



We invite you to the conference "Cross-sectoral Policies for Nutrition and Physical Activity – Implementation and Monitoring", which will be held at Terme Radenci on 10 and 11 March 2008.

The conference presents a continuation of the project BATON, which Germany started at the beginning of its Presidency of the EU Council. The Ministry of Health decided to continue with the Baton project and to emphasise the importance of a healthy and balanced diet plus regular physical activity for people's health. With the event, we wish primarily to stress the importance of inter-sectoral cooperation in the areas of fulfilling nutrition and physical exercise policies and monitoring health.

In Slovenia we have a relatively long tradition of activities involving the concept of investing in health and development, so to this end we will hold a workshop under the auspices of the WHO office in Venice. The aim of the workshop is to present some approaches to this concept. Here we wish to give special attention to the pilot project "Investing in Health and Development – The MURA Project", which has been developed in the Pomurje region as a result of poor health and social and economic indicators.

The conference will be held in the English language. In the attachment we enclose the preliminary programme.

The conference will be open to the media at all times. We kindly ask you to confirm your participation at the conference by filling out the accreditation form (in the attachment) and sending it to the e-mail address ana.polanc@gov.si by Friday, 29 February 2008, before 2 pm. You will be able to acquire the accreditation on the day of the conference at the location of the event.

Best regards, Ana Polanc

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