

Participants Profile - Cyprus



Eleftherios Loizou

HoCare Project Manager (Lead Partner)

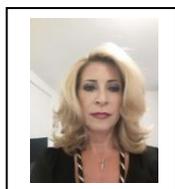
Eleftherios is the Managing Director of Nicosia Development Agency, Cyprus. He has an eleven years' experience in a) implementing and coordinating EU projects, b) Strategic planning, c) networking, d) human resources, f) training and education g) providing support to local authorities and h) designing of local social policies.



Eleni Malekkidou

HoCare Project Communication Manager (Lead Partner)

Eleni is a European Projects Officer at Nicosia Development Agency, Cyprus. She has extensive experience in master planning, land development, strategic planning, projects' coordination, communication and promotion activities and provision of support to local authorities in planning of local policies.



Kyriaki Varnava

Ministry of Health, General Hospital of Nicosia

Kyriaki is a Chief Nursing Officer and works for the Home Care Services of the Ministry of Health of Cyprus. She is the coordinator of the nursing home services in three Districts; Nicosia, Larnaca and Famagusta. She also works for the Liaison / Counseling Service of the General Hospital of Nicosia which serves as a vital bridge connecting the Governmental General Hospital to the community. She has been an active member of the Cyprus Nurses and Midwives Association (CYNMA) since 2011.



Eleni Nikolaidou Christofina

Ministry of Health, General Hospital of Limassol

Eleni is a Chief Nursing Officer and works for the Home Care Services of the Ministry of Health of Cyprus. She is the coordinator of the nursing home services in two Districts; Limassol and Paphos. She also works for the Liaison / Counseling Service of the General Hospital of Limassol which serves as a vital bridge connecting the Governmental General Hospital to the community. In March 2016, she has been elected President of the Community Nursing Department of the Cyprus Nurses and Midwives Association. (CYNMA)

Participants Profile – Lithuanian



Mantas Vilys

HoCare Project Manager

Mantas Vilys – director at Lithuanian Innovation Centre and professor at Vilnius Gediminas Technical University. Holds PhD in Business and Administration. Has extensive experience with, and knowledge of development and implementation of innovation and internationalization support services to SMEs and research laboratories, such as transnational technology transfer, innovation advisory services, innovation capacity building. He has also participated in recent European-wide innovation support initiatives (member at “Horizon 2020 dedicated Expert Advisory Group on Innovation in SMEs” etc.) and hence, contributed to innovation development at European level. His extensive Lithuanian and international expertise makes him not only an expert in development of innovation support mechanisms – he has good experience and skills in project management and project portfolio management (more than 20 national and international innovation development and operational support projects funded by international or domestic programmes).



Edgaras Leichteris

HoCare Project expert

Edgaras Leichteris is an expert in Lithuanian innovation centre. He has more than 10 years of experience in facilitating debates between different stakeholders from science, business, government and civil society organizations. He was also one of the facilitators in debates about Lithuanian smart specialization priorities. His research interests are: innovation systems, science and technology parks, collective intelligence, technology assessment and future foresights. Public speaker. Also the CEO of Lithuanian robotics association, board member of Lithuanian board of progress and Knowledge economy forum, expert in various working groups and evaluations.



Sigitas Besagirskas

President of Vilnius Industry and Business association

Sigitas Besagirskas - president of Vilnius Industry and Business association, adviser of Director of Lithuanian Retired People Union “Bočiai”. During 2012-2016 he initiated two projects to adapt workplaces for retired people as the main purpose. Sigitas actively advocates the idea that the employee shortage problem should be solved not only by an import of employees but also by pensioner involvement in the labour market. Being a member of the Board of business companies, he successfully showed that this idea brings real benefits.



