



HEALTHCARE IN CROSS-BORDER REGIONS

EUHPP THEMATIC NETWORK



CoR INTERREGIONAL GROUP ON HEALTH & WELL-BEING “Healthcare in Cross-Border Regions”

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What is EUREGHA?



REGIONE DEL VENETO



Regione Emilia-Romagna



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



Regione Toscana

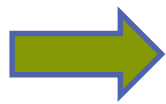


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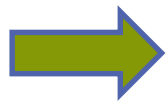


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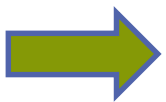
The Thematic Networks












Temporary networks in the EU Health Policy Platform



Open to users registered in the Agora network



Purpose of this online space: create a committed network of stakeholders on the concerned topic and together produce a consistent and realistic **Joint Statement**

 <p>Programma Mattone Internazionale Salute</p> <p>Improving INtegrated people-centered Health Care Solutions (INCASO)</p> <p>Creation of a thematic network ** aiming at improving people-centered health care solutions defining a common vocabulary, specific priorities and interests and creating synergies among the partners and at EU level on the topic, also through the mapping and the collection of good practices.</p> <p>Participate > Access granted </p>	 <p>Nobody Left Outside</p> <p>Nobody Left Outside: Improving access to healthcare for vulnerable and marginalised groups</p> <p>NLO brings together a broad community of stakeholders to identify common challenges and serve as an incubator for practical guidance and innovative solutions to improve access to integrated health and social services.</p> <p>Participate > Access granted </p>
 <p>Improving Organ Donation and Transplantation in the EU</p> <p>A multidisciplinary network working to enhance the efficiency of transplant systems in EU member states, and empower patients, healthcare professionals and the public to contribute to the gift that is organ donation and transplantation in Europe.</p> <p>Participate > Access granted </p>	 <p>HEALTHCARE IN CROSS-BORDER REGIONS EUHPP THEMATIC NETWORK</p> <p>Healthcare in cross-border regions</p> <p>The Healthcare in cross-border regions thematic network aims to support the European Commission in its exercise of mapping and building cross-border and regional cooperation in healthcare through the identification of crucial challenges and successful existing experiences to be scaled up.</p> <p>Participate > Access granted  </p>

What is a joint statement?

Stakeholders are speaking together with one voice on priority health policy issues.

Thematic Networks may input to preparation on agreed Commission priorities or implementation of Commission ongoing initiatives.



Healthcare in Cross-Border Regions: The context

Border areas are home to **30%** of the European population.

This population has to deal with:

An hampered socio-economic development because of their peripheral location

Hindrance of free movement of labour and services that affect healthcare systems

**HEALTH
INEQUALITIES**

Citizens are limited in their choice of and accessibility to healthcare and there is less room for cooperation

More obstacles for enterprises, healthcare providers and institutions, training services for the workforce, educational institutions and regional governments.

Healthcare in Cross-Border Regions: The EU Agenda

**Directive
2011/24/EU on
patients' rights in
cross-border
healthcare**

**Communication
"Boosting Growth and
Cohesion in EU
Border Regions"
(20/09/2017)**

**Report of the
Commission on the
operation of Directive
2011/24/EU
(21/09/2018)**

**Strategic Conference
"Enhancing Healthcare
Cooperation in Cross-
Border Regions"
DG REGIO and DG SANTE
(4/12/2018)**

The roadmap

"Enhancing Healthcare Cooperation in Cross-border Regions" (4 December 2018)

Conference and 2-day study visit in Lower Austria (13-15 March)

Committee of the Regions' Interregional Group on Health and Well-being (26 June)

Working within the already-established internal Working Group on Cross-border healthcare

EUREGHA campaign "Health in all Regions" and the future EU health Summit (January/February 2020)

First physical meeting 13th of March 2019, St. Pölten, Lower Austria



“HEALTHCARE IN CROSS-BORDER REGIONS”
First physical meeting
13th of March 2019, Landhaus St. Pölten
Room: Ostarrichsaal

