

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Multi-Stakeholder Group meeting (RMG) 5th December 2017, BUDAPEST

**National Healthcare Service Centre (NHSC)** has been participating in the **Hocare** INTERREG EUROPE Programme “Innovative solutions for Home Care by strengthening quadruple-helix cooperation in regional innovation chains” as a consortium partner since April 2016. The project aims to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of regional, national and EU development policies, instruments and funding schemes that support the innovative development of home care products and services by actors (end users, businesses, research actors and public authorities) who base their cooperation on the „**QUADRUPLE HELIX**” model. The main objective of the project is to formulate policy recommendations to modify national public funding schemes and financial instruments (call for proposals or/and priority projects) or to open new financial engineering instruments which will result, enable and foster the improved access to and uptake of innovative homecare products and services.

In September 2016, **Regional Multi-Stakeholder Groups (RMG)** were set up in all partner countries of the project to represent various domestic actors of the „Quadruple Helix” model.

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.

**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. The 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.

The RMG meeting was followed by a Policy Learning Event where stakeholders and project staff of NHSC discussed and assessed the first draft of the policy recommendations along with experts, opinion leaders and decision makers involved in sectoral policy. Representatives of other transnational projects also took part in the event.

**More information about the project:** <http://www.interregeurope.eu/hocare/>

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