

HEALTHY AGEING FACTS & FIGURES

The Healthy Ageing Network Northern Netherlands (HANNN) offers Europe's most integrated approach to healthy ageing. Together with European partners, the government, trade and industry and knowledge institutes in the Northern Netherlands are turning the integrated Healthy Ageing approach into an economic growth engine for the EU aimed at improving the quality of life for all. Important factors in this area include nutrition, lifestyle and environmental and hereditary factors.

Healthy Ageing: Looking at the big picture

The demographic developments and trends in Europe urge for research and innovation to address the issues of upcoming rise in costs for health care, as well as generating an acceptable level of quality of life. Healthy ageing is a major societal challenge for all Europeans. We cannot solve the issues independently and therefore need to join forces.

The ageing society does not only offer complex challenges, but also marvelous opportunities and economic incentives. Various businesses, knowledge institutions and governments acknowledged this and joined forces in the Healthy Ageing Network Northern Netherlands (HANNN) to cooperate for solutions that result in prolonged health.

Healthy Ageing Network Northern Netherlands (HANNN)

HANNN is a regional cluster in which research and development are joined in the field of healthy ageing related areas. It offers Europe's most integral approach to healthy ageing.

HANNN's goal is to establish innovations and fundamental breakthroughs that mean a structural improvement of the conditions for a healthy old age. Thus it aims to stimulate economic activity in the region along the way. In this process HANNN offers single initiatives a broader perspective and strives to position them in a consistent Northern Netherlands strategy, offering a super regional platform.

Research achievements

- LifeLines project
- The European Research Institute on the Biology of Ageing (ERIBA)

Cross-cluster links

- Agribusiness: Developing a LifeLines Bio Bank and knowledge sharing with CCC

Partnerships include

- BioExplorer
- BrainsOn-Line
- FrieslandCampina
- Xendo
- Hanzehogeschool Groningen
- Van Hall Larenstein
- IBM Healthcare Nederland
- Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (UMCG)
- IQ Corporation
- Gemeente Leeuwarden
- Noordelijke Hogeschool Leeuwarden
- Stenden Hogeschool
- Syncom
- Provincie Drenthe
- Provincie Groningen
- Provincie Friesland
- Gemeente Groningen
- N.V. NOM
- BioCon Valley (Germany)
- Philips Lifestyle
- BioCat (Spain)
- PRA International
- Human Technology Styria (Austria)
- Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
- Estonian Genome Center (Estonia)
- Norgenta (Germany)
- Biologue (Denmark)
- MSD (Merck / Schering-Plough)
- Scanbalt (Denmark)

Please turn this page over for a map that shows the business and knowledge partners of Healthy Ageing, including the Scanbalt partners.

Future

The number of elderly people is increasing rapidly in Europe, in the Netherlands, but in the Northern Netherlands in particular. There ageing presents itself much faster than in many other regions.

This demands new and clever solutions to enhance the quality of life from ageing people and to minimize the burden for society's healthcare. The Northern Netherlands has the knowhow, the experience and the sense of urgency to be a front runner in innovation and research in the field of ageing. Therefore HANNN was called into being end 2009 as the cluster of expertise and knowledge development in the field of healthy ageing.



HEALTHY AGEING CLUSTER



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