



EuroPrevall is a multidisciplinary integrated project (IP) involving 16 EU member-states, Switzerland and Iceland, and Ghana. Of the 53 partners, there are 17 clinical organisations, 11 small-medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and consumer stakeholders, led by EFA. Prevalence, Cost and Basis of Food Allergy Across Europe (EUROPREVALL)" to be carried out in the framework of the specific research and technological development programme,"Food Quality & Safety thematic priority Area - 5.4.2, Topic T2.2".

The strategic objectives of EUROPREVALL being:

- Establishing the prevalence of food allergies in adults and children, and the patterns of allergenic foods across the major climatic and cultural regions of Europe.
- Establishing which environmental factors, such as allergies to pollen, food consumption patterns, are linked to the development of food allergy, and whether these are the same as those implicated in the development of allergic disease in general.
- Ascertaining the socioeconomic impact and cost of food allergies, and their treatments, to the European Community.
- Providing information regarding the effect of the food matrix and the role of food processing in reducing the allergenic properties of foods.
- Provision of a platform of highly characterized, authentic food allergens which will allow the population distribution of reactions (including measures of severity of reaction) to be described with respect to specific allergens.
- Developing novel diagnostic and predictive tools and methods to enable more effective management of the food allergy problem through research into fundamental mechanisms involved in food allergy.