Henrika Varnienė

Acting director of 'Lithuanian disability forum'

Henrika Varnienė is acting director of 'Lithuanian disability forum'. The Association 'Lithuanian Disability forum' (hereinafter LDF) – the Lithuanian Umbrella organization for Disability Organisations was founded in 2001. LDF is the biggest platform of organizations in Lithuania representing about 300 000 Lithuanian people with disabilities and their families. At the moment it has 15 national member organisations. Main aims of LDF are to advocate for human and civil rights of Lithuanian people with various disabilities and to participate in forming social policy. At the moment LDF focuses on the following priority areas: deinstitutionalisation, accessibility, inclusive education and independent living in community with the necessary assistance, social entrepreneurship and etc.



Jonas Varkalys

Member of the Seimas

Jonas Varkalys is the Member of the Seimas. From 2000 till 2011 he was a member of the Plunge District Municipal Council. From 2014 J.Varkalys is member of the Committee on Social Affairs and Labour. J.Varkalys belongs to the inter-parliamentary relations groups with the Republic of Kazakhstan, UK, Northern Ireland and Ukraine. J.Varkalys was the long time president of the Plungė Union of Industrialists.

Participants Profile - Slovenia



Aleksandra Gradišek,

Director of Development Centre of the Heart of Slovenia

Aleksandra Gradišek is director of Development Centre of the Heart of Slovenia which was founded in 2000. The trademark The Heart of Slovenia, which intertwines entrepreneurship with tourism and sustainable development of the environment, was established under her leadership through partner linking of municipalities. She has extensive experience in implementing and coordinating EU projects (28 approved projects on 15 different EU programmes).



Ana Savšek,

HoCare project manager, Development Centre of the Heart of Slovenia

Ana Savšek is HoCare project manager at Development Centre of the Heart of Slovenia and she is also communication manager of HoCare project. Since 2008 she has worked on several European projects in the field of tourism, cultural heritage, entrepreneurship, active ageing and rural development. She is responsible for public relations matters as well as management, development and promotion of the trademark The Heart of Slovenia.



Igor Košir,

Silver Economy expert, CONOS Consulting

Igor Košir is senior consultant in the field of ICT, product development and silver economy. He began his career in multinational company Schneider Electric, where he was Product manager responsible for launching new products on the market. From 2005 to 2014, he took several managerial roles (Strategic purchasing, R&D and CEO) in one of the main Slovenian ICT SME. He was also responsible for the R&D projects, which were partial financed by the EU funds and National development funds. Since 2014, he is independent consultant mainly helping SMEs developing and launching new products.



Željko Savič,

President of Local Action Group (LAG) Heart of Slovenia

Željko Savič is a president of Local Action Group (LAG) the Heart of Slovenia which was established in 2007 with a particular focus on rural development projects. Local action group (LAG) The Heart of Slovenia which is one of the most successful in Slovenia. In six years it supported the implementation of 82 rural development projects.

Participants' Profiles – Madeira



Jorge Faria

HoCare Steering Committee

Jorge is the President of IDE, IP-RAM, coordinating the financial support given to the corporate bodies for the secondary and tertiary sectors of the regional economy.

As an intermediate body of the Operational Programme 14/20 RAM, it ensures the management of investment incentive systems, operation and financing, geared to SME's and ensures community co-financing under the ERDF.

Jorge participates in interregional cooperation projects, in particular at the level of MAC with the European Commission, institutes that give support for SME's nationally and internationally, banks, research centers, universities and mutual guarantee societies.

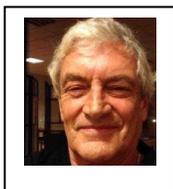
He also participates in the negotiation of the regional operational programme with the European Commission.



Rui Freitas

President of Social Security Institute of Madeira, Madeira

Rui Freitas heads the Institute of Social Security of Madeira, IP-RAM, ensuring the management of social security systems, the recognition of rights and compliance with obligations under social security schemes; the management of debt recovery and the provision of the action Social security, as well as the application of international social security instruments in the Autonomous Region of Madeira.



Joao Vasconcelos e Sá

Chairman of Dilectus Madeira-Residencia Assistida

DILECTUS provides several types of care services in order to meet its clients' needs, it has residential care and support, specific nursing care and support, respite care and convalescence care, daily accompaniment. He holds a degree in civil engineering.



