

New website for EUthyroid2 to improve the awareness of iodine deficiency and inform about the progress of the project

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The website for the EUthyroid2 project has been launched at www.euthyroid2.eu. It aims to inform the public, the scientific community, other health stakeholders, and policymakers about the progress and achievements of this project.

The website outlines the main objectives, its societal, economic, and scientific implications, introduces all partners involved, and informs about major project meetings and developments as they unfold.

The appearance of the website is based on the initial EUthyroid project to retain a strong connection to the previous work. A transition line as a visual element provides a brand distinction between EUthyroid and EUthyroid2.

The first Horizon Europe-funded EUthyroid project drew global attention to the situation of the iodine supply in Europe, suggesting that up to half of the region's newborns are at risk of iodine deficiency.

EUthyroid2 aims to target the low awareness of iodine-related health risks in children and adolescents, especially young women, to ensure the prevention of iodine deficiency in Europe and beyond. Iodine deficiency is the world's largest cause of preventable mental impairment. While the health of all population groups can be affected, pregnant women and children are especially at risk. „Severe iodine deficiency may lead to lasting brain damage in infants. Even mild to moderate iodine deficiency might cause problems with development and growth“, explains the leader of this project Prof. Dr. Henry Völzke, MD, from the University Medicine Greifswald, Germany.

The EUthyroid2 website will be updated regularly and serves as an essential tool to increase awareness by communicating the project's goals, outcomes, impact, important project meetings and other events to relevant stakeholders and the broader public.

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