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Sustainable health: EHESP French School of Public Health has been awarded a grant under the Horizon Europe programme to coordinate the GREEN-CARE research project. Dedicated to integrating the environmental footprint into health decisions, the project will receive €7.9 million in funding from the European Union over four years.

EHESP has announced that it has secured four-year funding to coordinate the GREEN-CARE research project, entitled "Greening Healthcare Decision-Making and Care Pathways through Environmental Impact Integration and its Application in Oncology". Under the scientific leadership of Laurie Marraud – a senior lecturer in management sciences at EHESP – this research project, due to commence in early 2027, will bring together a consortium of European and American researchers with the aim of transforming the way in which healthcare is assessed, organised and delivered, taking environmental challenges into account.

A new step towards sustainable healthcare

"The aim is to move from simply measuring the environmental footprint of healthcare to its practical integration into healthcare decisions," explains Laurie Marraud, the project coordinator.

Whilst the environmental impact of healthcare activities is now identified and estimated, this information is still rarely used in decision-making. How, then, can this information be used to make better healthcare decisions? This is the step that GREEN-CARE aims to take by developing a methodological framework to measure the environmental impacts of interventions and care pathways, and then to weigh these against their health and economic benefits.

A scientific ambition on a European scale

To this end, a consortium of European and American researchers*, gathered around EHESP, will work for 48 months to integrate this information into several levels of decision-making: clinical practice, the organisation and management of healthcare facilities, hospital procurement, health technology assessment and clinical research. The project will also examine the ethical, social and behavioural dimensions of this transformation.

Ultimately, the GREEN-CARE project aims to:

- produce more than 15 scientific publications;
- present the results at major international conferences on oncology, radiotherapy, health technology assessment and health economics;

- to train more than 200 professionals and participants;
- to provide a knowledge platform bringing together the methods, data, tools and resources produced by the consortium, which can be reused beyond the project.

EHESP: a scientific and coordinating hub at the heart of the project

By providing scientific and operational coordination for GREEN-CARE, EHESP's role will be to facilitate dialogue between the various disciplines (public health, medicine, oncology, environmental sciences, health economics, health technologies, statistics and social sciences) and to ensure consistency across the work carried out by the consortium's teams. The School will also carry out key scientific research on the transformation of healthcare organisations, drawing in particular on the work developed under the RESPECT Chair. In addition, it will coordinate the identification, evaluation and validation of indicators enabling environmental issues to be integrated into the management of healthcare institutions, involving data collection across several European countries. This work will then be translated into recommendations for reporting, benchmarking, governance and hospital purchase practices.

This integration of knowledge generation, organisational transformation and training is in line with EHESP's missions and the work it is already undertaking on the links between the environment, health and the resilience of health systems.

À propos de l'EHESP

The EHESP French School of Public Health is a public scientific, cultural and professional institution (EPSCP). As a grand établissement (French public higher education and research institution under ministerial charter), EHESP is a member of the network of public service schools (RESP), France Universités (French organisation of university presidents) and the Conférence des grandes écoles (CGE). It is a component institution of the University of Rennes (experimental public institution).

A platform for education and research in public health in France and internationally, EHESP is organised into four departments (Human and Social Sciences / Institute of Management / Quantitative Methods in Public Health / Environmental Health Sciences) as part of an interdisciplinary project including accredited research centres. EHESP offers executive training programmes for civil servants, national Master's degree courses, Post-Master's degrees, PhD programmes and a wide range of lifelong learning opportunities.

EHESP's student body comprises 1,100 civil servant trainees, academic and PhD students representing 50 different nationalities and more than 5,600 trainees in continuing education. The school also employs over 1,300 lecturers each year.

***About GREEN-CARE consortium**

Around EHESP (FR), the GREEN-CARE research project will bring together researchers from the following European and American partner organisations:

(FR) Institut Européen De La Transition Ecologique En Santé - Inserm - Institut Curie - Ecovamed - Curety Sas - Hospices Civils De Lyon - The Shift Project ; (BE) Université Catholique De Louvain - Cancer Patients Europe - European Society For Radiotherapy And Oncology - Belgian Society For Radiotherapy And Oncology; (NL) Stichting Radboud Universiteit, Stichting Radboud Universitair Medisch Centrum ; (US) Bentley University ; (PT) Instituto De Saude Publica Da Universidade Do Porto ; (DK) Københavns Universitet, Copenhagen Trial Unit - Centre For Clinical Intervention Research - Region Syddanmark.