



European Projects on Health and Information Technologies: The Case of SALUT

The case of SALUT, an European Network on Eating Disorders.

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Background

- The Fifth RTD Framework Programme has been conceived to help solve problems and to respond to major socio-economic challenges facing Europe.
- The remit of the Information Society Technologies RTD Programme and especially the "Systems & Services for the Citizen" Key Action is to ensure that research addresses the major socio-economic problems facing Europe. It covers - amongst others - applications for healthcare, for special needs groups, for safer, more efficient transport systems (including tourism) for a cleaner environment and for providing better access to administrations.





IST projects on Health

- **BEPRO:** Provide centres of cancer specialists, with resources allowing them to extend their current pilot use of results from particular projects.
- BODYLIFE: Demonstrate the relationship between body composition and health status. Develop new methods and protocols for measuring body composition.
- H-LIFE: To develop an easy-to-use system which provides patients and citizens with a tool, which can be used for the monitoring of their lifestyle.
- Health SAT: Distributing health and wellness services to European citizens, via satellite and Internet direct to home digital TV sets, computers displays and mobile terminals.
- WEIGHT-INFO: The objective of WEIGHT-INFO is to provide the citizen
 with an easily and from everywhere accessible, integrated environment
 where any weight related issue is targeted in a personalised effective
 manner from the citizen point of view.



Salut! objectives

http://www.salut-ed.org/

- Salut! will leverage advances in information and telecommunications technology to design, prototype and trial innovative tools and cost effective strategies for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders.
- Salut! will also implement regional research and prevention networks among the partner countries.



Salut! partners

- Division of Adolescent Psychiatry, "La Timone "University Hospital, Marseilles, France.
- VITAMIB, Grenoble, France.
- CONECTA, Udine, Italy.
- Nutrition Unit, "12 de Octubre" University Hospital, Madrid, Spain.
- CINDOC-CSIC, Madrid, Spain.
- National Eating Disorder Resource Centre- NÄT-, Örebro City Council, Örebro, Sweden.
- Netunion Sarl, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Division of Liaison Psychiatry, Geneva University Hospital, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Psychiatric Services of the Romand Valais, Malévoz Hospital, Monthey, Switzerland.



A multicultural project

Two axes: Geographic and Socio-cultural:

- Salut! involves partners from France, Italy, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.
- Salut! is devoted to help the general public and to provide a meeting point for experts and professionals too.



Information Organization

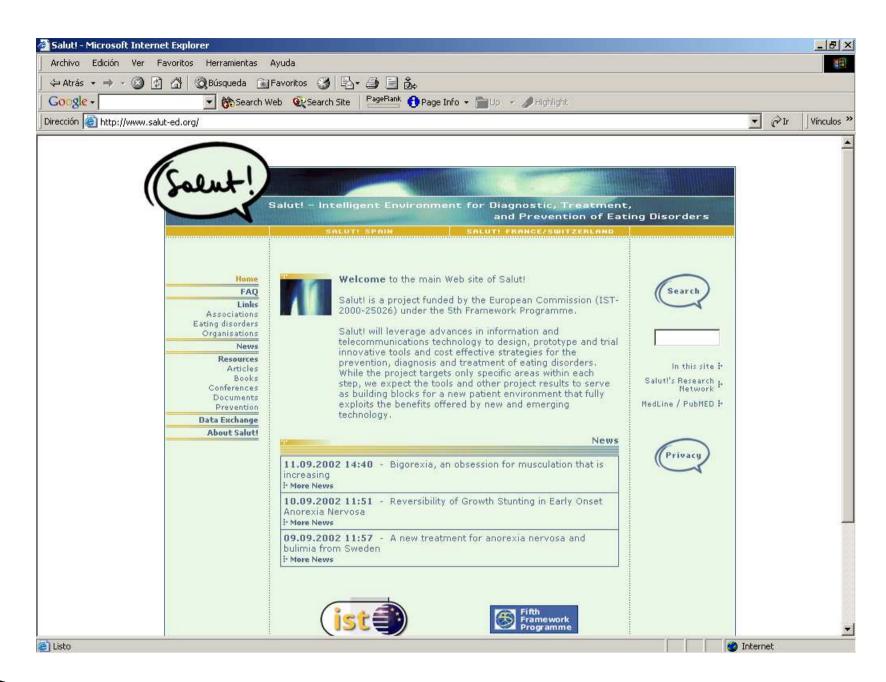
- A general website in English and regional websites in Spanish, French, Swedish(?) and German (?).
- A Research Information Network for experts besides the information for the general public.