Miguel Cardoso

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MadeBiotech - CR & D, S.A.,

Miguel A. Tavares Cardoso holds a 5-year degree in chemical engineering, a PhD in Biotechnology and a 2-year post-doc from TU Delft (the Netherlands). Miguel is currently the CEO of MadeBiotech-CR&D, S.A. and the Chairman of NatureXtracts, S.A. On a scientific and academic level, Miguel is an invited lecturer at Federal University of Bahia (Brazil) and at Nursing School S. José de Cluny (Madeira Island), where he is also external adviser for the Scientific Council. He is also a reviewer for several American and European scientific publications. With more than 30 scientific publications and patents, his main areas of expertise are in the fields of high pressure thermodynamics, applications of supercritical fluids, biorefinery processes and enzymatic technology. From his resume, a highlighted his experience as consultant for Petrobras, the Brazilian oil company and for the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, where he worked in several projects related with biorefineries in Brazil and with the use of supercritical fluids for the deasphaltation of heavy oil.



Cristina Gouveia

HoCare Project Manager

Cristina is a Board Member of IDE-RAM-IP Business Development Institute of the Autonomous Region of Madeira. She has over 20 years' experience in European Funds. She holds a degree in business management. She collaborates in the preparation of the Operational Programme, and in the definition and preparation of instruments to support investment, financing and operation. She also monitors projects and oversees the implementation of public funds, in accordance with the rules at regional, national and UE level.



Rui Carvalho

Managing Partner at Bclose Portugal

Executive and Business Enabler for Cartrack Inc; Managing Partner Hectacom-Angola; Partner & Executive Manager *Hectacom Portugal*; *Government Expertise Adviser on a Security Integration Project for Portuguese Schools GEPE - Gabinete Estatística Planeamento da Educação*, *Government Consultant for Expertise Advisement on Security Solutions\ DGAI - Direcção Geral Administração Justiça*, *Senior Project Manager Ericsson* Project Manager SIEMENS BU-NET Enterprise Costumers *Siemens*



Catarina Campos

Senior Technician - IDR - Instituto de Desenvolvimento Regional

She is currently a senior technician at the Regional Development Institute, at the Planning, Evaluation and Information Unit and is also member of the Portugal 2020 Monitoring and Evaluation Network, as in the previous NSRF period 2007-2013.

Between 2013-2015, while Director of the Strategy and Evaluation Unit, has been responsible for the coordination of the 2014-2020 programming process and the coordination and preparation of the Regional Operational Programme proposal (Madeira 14-20).

Between 2012 and 2013, coordinated the preparation works of the Regional Prospective Diagnosis - *CompromissoMadeira@2020* as part of the Autonomous Region of Madeira contribution to the Partnership Agreement - Portugal 2020, which later gave rise to the Strategic Guidance Document - 2020 (PDES).

Between 2008-2012 was responsible for the Evaluation and Coordination Nucleus of IDR.

Between 2002-2007 was Regional Interlocutor of the Interreg III-B Community Initiative Program Madeira-Açores-Canarias.



Pedro Filipe Pereira Campos

Scientific Advisor at the R&D division of WowSystems

Pedro Campos is an Assistant Professor at the University of Madeira, Portugal, and Scientific Advisor at the R&D division of WowSystems, a madeiran IT company with global projects. He was Area Coordinator for Computer Engineering and Interactive Media Design at the University of Madeira (2013-2015) and served as Vice President of Madeira-ITI (2012-2015). He is also Associate Researcher at the Visualization and Intelligent Multimodal Interfaces Group at INESC-ID Lisbon. He is a founding member of IFIP’s Technical Committee 13.6 on Human Work Interaction Design and Portuguese National Representative for HCI at the IFIP TC13. Pedro serves the editorial board and program committee of several Human-Computer Interaction journals and conferences. He has authored more than eighty research papers and has lead or participated in several EU, national and regionally-funded scientific projects.



