



# EU4Health AWP 2021 – Joint Action on transfer of best practices in primary care

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# Collaborative Joint Actions – direct grants to MS

## HS-g-14.3.1 Transfer of best practices in primary care (EC grant: EUR 10 million)

### Policy context:

- Primary care has been part of Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) in European Semester 2019 and 2020
  - ❖ strengthen the resilience of health systems and improve their accessibility
- COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the important role of primary care
  - ❖ Managing COVID-19 patients, track & tracing, reducing pressure on hospitals
  - ❖ *Opinion of the Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health*: primary care forms the foundation of any emergency response
- An investment topic in Cohesion Policy funds and in National Recovery and Resilience Plans

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### Scope & Activities:

- Transfer of best practices between Member States – 6 practices already selected by MS
- The ‘owners’ of the selected best practices will help other MS interested in adopting them
- Knowledge-transfer and “twinning” actions (e.g. policy dialogues, workshops, staff visits and secondments, expert advice, mutual and peer learning programmes, etc.).
- Pilots for the actual ‘replication’ of the best practices
- Activities to monitor and assess the pilot implementation

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### The selected best practices:

- *Integrated Health Association – Region of Wallonia, Belgium*
- *TELEA: Home telemonitoring in Primary Care for chronic disease and Covid-19 – Galicia, Spain*
- *Integrated care for complex chronic patients in Andalusia (Spain): Personalized care action plans (PAPs) – Andalusia, Spain*
- *Essencial Project: Adding value to clinical primary care practice - Catalonia, Spain*
- *‘Health Action for Children and Youth at Risk’ & ‘Health Action for Gender, Violence and Lifecycle’ – Portugal*
- *Health Promotion Centres (HPCs) – Slovenia*

**❑ IMPORTANT!!** The health authorities that own these practices need to participate in the Joint Action

➤ BE, ES, PT and SI to arrange this

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## Expected results & impact:

- Transfer and pilot implementation of good practices in primary care into new locations in a number of Member States
- Reinforced capacity of health authorities in Member States to address important aspects of health system transformation in primary care
- Reports with lessons from the transfer process and recommendations how to do this successfully

**❑ IMPORTANT!!** *Participants in the Joint Action: Entities that are directly responsible for organising and delivering health services at national or regional or local level*