



## Annex to “Introduction to Cohesion policy and structural funds”

### Examples of sources of support for health measures (2004-2006)

#### Mainstream programmes

Mainstream programmes are programmes realised under Objective 1, 2 and 3. Each **programme** centres around a number of **priorities**, which consist of various **measures**. The measures in turn are composed of various **components or sub-measures**. Health-related initiatives can be supported through:

##### a) Specific horizontal programmes devoted entirely to health

**Portugal** is the only case with a specific programme devoted entirely to health (“**SAUDE**”). The main aim of the programme is to raise the level of health services available to the population and provide access for all to quality health care. It revolves around three priority areas:

**Priority 1** : Promoting health and preventing illness

This priority aims at preventing the most serious illnesses and promoting healthier lifestyles, paying special attention to the most vulnerable groups in society.

**Priority 2** : Improving access to health care

Improving the quality of health care while striving to bring it within reach of all strata of the population.

**Priority 3** : Partnership for health

This priority aims at encouraging new partnerships with the private sector and social agencies in the regions and areas where they can offer high quality services.

The planned budget of the programme is 698 million euros, of which 476 million comes from Structural Funds.

##### b) Priorities within general programmes

One of the four priorities of the ERDF-financed Human Resources Development Operational Programme 2004-06 for Hungary<sup>1</sup> is “Developing the infrastructure of educational, social services and health care”. The specific **measures** realised within this priority include:

- Health infrastructure development in backward regions (67 million euros) – comprising the

<sup>1</sup> <http://64.233.183.104/search?q=cache:0jbUoLwdwm8J:www.fmm.gov.hu/download.php%3Fctag%3Ddownload%26docID%3D1058+Regional+Development+Operational+Programme,+2004-2006++%22development+of+the+education,+social+and+health+infrastructure%22&hl=nl&ie=UTF-8>

following **components**:

- Establishment of a Regional Health Centre model institution
- Creation of spatial diagnostics and screening centres
- Establishment of rehabilitation centres
- IT development in health care in the regions lagging behind (11,9 million euros)- comprising the following components:
  - Development of pilot integrated inter-institutional ICT systems (*eHealthRecord, ePrescription, eConsultation*)
  - Development and integration of (intramural) institutional system components
  - IT training

c) **Health related measures under other priorities** (e.g. priority infrastructure)

- **Development and upgrading of health care infrastructure**, can form part of Priorities such as:
  - 'Development of social and economic infrastructure' (Objective 1 Programme for Lithuania)<sup>2</sup>,
  - "Promotion of territorial cohesion (Objective 1 Programme for Latvia)<sup>3</sup> ,
  - "Infrastructure and Local Development" ( Objective 1 Programme for Estonia)<sup>4</sup>
- **Health and safety training** as part of the Priority "Education infrastructure and enhanced technical and professional training (Objective 1 Programme for the Spanish region of Valencia)<sup>5</sup>

d) as **part of a measure** (e.g. local social infrastructure)

## Community Initiative programmes

### 1) INTERREG:

Strand A: CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION :

**Medical cooperation between Greece and the neighbouring Balkan countries** (Albania,

<sup>2</sup> Summary of the programme at:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional\\_policy/country/prordn/details.cfm?gv\\_PAY=LT&gv\\_reg=ALL&gv\\_PGM=2003LT161DO001&LAN=5](http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/country/prordn/details.cfm?gv_PAY=LT&gv_reg=ALL&gv_PGM=2003LT161DO001&LAN=5)

Single Programming Document for Lithuania 2004-2006: [http://www.smm.lt/es\\_parama/docs/bpd\\_2003\\_11\\_en.pdf](http://www.smm.lt/es_parama/docs/bpd_2003_11_en.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Summary of the programme:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional\\_policy/country/prordn/details.cfm?gv\\_PAY=LV&gv\\_reg=ALL&gv\\_PGM=2003LV161DO001&LAN=5](http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/country/prordn/details.cfm?gv_PAY=LV&gv_reg=ALL&gv_PGM=2003LV161DO001&LAN=5)