14h30 Arrival of the delegates and Lunch
Chair: Hannes Schaffer

14h15 Welcome
Dr. Martin Eichinger, Minister of the provincial government of Lower Austria

14h25 Introduction
Nick Batey, EUREGHA's Chair

14h35 Setting the Context
Balazs Lengyel, Legal Officer, DG SANTE, European Commission
Valeria Cosacchi, Desk Officer for European Cross-Border Cooperation programmes, DG REGIO, European Commission

15h15 Addressing the challenges of Healthcare in cross-border regions
Kick-off the debate on:
• EUNFP Thematic Network – Valentina Pothlis, Operations Manager, EUREGHA
• Innovation in model of healthcare – Francesca Bonnet, Director, Hospital La Cardanya
• Governance of cross-border healthcare – Francesca Bonnet, Director, Hospital La Cardanya
• Ehealth and data collection – Brigitte van der Zanden, Director, EU Prevent

16h00 Interactive session
17h00 Conclusions

[Watch the video of the event here.](#)

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AIM: Identify **challenges** and successful **existing experiences** to be scaled up

WE CALL FOR:



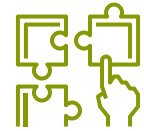
Acknowledge diversity and bottom-up initiatives



Recognition of professional qualifications and skills



Innovative financing and payment mechanisms



Coordination of health services and investments



Strengthening National Contact Points



Support ECBM



Data Management

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We call for:



1. Acknowledge diversity and bottom-up initiatives

- **Diversity** of border regions
- Importance of **bottom-up initiatives** and their funding options



2. Recognition of professional qualifications and skills

- Facilitation of **recognition and administrative burden**
- Staff/student **exchanges** in healthcare sector

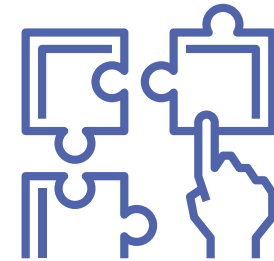
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We call for:



3. Innovative financing and payment mechanisms

- Find, map and upscale already **existing innovative solutions**
- (e.g.: Salary differences, health insurance coverage/collaboration)



4. Coordination of health services and investments

- **Mapping**
- **Common** planning, commissioning and management

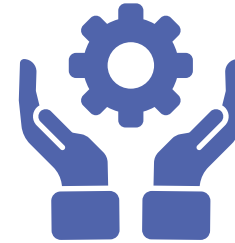
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We call for:



5. Strengthening National Contact Points

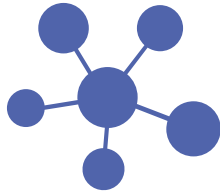
- **Broaden the tasks** on all directives and regulations related to cross-border healthcare
- **Strengthen awareness** and build trust



6. Support ECBM

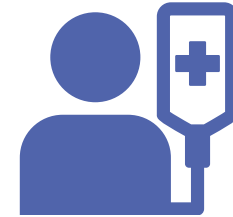
- Support implementation of **ECBM in all MS**
- Overcome problem of different **legal frameworks**

The Joint Statement We call for:



7. Data Management

- **Data = basis**
- **Shows health trends,**
necessity and savings of
cross-border collaboration
- **Interoperability**



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Timeline

31 MAY

- DEADLINE FOR THE COMMENTS ON THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE JOINT STATEMENT

26 OF JUNE

- PRESENTATION OF THE SECOND DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT AT THE MEETING OF THE INTERREGIONAL GROUP ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING (IRGHW) OF THE COR

28 of JUNE

- WORKSHOP AT THE 25TH WHO RHN ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER

- SECOND WEBINAR ON THE THEMATIC NETWORK

17 OCTOBER

- PRESENTATION OF THE JOINT STATEMENT AT THE EU POLICY PLATFORM ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER-
NOVEMBER

- PERIODE FOR ENDORSE OUR JOINT STATEMENT

DECEMBER

- CLOSURE OF THE 2019 THEMATIC NETWORK CYCLE

Thank you for your attention!



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