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Official starting of the Collaborative R&D project “developing and testing of new methodologies to monitor and evaluate health related EU-funded interventions in cooperation partner countries: EVAL-HEALTH”, a 36 month research project financed by the FP7 Health Programme and to be implemented by a Consortium of 9 institutions

EVAL-HEALTH is a Research and experimental development (R&D) project which has as main goal to strength the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) mechanism of European Union (EU) funded interventions in developing countries in the specific area of Health. The project will also increase the scientific base of the Europe's policy towards developing countries. Thus, it will be expected novel methodologies and tools to assess the impact of the different modalities of Development Assistance and R&D actions in developing countries funded particularly by the EU in the health sector.

The project takes into account:

- the actual frame of international development cooperation.
- the European Commission (EC) services specific needs in the health area.
- the present state of the art in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of funded interventions and projects in this sector.

The **EVAL-HEALTH** Project is planned to last 36 month, and will be managed by a **Consortium** composed by nine institutions with complementary background and expertise. The consortium is coordinated by the Spanish company Innovatec and participants are: the Africa Union with the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (South Africa), the Nuffield Centre for International Health and Development of the University of Leeds (UK), The Royal Tropical Institute (The Netherlands), the Instituto de Higiene e Medicina Tropical da Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal), ASEAN Institute for Health Development-Mahidol University (Thailand), the Association for Stimulating Know How (India), the College of Medicine of the University of Nigeria (Nigeria) and the Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario (Colombia).

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The consortium will benefit from the inclusion of three high-level external **Advisory Committees (Donors, Recipients and Scientific)** formed by relevant experts on Monitoring and evaluation of health aid, that will provide very important inputs and counselling to the research work carried out by the consortium and first-hand advice on the real applicability of the developed methodologies.

The project kickoff meeting took place during the past 28-29th of January in Lisbon (Portugal) hosted by the Portuguese partner. An expert workshop is planned for May 2011 in Madrid (Spain), with participation of the members of the Donors and Recipients Advisory Committees.

Information about the project is available at www.eval-health.eu

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