Sergi Bermúdez i Badia

PhD Eng. Assistant Professor

PhD Eng. Assistant Professor Neuroscience, Neurorehabilitation, Serious Games, Human-Computer Interaction Assistant Prof. at the University of Madeira, where he teach for the Informatics, Human Computer Interaction and Entertainment Technologies Masters. A Msc. in telecommunications engineering from the Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya (UPC) and a PhD from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich (ETHZ).

Research at several institutes in Europe and the US, including the Laboratoire de Production Microtechnique at the EPFL (Lausanne), the Institute of Neuroinformatics at the ETHZ (Zurich), at the Institute of Audiovisual Studies at the Tecnology Department of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona).

Is scientific goal is to investigate the underlying neural mechanisms of biological systems and to exploit them using real world artefacts, with special emphasis in neuro-rehabilitation systems, interactive technologies and robots.

Participants Profile - Romania



Gabriela Florescu

HoCare Project ICI Manager (Partner ICI Bucharest Romania)

Gabriela is an ITC Senior Scientist 1 degree of National Institute for Research and Development in Informatics, ICI Bucharest, Romania, PhD in Economic Cybernetic and Mathematician. She has extensive experience in a) research and development of ITC tools for economy, environment and education b) implementing and coordinating national and international projects (40 approved projects), b) development of ministerial studies to support the Romanian Operational programmes strategy c) evaluation of projects under Operational Programmes, d) online training and education.



Valentin Florescu

HoCare Project ICI Communication Manager (Partner ICI Bucharest Romania)

Valentin is the an ITC Scientist at National Institute for Research and Development in Informatics, ICI Bucharest, Romania, Master in Computer Science and Master in Law. He has extensive experience in a) research and development of ITC tools for education b) implementing national and international projects, b) providing support to Ministry of Information Society c) evaluation of projects under Operational Programmes, d) online training and education.



Mircea Marzan, MD, EMBA

Director, Ana Aslan International Foundation (NGO HoCare Stakeholder, Romania)

Mircea is the Managing Director of the Ana Aslan International Foundation. He has sound experience in a) general management, b) implementing and coordinating EU projects, c) strategic planning, d) human resources, e) training and f) coaching.

Participants Profile – Bulgaria



Silvia Stumpf

HoCare Project Manager and Senior Expert, Steering Committee member (Bulgaria)

Silvia is the Chairwoman of Board of Management of Business Agency Association for more than 10 years and is the main engine of most projects implemented by BAA. After long years as CEO for several national media companies Silvia started to initiate networks and support start-ups nationally and internationally. Silvia is passionate for promoting innovations, networking and clustering and has extensive experience in a) international project management, b) business support and consulting, c) networking and quadruple-helix cooperation approach, d) event organization and facilitation.



Boris Krastev

HoCare Communication manager and Senior Expert (Bulgaria)

Boris is working as an expert in project management and business consulting in BAA since 2008. He has been responsible for managing many large projects mainly in education and clustering activities. He runs all communication activities for the Association and its networks and all the relevant platforms. Boris has extensive expertise in a) project management, b) working with specific and socially sensitive target groups – disabled, elderly people, youngsters, immigrants, c) start-ups support.

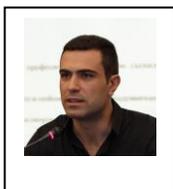


Snejana Angelova

Chief expert at European Funds International Programmes and Projects Directorate General (EFIPP DG), within the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Bulgaria – Managing Authority of Operational Programme “ Human Resources Development” 2014-2020 (Bulgaria)

Snejana has more than 10 years experience in verification, monitoring and assessment of operational programme HRD, development of grant schemes and assessment of project proposals. Snejana is a lecturer in a great number of seminars, trainings and information campaigns. Her working experience includes the position of a head of International

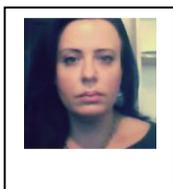
Relations Department for 8 years in the Municipality of Varna and business management of a private company. She has graduated Veliko Turnovo University “St. St. Cyril and Methodius” – master degree in English Philology and master degree in Finance.



