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**NEWS FROM the “SAFE FOOD FOR INFANTS” program
The European Union Horizon 2020 NUTRITION Grant
awarded to EPA-UNEPSA**

The European Union Nutrition project “Safe Food For Infants” – SAFFI has been presented and discussed by its partner EPA-UNEPSA, at the 1st Hot Topics Europaediatrics meeting in Belgrade (Serbia) on October 5-8, 2023



We are pleased to inform you that EPA-UNEPSA is representing the European pediatricians and its members Societies, in the European Consortium of scientific centers that was awarded a €4 million grant to develop a NUTRITION program dedicated to the important issue of infant food safety.

EPA-UNEPSA is a key leader in the 4 years Horizon 2020 project “SAFE FOOD FOR INFANTS” (SAFFI) and closely collaborates with the project leader *French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment*, which coordinates the research activities of a consortium of 20 major public and private research centers. The list of Research Centers and Nutrition Companies engaged in the project is given below.

This European Union Consortium, has also established a close collaboration with a network of Chinese research centers, which will participate to the common efforts of developing innovative solutions to ensure an effective monitoring of the quality of infant food commercialized in Europe and China.

During the four years research program, EPA-UNEPSA works in close collaboration with its member Societies to contribute to the overall goal of developing an integrated approach to enhance the identification, assessment, detection and mitigation of safety risks raised by microbiological and chemical hazards all along the EU and Chinese infant food chains. Particularly, the project will benchmark the main safety risks through an extensive hazard identification system based on multiple data sources and a risk ranking procedure. It will also develop procedures to enhance the safety in the infant food by combining management options with a panel of technologies for the detection and mitigation of priority hazards.



The European Union has great expectations on this project. In fact, although it will focus on infant food (i.e. food for children of less than three years) its cross-cutting nature will allow project outcomes to be transferred to most of the other food sectors!!

EPA-UNEPSA is in charge of the communication and dissemination of the important achievements that the Consortium will reach during the next four years. This task, will ensure that pediatricians and consumers will

be effectively updated about solutions that may significantly contribute to the protection of the European children's health and wellbeing.

EPA-UNEPSA is proud to represent the European pediatricians in this important project promoted and funded by the European Union. The paper attached includes an overview of the project and provides you with more detailed information.

We are pleased to share with you this new success of EPA-UNEPSA and its Board Members

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