



## 32 GOOD PRACTICES COLLECTED IN THE HoCare PROJECT!



Partners of HoCare project gathered **32 good practices** in the field of **home care** in project partners' countries: **Cyprus, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Hungary, Portugal, Czech**

**Republic and Romania.** The collected good practices have been successfully implemented and mostly funded by Operational Programmes supporting Research & Innovation. The purpose of gathering good practices is that it can inspire and help regional innovation ecosystem actors in Home Care R&I around Europe to transfer them into their regional context. **See good practices in full details here:**

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/hocare/library/>

## HoCare JOINT THEMATIC STUDIES



**Three joint thematic studies** were produced within HoCare project containing transferable knowledge gathered within the HoCare project in Cyprus, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Hungary, Portugal, Czech Republic and Romania. The studies focus on 3 sub-objectives of HoCare project: **addressing unmet needs identified by formal and informal healthcare providers, on public driven innovation and faster delivery of innovations via quadruple-helix cooperation.** All 3 joint thematic studies are available at HoCare website:

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# HoCare AS AN EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL INTERREG EUROPE PROJECT



In the last year HoCare project was presented at **several events at European level** organized by European Commission and Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform as an **example of successful project**. Nicosia Development Agency, the Lead Partner of the project, presented HoCare at [Policy Learning Platform Thematic Workshop](#) in Brussels and at [Smart Regions 2.0 Conference](#) in Helsinki in June 2017. They also presented HoCare results at [Policy Learning Event](#) in Milan and [European Week of Regions and Cities](#) in Brussels in October 2017.

## INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS



The Hungarian delegation at the workshop in Slovenia

More than **250 participants** attended three HoCare International Thematic Workshops organized last year in **Madeira (Portugal), Budapest (Hungary) and Ljubljana (Slovenia)**. The events offered many opportunities to exchange experiences and good practices from the field of innovative solutions for home care. **Watch videos from the workshops here:**

- [Madeira \(January 2017\)](#)
- [Budapest \(March 2017\)](#)
- [Ljubljana \(June 2017\)](#)

## 2<sup>ND</sup> REGIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER (RMG) MEETING IN BUDAPEST



**National Healthcare Service Centre (NHSC)**, organised the **2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Multi-Stakeholder Group meeting (RMG) 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017**, in Budapest. One of the major tasks of the NHSC is to ensure efficient implementation of the project by utilising the R+D+I knowledge and experience having acquired by the RMG members, and incorporate them into the results of the project. The Hungarian RMG has a serious input in giving an opinion on policy recommendations and consulting technical papers and reports, elaborated in the framework of the project, as well as providing professional representation at international workshops. The 2<sup>nd</sup> RMG meeting aimed to give an account on achieved progress so far in the Hocare project, and provided an overview of policy recommendations under elaboration. These recommendations aim to increase effectiveness and to modify national public funding schemes or financial instruments. Participants of the meeting consisted of representatives of end-users, businesses, research actors and public authorities, as stakeholders of homecare innovation, in accordance with the Quadruple Helix approach.

During the meeting **all the 3 thematic studies**, focusing on the 3 main themes of the Hocare project were reviewed and examined **how innovation can be supported if it is: 1.built on unmet needs; 2.public driven; 3.bringing innovative solutions faster to market.**

Country specific observations of the 3 studies, which are related to the innovative ecosystem and to the most important challenges offered by the financial schemes of the OP (EDIOP), were also discussed with stakeholders. This was followed by a review of the foreign GP-s received from the

project partners in order to examine which Good Practices could be transferable for Hungary. One of the main aspects was if a given GP served cooperation in innovation or provided solutions to improve effectiveness and efficiency. Another important element to consider was whether the result of the given innovative cooperation could be partly or fully rapidly applied in Hungary, with some minor developments. Finally, the first draft of policy recommendations were reviewed, which had incorporated conclusions drawn both from collected GP-s and from Thematic Studies prepared in the project.

## HOCARE NATIONAL POLICY LEARNING EVENT IN HUNGARY



**5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, National Policy Learning Event was organized by NHSC in Budapest,** with the participation of national patient organisations, health care experts of primary care institutions, representatives of the business sector (industry & distributors) universities & researchers, various ministries and authorities responsible for the relevant development policy fields. The event aimed to provide an overview of project results having achieved so far, as well as to share and discuss potential and already identified policy recommendations and challenges, based on the collected transferrable international GP-s.

Audience of the PLE Forum was greeted by **Dr. Márta Ladányi** Deputy State Secretary for Health Care Coordination, Ministry of Human Capacities, who underlined the exceptional importance of home care and residential nursing in Hungary, where every fifth citizen is over the age of sixty, and emphasized that improving the quality of and access to primary care, and within that to increase the role of residential & home care services are crucial. Dr. Ladányi stated that Home care had already become an independent service area where technical innovations highly assist patient care and contribute to the dissemination and take up of standardised tele- and e healthcare services. Dr- Ladányi also welcomed the European GP-s collected within the Hocare project, which are related to concerted development of systemic, technological innovation, as well as generating innovative services & care.

**Mr. Ferenc Tipold**, Head of Department for Planning and Territorial Development, from the Ministry of National Economy, highlighted how the current operational programmes and financial schemes contribute to the development of networking and cooperation among sectors of the quadruple helix model, and can boost competitiveness. He said there would be a possibility to move forward in this field, following a due assessment of the policy recommendations prepared by transnational programmes like INTERREG EUROPE projects, and mentioned the HoCare project as a good example for fostering successful implementation of regional & national strategies, and support schemes by way of its international cooperation.

On behalf of the organiser, **Dr. Miklós Gondos**, Regional Director of Central Hungary Region of NHSC, welcomed participants of the event. As a representative of a maintainer institution he underlined importance of improvement access to quality care, and mitigating the shortage of specialist staff. He urged providers' (institutions and expert staffs') more active participation in the innovation processes in order to improve efficiency and enable sustainability of the care system. For this reason he stressed significance of the HoCare project, which is in identifying and collecting such European GP-s, both related to healthcare and health industry that contain a great number of already tried & tested innovative solutions, products, procedures or services, providing transferable and adaptable solution models, which following some necessary modifications can be adopted by the local systems of the respective partner countries.

Greetings were followed by a review of selected GP-s and an interactive debate, during which we received useful comments and inputs. The opinions/recommendations coming from various organizations/bodies concerned in health innovations, development policy, and patients' advocacy will be built into the national Action Plan, the completion of which will be the next milestone of the project.

## HOCARE 3<sup>rd</sup> REGIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER MEETING IN BUDAPEST



The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the HoCare Regional Multi-Stakeholder Group (RMG), which supports professional implementation of the project, was organised by NHSC on **8th February 2018**. The

event took place in the conference room of NHSC' headquarter and aimed to have a common debate and discussion with members of the RMG on the thematic reports, which are currently under elaboration based on the Thematic Studies covering the main themes of the Hocare project (unmet needs; public driven innovation; and bringing innovative solutions quicker to the market related to home care) and will assist implementation of transferable selected Good Practices in Hungary. During the meeting we reviewed the situation in Hungary, the current challenges we are facing, and the transferable GP-s Hungary could adapt, with special regard to the field of bringing innovations quicker to the market. Following that we outlined the action plan that would be completed by the middle of March. We used SWOT analysis In order to model potential transfer/adaptation of selected GP-s and had an interactive debate on possible scenarios, as well as overviewed and assessed recommendations, which would be incorporated in the finalised action plan.



#### More about HoCare project:

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