

Parallel Sessions D
D3 – Initiatives with the Medical Portal

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

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SALUT is an international project devoted to Eating Disorders (ED) and Information Technologies (IT), funded by the European Union and Swiss Federal Government, and involving partners- leading university hospitals and research centres- in both clinical and technical fields, from France, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

SALUT is conceived as both a web portal which gathers information otherwise dispersed in ED, and a tool to bring the advantages and improvements of IT to the field of diagnosis, prevention and therapy of ED.

In its approach, SALUT is an international and intercultural project according to a multi-axial scheme. One main axis is geographical or cultural according to involved regions: Spain, France, Sweden and Switzerland. Superimposed is a linguistic axis corresponding to an information structure split in four areas: English, French, Spanish and Swedish. The second main axis corresponds to the “quality” of people engagement in ED in several levels: clinicians and researchers, politicians and social leaders, patients and families.

As a web portal, SALUT stores information as complete and updated as possible in the main areas of ED: aetiology, clinic, prevention, treatment, social, cultural and ethical issues, etc. Description of these sections and access modes will be discussed.

SALUT acts too as a bridge between users on one hand- professionals and patients or concerned people- and clinicians and researchers on the other hand, bringing a web based diagnostic and therapeutic tool whose description and preliminary results will be presented.