Mustafa Chaushov

Chief expert at European Funds for Competitiveness General Directorate, within Ministry of Economy of Bulgaria – Managing Authority of Operational Programme “Innovation and Competitiveness” 2014-2020 (Bulgaria)

Mustafa has a 10 year experience in programming, monitoring and assessment of operational programmes, development of grant schemes and drafting of project selection criteria. He is member of Monitoring Committee of other operational programmes in Bulgaria and was part of the Thematic Working Groups for their development. Mustafa was a lecturer in a great number of seminars, trainings and information campaigns. He graduated Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – European Studies, European Research and International Relations.



Radostina Panajotova

Senior expert in Centre for Social Rehabilitation and Integration, “Vladislavovo” Foundation, the largest home care services provider in Varna region (Bulgaria)

Radostina has 15 years of expertise in the NGO sector as a consultant and contractor for many projects in the social, health and educational field. 10 years of expertise in project management in social services for children and adults, both in their design and initiation, as well as in their management. Project manager (preparation and implementation) of many projects funded under national and international programs. Radostina has worked in the regional government, in private companies and in NGOs , thus taking part in three of the helixes.

Participants Profile – Czech Republic



Michal Štefan

HoCare Project and Communication Manager (Czech Republic)

Michal is the Project Manager at DEX Innovation Centre, the Czech Republic. He is passionate for innovative products and services, worked previously for a couple of start-ups and has extensive experience in a) project management, b) business development, c) networking, d) event organization and facilitation, f) human resources g) meetings leadership.



Jan Kubalík

HoCare Steering Committee member (Czech Republic)

Jan is the Managing Director at DEX Innovation Centre, the Czech Republic. He started several businesses himself and has extensive experience in a) research and innovation project development, b) financing programmes on international level (e.g. H2020, SME instrument, Interreg Danube and Central Programmes), c) international project management, d) networking, e) quadruple-helix cooperation approach, f) public driven innovation approaches.

Participants Profile – Hungary



István CSIZMADIA

HoCare Chief Professional Officer – PP6: National Healthcare Service Center (ÁEEK) - Hungary

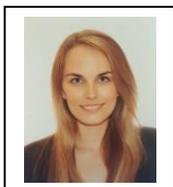
István is Head of International Programmes and Projects at National Healthcare Service Center (ÁEEK), Hungary. He has extensive 27 years' experience in a) Preparing, planning and managing EU funded programmes, b) Strategic planning, c) Preparing and submitting applications for EU grant, d) Implementing and coordinating EU projects, e) Evaluating applications and monitoring projects, f) Generating and providing support to innovation, cluster, logistic, transport, energy, environment and health programmes and projects, g) Working with international organizations e.g. EU COM, EU Council, UN organizations, h) Preparing and implementing bilateral and multilateral international agreements.



Dr. Béla MUZSIK MD

HoCare expert for Formal and informal care providers and Unmet needs – PP6: National Healthcare Service Center (ÁEEK) - Hungary

Béla is Head of Department for Data Analysis and Data Supply at National Healthcare Service Center (ÁEEK), Hungary. He has extensive 15 years' experience in a) Primary care, occupational medicine and occupational rehabilitation, b) Healthcare quality management and audit, c) Patient safety, d) Training and education e) Providing support to formal and informal care providers, f) Strategic planning, g) Preparing and submitting applications for EU grant, h) Implementing EU projects and coordinating work packages.



Gabriella SZÁNTÓ-NAGY

HoCare Stakeholder – PP6: National Healthcare Service Center (ÁEEK)

Gabriella is a project management expert in the Ministry for National Economy at the Managing Authority for Economic Development Programmes, in Hungary. Before the Ministry she worked for the Prime Minister's Office, where she was responsible for the OECD relations. She has an intensive 2 years' experience in managing EU Funds, especially the project selection system and decision making process. She is in the team, which works on the field of administrative and eligibility checkings, quality assessments and evaluations of the R&D and innovation projects. Her task is also take part in the preparatory work of the calls for proposal.