on Household Budget Surveys, in short DAFNE (Data Food Networking), is supported by the EU programmes "Cooperation in Science and Technology with Central and Eastern European Countries" and "Agriculture and Agro-Industry, including fisheries, programme". Its task include appraisal of current methods of HBS data collection and processing, as well as resolution of all scientific and technical issues for the consolidation of the national data bases. The end product of this effort is the creation of an operational European HBS Food Data Bank, accessible to all. The following countries are participating: Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Hungary, Portugal, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom.

The main objectives of DAFNE are:

- The creation of a coherent infrastructure for nutrition information
- The achievement of integration, modularity and standardisation in equipment, software and terminology
- The establishment of methods and ways enabling nutrition information of all types to be shared, combined and compared
- The dissemination of related research results to other European and non-European countries

Utilization of the Data Bank is of great importance for the realization of various purposes

- Nutrition Strategy
- Agricultural strategy planning
- Marketing purposes by the food industries
- Assessing the dietary intake of additives and contaminants (Extreme eaters)

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