

#### Policy Symposium on NCD Prevention:

## Future directions for nutrition and physical activity policies to prevent NCDs across Europe

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Session 11 - Oslo 11:00 - 12:30



## Social marketing & marketing regulation

STOP, Best ReMaP

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## Multiple stakeholders – Including manufacturers







## Drink Up! Included over 60 Multistakeholder supporters

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## Both campaigns disciplined the MESSAGE





THE WHOLE GRAIN LOGO MANUAL

Youarewhatyoudrink.org

https://fuldkorn.dk/english



## Whole Grain ensured strategy aligned with vision and mission





## Convenience store in Philadelphia





## Why neuroscience? *A deeper, different perspective*





## Effective communication





## NMI's Health & Wellness Consumer Segmentation Highlights Opportunities & Challenges with Personal Health & Wellness



#### WELL BEINGS®: 17%

- Influencers
- Highest organic usage 
   Besire inherently healthy 
   Health managers vs.
- Use some
- supplements.
- · Use many health
- modalities
- · Most Green

U.S. General Population



#### FOOD ACTIVES\*: 18%

#### · Most health pro-active · Mainstream healthy

- Market leaders & 
  Basics, balance and
  - control
  - foods
  - · Most influenced by
  - physicians
  - · Least eco-friendly
  - · Price sensitive



#### MAGIC BULLETS®: 24%

#### · Conveniently healthy

- · Heavy pill usage -
- supplements OTC, Rx
- preventers
- · Weight managers · Least likely to cook at
- home
- · Least likely to exercise
- · Stressed out, want help and control · More health kicks but no clear goals · Receptive to eco
  - friendly

FENCE SITTERS<sup>®</sup>: 19%

· Most likely to have kids

· 'Wannabe' healthy

- · Active weight loss
- · High social media usage

Clients leverage this tool optimizing their target messages as well as identifying primary and secondary targets



#### EAT, DRINK & BE MERRYS®: 22%

- · Least health active
- · Unconcerned about prevention
- · Focused on taste
- · Most price driven
- Younger



## Priority health & wellness groups





## Whole Grain, but no granular data



Number of products with the Whole Grain stamp







# Effective communication grabs your attention and engages your emotions





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## New York City street art









1,521 followers 45 following

Drink Up Water. So talented, yet so humble. Share the water-inspired moments in your life! #h2ofcourse youarewhatyoudrink.org















## Lessons for Policymakers and Stakeholders

- Research and segment the audience and its behavior.
  - Understand exactly to whom it should be delivered.
  - · Point-of-purchase reminders to consumers are key.
- Test the message, and discipline the delivery by stakeholders.
- Understand what is NOT working and course correct the campaign quickly.
- Have quantitative measures of success.



Thank you.

Science and Technology in childhood Obesity Policy Examining Innovative Advertising Techniques Food Companies Use to Target Youth on Social Media

The presented slides are not available as part of this slides set

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## Exploring the equity implications and acceptability of marketing policies

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Figure 1. Prevalence of obesity (BMI ≥30kg/m2) amongst men and women in Europe in 2010-2030.

## Prevalence of childhood obesity



**Figure 2.** Prevalence of obesity amongst children (5-19 years) globally in 2010–2030.

- Across the EU, the risk of childhood overweight and obesity is higher in households of lower socio-economic affluence or lower parental educational attainment
- The Health Behaviour of School-Children Study found that over half of the populations surveyed showed significantly higher likelihood of overweight among children in less affluent families



Science and Technology In Ideal County Policy

Halting the trends

- Member States of the World Health Assembly agreed in 2013 to works towards a target, by 2025, of a 25% reduction in mortality for NCDs and no increase in the prevalence of adult obesity or diabetes above 2010 levels
- Governments have considered a range of population-wide policies



## Marketing policies to address childhood obesity

- Marketing and advertising of high in fat, sugar and salt (HFSS) foods have been recognised as a risk for obesity. It is as an important tactic to engage customers, push them to develop brand preference, and boost sales.
- Children are particularly vulnerable to marketing.
- Marketing regulations have been identified as **cost-effective policies**.





