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Northern Ireland scientists finding success in Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe success for Queen's University as EUthyroid2 Project kicks off

Announcing the EUthyroid2 Project: Improving low awareness of iodine deficiency among adolescents and young women

Professor Jayne Woodside, a Professor of Human Nutrition within the Centre of Public Health at Queen's University Belfast, is a partner in a new Horizon Europe project, EUthyroid2. "The next step towards the elimination of iodine deficiency and preventable iodine-related disorders in Europe" or EUthyroid2 is a 4 year project with a budget of €2.5 million. QUB budget from the project is almost £210,000 and is funded from the UKRI Guarantee Fund.



The project is coordinated by the University Medicine Greifswald in Germany and brings together the expertise of renowned epidemiologists, endocrinologists, nutritionists, health economists and communications specialists from a broad

range of educational institutions and countries across Europe. Other partners with broad global reach include the Iodine Global Network,



Thyroid Federation International and the World Iodine Association.

The consortium aims to improve awareness of iodine status in young people both in Europe and beyond.



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Insufficient iodine during pregnancy leads to lasting brain damage that reduce a child's IQ by 8 to 10 points. Even mild to moderate iodine deficiency at school age can reduce IQ by 3-5 points. It can easily be prevented through iodine fortification programmes, most commonly by iodization of salt for human and animal consumption.

The Horizon Europe-funded project aims to find best practice models for accessing young people, especially young women, to improve awareness of their iodine status.

The UK has now associated to Horizon Europe and with new funding calls opening soon isn't time you considered an application?

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