



HoCare - Delivery of Innovative solutions for Home Care by strengthening quadruple-helix cooperation in regional innovation chains

5th Call - Extended Project

Cyprus' 2nd Regional Stakeholders' Group Meeting

Thursday, 29 September 2022

Venue: Municipal Theatre of Latsia

Address: 57, Giannou Kranidioti, 2235, Latsia, Nicosia, Cyprus

REPORT

AGENDA

9:30 – 09:50

Welcome and short introduction - HoCare Project extended - the developments

09:45 – 10:05

Brief overview of the current situation and the use of ICT in home care in Cyprus.

10:05 – 10:25

The Cypriot GP named “eHealth4U - Integrated National eHealth Ecosystem”

10:25 – 11:25

The outcomes of the Interregional Seminar and Workshop “Regional responses to COVID-19 crisis on Home Care ICT sector”, held in Bucharest.

11:25 - 12:15

Open Discussion - Q&A

12:15 - 12:30

Wrap up - Conclusions



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Dr. Eleftherios Loizou welcomed the participants and provided a short introduction about the extended HoCare Project's developments.

He continued by providing a brief overview of the current situation in home care and the use of ICT in the sector in Cyprus. He presented the existing relevant Policy Instruments, the research and innovation ecosystem on national level, the main regional actors on the quadruple helix model and the main regional projects / research initiatives in the sector of ICT in healthcare.

Mr. Panagiotis Mountoukos continued with a presentation of the Cypriot GP named "eHealth4U - Integrated National eHealth Ecosystem". The eHealth4U is a research project that undertakes the challenge of defining the structure and the content of the national integrated Electronic health Record (HER) system in Cyprus and developing a prototype of it. Its vision is that the outcome of the project will establish the foundations of the country's broader eHealth ecosystem adhering to the [Electronic Health Law of Cyprus \(No.59\(I\)/2019\)](#). The project eHealth4U, understands that materializing the full potential



of an EHR, is to use a citizen centric philosophy. This is, to be designed and oriented towards the needs of the citizens and not necessarily those of health institutions. One of the major issues in the healthcare industry is the exchange of health data between disparate systems. To this end, the project leverages state of the art interoperability standards and profiles in line with EU recommendations and directions [1], [2]. An interoperability framework is articulated based on the [Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources \(FHIR\) standard by HL7](#) which is one of most prevalent healthcare interoperability standards. The framework also utilizes the IHE interoperability profiles proposed by the [EU under the 1025/2012 directive in 2015](#) while adopts the provisions of the 2016 eHealth network guideline on the electronic exchange of health data under [Cross-Border Directive 2011/24/EU](#).

Dr. Loizou took the floor again presenting the main outcomes of the Interregional Seminar and Workshop “Regional responses to COVID-19 crisis on Home Care ICT sector”, held in Bucharest. He presented in brief the HoCare partners’ regional situation and GPs.

An open discussion followed focused on highlighting new elements in the sector of home care innovation as an impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in Cyprus. Furthermore, the participants discussed their potential interest about the GPs presented by the HoCare partners.