Our research was conducted as part of a review conducted for STOP's WP4. This presentation will specifically focusing on findings related to marketing policies and:

- 1. Examine the evidence available on whether marketing policies and their impact on children, and whether these specific policies are likely to narrow the social disparities in the risk of obesity or widen them, using evidence produced in the European region
- 2. Identify evidence gaps to help inform and shape the future priorities for research funding agencies, including the priorities of the European Union's research programmes



Methods

- We systematically investigated peer-reviewed evidence available in relation to restrictions to limit children's exposure to the promotional marketing foods and beverages.
- Papers were examined by title, abstract and in full, to determine whether they met the inclusion criteria specified in the PICO table

| PICO feature  | Exposure to promotional marketing of<br>food and beverages  |
|---------------|---|
| Population    | Children (< 18 years), WHO European<br>Region   |
| Interventions | Actions to restrict children's exposure to<br>commercial messages for foods and non-<br>alcoholic beverages, or to reduce the<br>strength or impact of those messages.  |
| Comparisons   | Controlled cross-sectional and longitudinal<br>interventions, uncontrolled survey and<br>observational evidence, interrupted time-<br>series, modelled interventions.   |
| Outcomes      | Measures of exposure, vulnerability,<br>consumption, bodyweight or diet-related<br>health, differentiated in sub-groups defined<br>according to social disparities ( <i>including</i><br>socio-economic status, income, occupation,<br>education, neighbourhood deprivation,<br>ethnicity, migrant-status or similar disparity<br>measure; <i>excluding</i> gender, disability,<br>religion, language). |



- The search of five databases provided 1314 titles for promotional marketing.
- A total of 15 studies met the inclusion criteria
- Among the studies:
  - 4/15 were given a 'low' GRADE score
  - 9/15 were given a 'moderate' GRADE score
  - 3/15 were given a 'high' GRADE score



Figure 3. PRISMA chart for marketing to children



# Summary of results & policy implications for marketing restrictions to reduce SES health inequalities

| Study                           | Summary of SES-differentiated results  | GRADE<br>assessment | Policy implication to reduce health inequalities  |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|
| Aljawad et 2016 (14).           | Greater promotion of low-cost confectionery in lower income areas.   | Low                 | Redirect retail promotions towards healthier<br>products.                                   |
| Buijzen et al 2008 (15).        | Association between television advertising and<br>consumption of unhealthy and total food is higher for<br>children in lower-income families.          | Moderate            | Reduce exposure to television advertising (quantity and quality).                           |
| Cetateanu & Jones 2014<br>(16). | Unhealthy food in local shops does not explain<br>association of bodyweight to area deprivation.   | Moderate            | None (simple availability of unhealthy products is not a driver of overweight disparities). |
| Gatou et al 2016 (17).          | Equal advertising exposure affects children's<br>consumption equally across SES.   | Moderate            | Reduce differential exposure, as all children are susceptible.                              |
| Gebremariamet al 2017<br>(18).  | Evidence in two countries shows TV viewing<br>associated with more soft drink consumption in<br>families with lower-educated parents.                  | Low                 | Reduce exposure for greater impact in lower SES families.                                   |
| Giese H et al 2015 (19).        | Evidence in one country of children's higher exposure<br>to unhealthy advertisements, and higher unhealthy<br>food consumption, in lower SES families. | Low                 | Reduce exposure for greater impact in lower SES families.                                   |
| Griffith et al 2019 (13).       | Modelling of impact of TV advertising restrictions<br>shows reduced exposure and greater benefit for<br>lower-income households.                       | Moderate            | Reduce exposure for greater impact in lower SES families.                                   |



# Summary of results & policy implications for marketing restrictions to reduce SES health inequalities (cont.)

| Study                               | Summary of SES-differentiated results  | GRADE assessment | Policy implication to reduce health inequalities   |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| Kapetanaki AB et al 2019<br>(20).   | Self-reported susceptibility to advertising shows no<br>differences in food consumption across SES variables.  | Low              | Reduce differential exposure, as all children are susceptible.                           |
| Kearney et al 2021 (21).            | Equal exposure to snack advertising shows same effect on<br>children's consumption across SES level.   | Moderate         | Reduce differential exposure, as all children are<br>susceptible.                        |
| Lissner et al 2012 (22).            | Higher parental education linked to reduced TV viewing.  | Moderate         | Reduce exposure for greater impact in lower SES families.                                |
| Pérez-Farinós et al 2017 (23).      | Higher parental education linked to reduced TV viewing, better sleep patterns and better diet.   | Moderate         | Reduce exposure for greater impact in lower SES families.                                |
| Rey-López et al 2011 (24).          | Adolescents from low-SES families are more likely to<br>consume unhealthy drinks while watching TV.  | Moderate         | Reduce exposure and improve eating patterns for greater impact in lower SES families.    |
| Tatlow-Golden M et al 2014<br>(25). | Lower maternal education linked to children's greater TV<br>viewing, greater brand awareness for unhealthy products,<br>and unhealthy food consumption.  | High             | Reduce exposure for greater impact in lower SES families.                                |
| Thomas et al 2019 (26).             | Young people in more deprived areas report greater<br>exposure to HFSS advertising, are more likely to consume<br>unhealthy products, and have a poorer awareness of<br>health and overweight. | High             | Reduce exposure and improve eating patterns for<br>greater impact in lower SES families. |
| Vereecken et al 2006 (27).          | Children of lower SES have higher TV viewing and TV<br>viewing is linked to worse dietary intakes in most<br>countries.  | Moderate         | Reduce exposure for greater impact in lower SES families.                                |