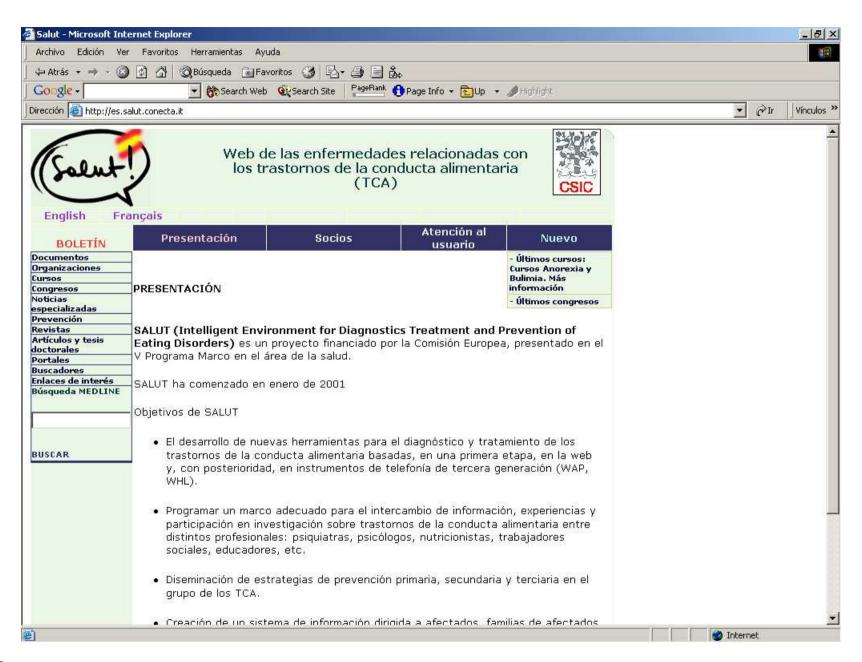
Information Structure

Documents	Full text documents for experts: reports, papers, prevention and educational material, etc.
Organizations	Index of organizations in the eating disorders area: help and patient associations, professional and scientific societies, etc.
Courses	Information about education and training on eating disorders.
Congresses	Congresses, meetings, workshops, etc on eating disorders and related subjects.
Newsletter	News bulletins for experts on eating disorders, including news from the media, papers listed in the MEDLINE for the preceding month, news about the project itself and other clustered IST projects, etc.
Prevention	Information about prevention programs.
Data Bases	Information about the electronic journals which publish papers on eating disorders with links to either contents and abstracts or full texts when available.
Book Reviews	Reviews of books on eating disorders.
Portals	Links to other portals of interest.
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions about ED.

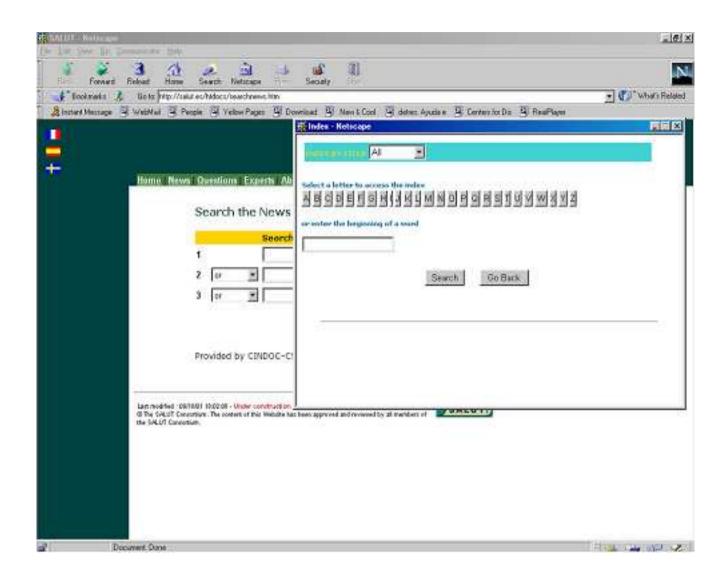














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- No control to access informational pages.
- Minimal control to access forums.



Ethical Issues

- 1. Information Network
- Clinical Ethics.
- Ethics of Health Information.
- 2. Diagnostic and Therapeutic Tools
- Ethical Committees.
- No recruitment through the web.
- Privacy and security.

