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- 1. The I.Family Study is an EC funded project under Framework 7 of the KBBE programme running from March 2012 to February 2017. It has 17 partners, working across 11 countries and with cohorts in 8 European countries Germany, Italy, Sweden, Hungary, Cyprus, Estonia, Spain and Belgium.
- 2. The study has two strategic objectives:
- (1) Understand the interplay between barriers against and drivers towards healthy food choice;
- (2) Develop and disseminate strategies to induce changes that promote healthy dietary behaviour in European consumers especially adolescents and their parents
- 3. The I.Family Study is re-assessing the families first engaged with the Identification and Prevention of Dietary- and Lifestyle-Induced Health Effects in Children and Infants Study (IDEFICS), when children were below 10 years of age, now that they move into adolescence the 'tween' years identifying those families that have adopted a healthy approach to food and eating habits and those that have not. I. Family is adopting a holistic approach by also investigating the biological, behavioural, social and environmental factors that drive dietary behaviour as children journey towards adulthood.

4. I.Family study partners

Participant organisation	Lead investigator(s)	Key responsibilities	
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Institute of Food Sciences, National Research Council, Italy	Alfonso Siani	Italian cohort, nutritional epidemiology	
Copenhagen Business School, Denmark	Lucia Reisch, Wencke Gwozdz	Consumer behaviour & environmental influences	
University of Lancaster, United Kingdom	Garrath Williams	Ethics, policy, and stakeholder engagement	
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University of Helsinki, Finland	Jaakko Kaprio	Familial aggregation & genetic modelling	
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University of Pécs, Hungary	Dénes Molnár	Hungarian cohort	
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National Institute for Health Development, Estonia	Toomas Veidebaum	Estonian cohort	
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University of Zaragoza, Spain	Luis Moreno	Spanish cohort	
Ghent University, Belgium	Stefaan De Henauw	Belgian cohort	