- Policymakers should consider whether potential interventions might widen or narrow the socio-economic difference in obesity risk.
- 13 studies included indicated that a policy of reducing marketing would be expected to benefit children in lower SES categories to the same extent or a greater extent than those in higher SES categories.
- · There is a significant evidence gap on this topic:
  - There is a lack of clear evidence directly linking the advertising of foods which are highly advertise to consumption levels at household or among children in particular.
  - · A review by Lupiáñez-Villanueva et al. found a lack of definitive evidence.
  - A review by Public Health England also sound insufficient evidence of different exposure across socio-economic groups but noted potential for differential response to marketing interventions.
  - A study in Norway by Klepp et al. found that lower class children watch more TV and have greater exposure to both healthy and unhealthy food advertisement.



- There is a paucity of evidence on the impact of advertising on children across social groups. There is also a **lack of evidence in peer-reviewed literature** on the impact overall, and event less on socio-economic disparities.
- One large gap in the evidence available is **integrated marketing using multiple platforms**.
- Children's exposure is likely to be higher than reported.



- · Children's exposure to marketing may have a social gradient
- Restrictions to marketing will benefit children in proportion to their initial exposure
- Digital marketing channels are largely unexplored
- Overall, restrictions of children's exposure to marketing:
  - · Are likely to be very highly cost-effective
  - · Moderately favourable for health equity
  - · Moderately to strongly supported by the public
  - · Strongly supported by health professionals and civil society groups
  - Moderately to strongly opposed by commercial interests (unless voluntary)



## Thank you!

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BEST PRACTICES IN REDUCING MARKETING OF UNHEALTHY FOOD PRODUCTS TO CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

> De Greifel In the Dappens Mels Hearth Programme (2013) (2020)

Work Package 6

## OBJECTIVE

To explore, develop and share, within participating countries, the best practices on how to implement effective policies to reduce marketing of unhealthy food products (food and non-alcoholic beverages) to children (up to 18 years).



#### BEST PRACTICES IN REDUCING MARKETING OF UNHEALTHY FOOD PRODUCTS TO CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

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MAIN OUTCOME BEST PRACTICES IN REDUCING MARKETING OF UNHEALTHY FOODS

### EU Harmonised Framework for Action on reducing unhealthy food marketing to children





#### EU FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

BEST PRACTICES IN REDUCING MARKETING OF UNHEALTHY FOODS





Co-funded by the European Union's Health Programme (2014-2020)



 ${\tt M6.4}$  A workshop on how to implement codes of practice to reduce unhealthy food marketing to children organised

M6.5 A workshop to implement the EU protocol to monitor food marketing to children organised

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TASK 6.2

Best practices in reducing marketing of unhealthy food to children and adolescents

#### **Quality assessment of the findings**

- WHO Set of Recommendations on the marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children
- UNICEF'S A Child Rights-Based Approach to Food Marketing: A Guide for Policy Makers
- Ending Childhood Obesity: A Challenge at the Crossroads of International Economic and Human Rights Law - Chapter 10: Combatting obesogenic commercial practices through the implementation of the best interests of the child principle
- JRC toolkit to support the development and update of codes of conduct on marketing of food, non-alcoholic, and alcoholic beverages











WP6

Dest practices in reducing marketing of unhealthy food to children and adolescents

Quality assessment of the findings
TASK 6.2
EXEMPLISAGES
• Lack of definition in the codes and what these cover
• Less statutory measures
• Lack of adoption of clear and rigorous nutritional criteria – nutrient profile model
• Lack of (robust) monitoring systems in place



Development of an EU-wide harmonised and comprehensive monitoring protocol for reducing unhealthy food marketing to children

TASK 6.4





#### Summary of the protocols' review

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Methods

### What we have done so far:

- Review of the global monitoring protocols
- Knowledge and information sharing workshop (46 participants from 13 MSs)
- · Consultations with partners

#### Next steps:

- Complete the review with the gathered feedback
- Further consultations with experts in the field including young people
- Draft the EU-wide monitoring protocol
- Pilot the protocol in partner MSs

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