

B.I.R.O.

Best Information through Regional Outcomes

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Task Force

- **Task Force on Major and Chronic Diseases**
 - Subgroup of Working Party on Morbidity and Mortality
 - Members all Coordinators of DG-SANCO Public Health projects in cardiovascular diseases, mental health, diabetes, dementia etc
- **Scientific Assistance Office**
 - NIVEL, Netherlands)
- **Meetings**
 - Twice per year, every six months

Meeting themes

- Interactions between DG-SANCO (PH) and DG-RESEARCH (FP7)
- Project updates
 - ECHI (EU Health Indicators)
 - EPREMED (World Mental Health Survey)
 - EUROCHIP (Cervical Cancer Screening)
 - BIRO, EUCID (Diabetes)
 - POMONA II (Intellectual Disability)
 - EAIS, EUROCODE (Dementia)
 - EURONETSTAT (Low Birth Weight)
 - IMCA II (Asthma)
 - EUHSID, FEHES (Health Examination Survey)
- Report on Major and Chronic Diseases 2006
 - Enric Duran (Spain), Simona Giampaoli (Italy)

Main Themes

- Data rather than indicators
- Health Examination Surveys
- Report on Chronic Diseases 2006

Diabetes Scenarios

- BIRO – EUCID relationships
- EUCID “...to put Diabetes on the European Map”: Min N=8 National Indicators produced by 25 countries
 - Codebook (similar to Data Dictionary)
- BIRO facts: collection of clinical data and services provided to 110,000 subjects
- “EUCID is the present, BIRO is the future” (F.Storms)

BIRO PROMISES: Activity 2007

- Dundee Technical Meeting (April)
- Deliverables: Data Dictionary, Privacy Impact Assessment, Database Engine, Communication Software, Report Template
- Statistical Analysis of Test Datasets
- 2nd Investigator Meeting, Cyprus (end May)
- BIRO Paper(s)
- Evaluation Report

BIRO DATA DELIVERY

- June 2007 (Region, number of subjects)
 - Umbria (IT): 30,000
 - Tayside (UK): 15,000
 - Styria+Carinthia (AT): 40,000
 - Cyprus (CY): 5,000
 - Malta (MT): 25,000

BIRO PROMOTION: www.biro-project.eu

The logo features the letters 'B.I.R.O.' in a large, bold font, with a green and blue globe graphic behind the letters. To the right of the logo is a circular arrangement of yellow stars, similar to the European Union flag, with lines connecting them to various menu items: About, Partners, Objectives, Activities, Documents, Restricted Area, Links, Forum, and Results.

**Best Information through Regional Outcomes
Building a Shared European Diabetes Information System**

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Health Information Strand, DG-SANCO 2005

Latest Updates

- December, 11th 2006 - Added [B.I.R.O. Poster at last IDF Congress](#) documents downloadable from the Results area
- November, 27th 2006 - Added [EU Policy Recommendations](#) documents downloadable from the Documents area
- November, 14th 2006 - Added [Graz Meeting Minutes](#) downloadable from the Restricted area
- October, 18th 2006 - Added the first Result ([Clinical Review](#)) downloadable from the new Results area
- October, 4th 2006 - Added the official downloadable B.I.R.O. Brochure

Website

Forum

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the B.I.R.O. Forum. The browser's address bar shows the URL: http://biro-project.eu:8080/forum/forums/list.page. The forum page has a header with the B.I.R.O. logo and the title "B.I.R.O. Forum - The European Diabetes Project's Forum". Navigation links include Search, Recent Topics, Member Listing, Back to home page, My profile, My bookmarks, Private Messages, and Logout (fabrizio).

Below the header, there is a table listing the forums:

Forums			
	Topics	Messages	Last Message
B.I.R.O.			
Restricted Forum B.I.R.O. Consortium restricted forum	21	62	13/12/2006 00:05:00 fabrizio
The B.I.R.O. Blog In this forum you can write all you think about B.I.R.O. and all related things Moderators: B.I.R.O. Consortium	3	8	08/06/2006 10:37:59 Pietro
Bugs and Problems If you find any bugs or problems write a message in this forum	1	3	14/07/2006 12:30:59 sheek

Below the forum list, there is a "Who is online" section:

Who is online
Our users have posted a total of 75 messages
We have 17 registered users
The newest registered user is [fr_shilipp_p](#)
There are 2 online users: 1 registered, 1 guest(s) [[administrator](#)] [Moderator]
Most users ever online was 8 on 24/04/2006 17:33:35
Connected users: fabrizio

At the bottom of the page, there are status indicators: New Messages, No new messages, Blocked Forum.

BIRO REQUEST: Feedback

- Value of the BIRO approach for the implementation of EU diabetes policy
- Expansion of its geographical coverage
- Interoperability between BIRO and the EU web portal

QUESTIONS RECEIVED

- Q: “Do you mean we should split countries into regions?”
 - A: “In the BIRO approach regions represent, rather than administrative jurisdictions, homogeneous areas in terms of population, data collection and health policy. Collaboration between these entities can produce more standardised, reliable and accurate diabetes indicators on a routine basis. This definition also implies that countries like Malta and Cyprus can build and share the same IS with regions like Tayside and Umbria”

BEHIND THE SCENE

- **BIRO/EUCID Extension**
 - Clearly differentiate the two approaches
 - Avoid duplications
 - Seek funds in parallel from DG-SANCO
 - EASD Workshop 2007?
- **Applying to Different Call Schemes**
 - EUCID may not be interested in FP7
- **New partners**
 - Hungarian partner
 - Scandinavian connections?

New referent

- **JAROSLAV WALIGORA**
 - Technical Referent for BIRO and Chronic Diseases (supporting/replacing A.Montserrat)
 - Invitation to Cyprus Meeting
 - To be organized in connection with Commissioner Kiprianou

OFFICIAL RESOURCES

- **Newsletter**

- http://ec.europa.eu/health/horiz_newsletter_en.htm#9

- **Web Page**

- http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_information/implement/wp/morbidity/ev_20061213_en.htm

- **Next Meeting: 19 June 2007**