Active Healthy Kids Belgium 2016 Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth

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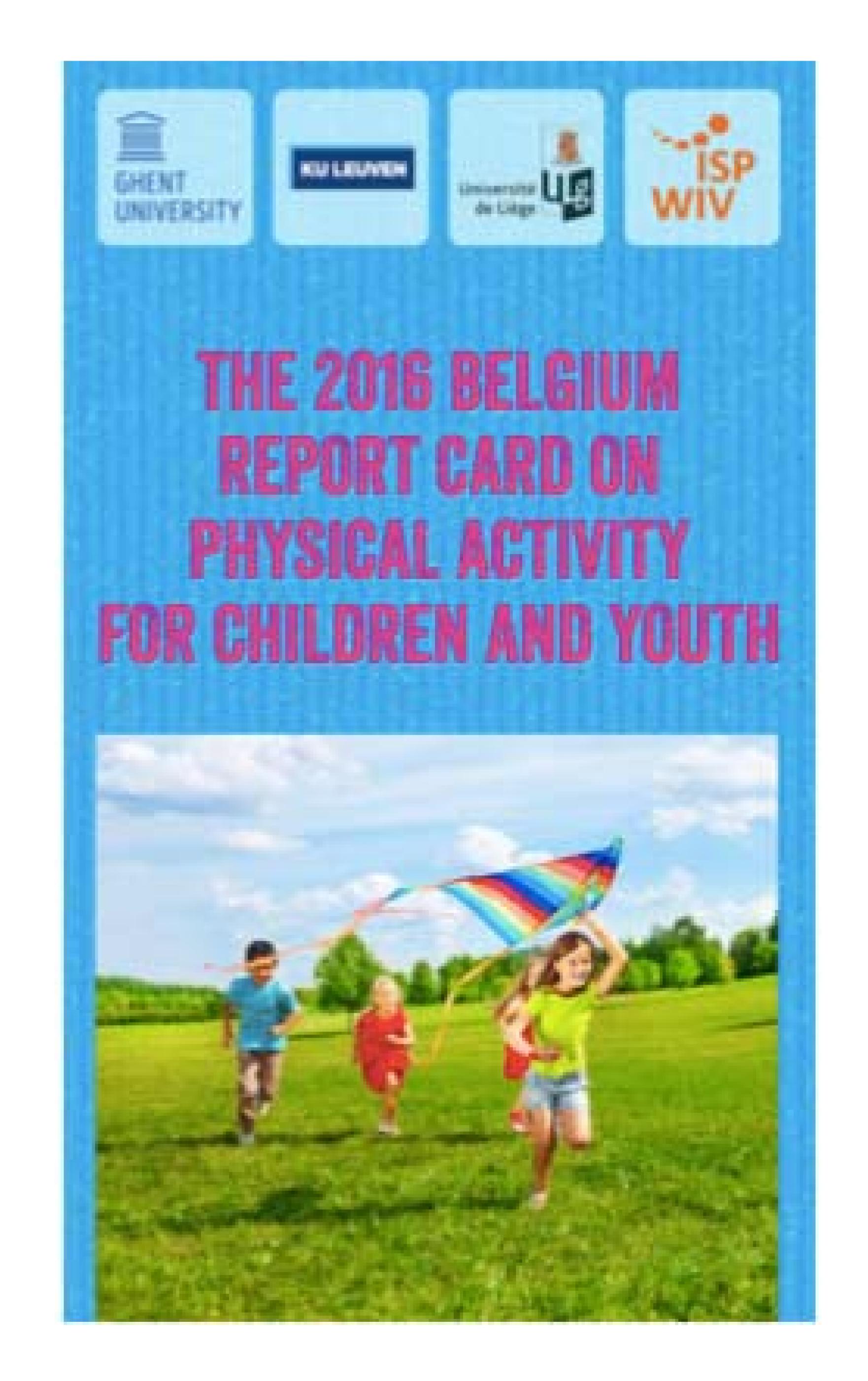












Introduction

Active Healthy Kids Global Alliance: 38 countries, assignation of letter grades to different indicators https://www.activehealthykids.org



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Methods for Belgium

Establishment of a <u>national research working group</u>: researchers KU Leuven, Ghent University, University of Liege

Establishment of two regional stakeholders groups consisting of experts from research, education, and policy



Synthesis of <u>data collected</u> in the 2014 Food Consumption Survey by the national Scientific Institute of Public Health



Selection of indicators and definition of benchmarks



Identification and synthesis of additional data sources (national, regional)



Preliminary grading of indicators according to framework by the national research working group



Final grading of indicators after consensus among the national research working group and two stakeholder groups

RESULTS

- 9 core indicators.
- 2 additional indicators (i.e. dietary behaviors and weight status).
- Poor grades for overall physical activity, sedentary behaviors, and weight status.
- Moderately positive scores for specific physical activity behaviors.
- Moderately positive scores for influences on physical activity (behaviors).
- 3 incomplete grades due to a lack of representative data for Belgium (i.e. dietary behaviors, family and peers, and community and the built environment).

Indicator	Grade
Overall Physical Activity	F+
Organized Sport Participation	C-
Active Play	C+
Active Transportation	C-
Sedentary Behaviors	D-
Family and Peers	INC
School	B-
Community and the Built Environment	INC
Government Strategies and Investments	C+
Dietary Behaviors	INC
Weight Status	D

The grade for each indicator is based on the percentage of children and youth meeting a defined benchmark: A is 81% to 100%; B is 61% to 80%; C is 41% to 60%, D is 21% to 40%; F is 0% to 20%; INC is incomplete data (Active Healthy Kids Canada)

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Interventions and additional studies are needed