

# **HEROIC project by DigestScience Foundation**

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## Main mission

Research into digestive diseases and nutrition

### Website of the foundation

#### Scope of action

International

### Objectives

- Funding research
- Patient support
- Training care providers in the management of digestive diseases
- Disease education and awareness

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# What?

HEROIC = Highlighting EnviROnmental features in epidemic areas of Crohn's disease

A vast epidemiological study to discover the environmental causes of Crohn's disease and develop treatments to cure patients

### How?

- By studying the environmental causes of Crohn's disase in the North of France, a leading area for their identification
- By surrounding ourselves with specialists : geographers, sociologists, water and air specialists, epidemiologists, historians, biologists, gastroenterlogists, etc.

## Why?

- To limit the sources of exposure to prevent the emergence of new cases of crohn's disease
- To consider earlier diagnostics and avoid its irreversible destructive damage on the intestine
- To reduce the repercussions of the disease

## Duration of support

For 5 years



