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Caroline Costongs is Director at EuroHealthNet and expert in public health and health promotion. Together with the EuroHealthNet Executive Board she sets the direction of the EuroHealthNet Partnership, develops and oversees the business plan. She leads a highly experienced and multi-disciplinary team that facilitate knowledge exchanges, project development and management, policy analysis, advocacy, and communications within existing capacities and budgets. Caroline is responsible for fundraising and external relations and is active in many EU and WHO platforms such as the EU Expert Group on Health Inequalities and Social Determinants, the WHO Action Plan on strengthening public health services, the International Council of the European Public Health Conference series and she supports APHEA (Agency on Public Health Accreditation) as a member of the Board of Directors.

Caroline has a MSc in Public Health from the University of Maastricht. Having been at EuroHealthNet since 1999, she managed several EC co-funded projects on health inequalities, sustainable development, access to health services, healthy ageing, HiAP, social inclusion, and capacity building for health promotion. Before she joined EuroHealthNet, she worked at the Netherlands Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation (NOC*NSF), where she set up and coordinated a national campaign on physical activity promotion for young people. Caroline also worked at the Health Institute of the Liverpool John Moores University where she did research on intersectoral collaboration for health as part of an EU FP4 project called CityHealth. Before that, she was active at the National Institute for Research and Education Training (INICE) of the Ministry of Education in a Latin-American country. Caroline has three children and lives with her family in Tervuren.