Single Programming Document for Latvia 2004-2006: [http://www.esfondi.lv/image/upload/spd2003\\_12.pdf](http://www.esfondi.lv/image/upload/spd2003_12.pdf)

<sup>4</sup>

Summary of  
the  
programme:

Estonian National Development Plan for the implementation of the EU structural funds- Single

<sup>5</sup> [http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional\\_policy/country/prordn/details.cfm?gv\\_PAY=ES&gv\\_reg=ALL&gv\\_PGM=2000ES161PO009&LAN=5](http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/country/prordn/details.cfm?gv_PAY=ES&gv_reg=ALL&gv_PGM=2000ES161PO009&LAN=5)

Bulgaria and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia). The political upheavals in the Balkans have resulted in a deterioration of the public health services of the countries bordering Greece, which also has consequences for Greece because of migratory flows. In the face of this situation, the Greek Ministry of Health took the initiative of setting up, with the help of INTERREG, Cross-border Public Health Centres to cope with the immediate needs while promoting cooperation and exchanges of experiences with the countries concerned in the fields of medical research and health education. <sup>6</sup>

**The “Zorg over de grens” project on cross border healthcare provision in the Maas-Rhein Euroregion** between Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany.<sup>7</sup> The project brings together five hospitals and ten health funding organisations which work together on 20 sub-projects covering different aspects of cross-border care. Under the auspices of the so-called IZOM project, insured patients can now be treated in other countries without the need to obtain prior approval. There are also cross-border transfers of medical professionals; contacts among patients groups; networks for the care for the elderly; the Euroregional Health Report, Euroregional environmental health projects; cooperation in the care of drug addicts and Euroregional Health Conferences.

#### **Strand B: TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION:**

**Baltic Sea Region project on eHealth.**<sup>8</sup> The gap between rural and urban areas and Baltic Sea Regions regarding accessibility to and quality of health care supply leads to unbalanced living conditions. This disparity of supply and attractiveness contributes to rural-urban migration and weakens balanced regional development and polycentric settlements structures. The project focuses on promoting e-health services as instrument for improving life in rural areas.

**Hospital Co-operation project in North West Europe.** The objective of this project is to set up a network between the hospitals of Strasbourg, Liège and Luxembourg, to be extended to other hospitals at a later stage. The hospitals are among the largest employers in their respective regions and thus play an important role in territorial development. They seek to pool their human, medical, scientific and technological capabilities, as well as their know-how in order to enhance the accessibility of patients to medical care, improve co-operation and complementarity in the fields of technological innovation and staff training and to promote tele-medicine.<sup>9</sup>

#### **Strand C: INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION:**

**The 'Common Information to European Air' (CITEAIR).** The project, which groups 14 public bodies from seven EU countries, aims to identify techniques to monitor and manage road traffic

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<sup>6</sup> More information on the programme:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional\\_policy/projects/stories/details.cfm?pay=GR&the=10&sto=565&lan=5](http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/projects/stories/details.cfm?pay=GR&the=10&sto=565&lan=5)

<sup>7</sup> More information on the programme: <http://www.hospital.be/coverstory012004-3.html>

<sup>8</sup> More information on the project: <http://www.spatial.baltic.net/programme.html>

<sup>9</sup> More information on the project: <http://www.nweurope.org/page/projet.php?id=450>

pollution with direct impact on the health of local inhabitants more effectively.<sup>10</sup>

**Network for Future Regional Health Care.** The project brings together twenty universities, research institutes, hospital districts and hospitals from nine EU member states (Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden). It seeks to create a shared vision of the future regional health care and to develop common tools and approaches towards the desired direction. The operation's perspective covers the entire regional health care sector, from service system and treatment process to construction of hospitals and utilization of new technologies.<sup>11</sup>

## 2) URBAN

- **The West Dunbartonshire Healthy Living Initiative** in Scotland. It is a community led project which aims to improve well being of all residents, particularly those suffering from social exclusion, through various health services and information campaigns.<sup>12</sup>
- In Northern Ireland, Urban II project support the refurbishment of the **Cancer Lifeline in Belfast**, a local cancer support group whose members have experienced cancer.<sup>13</sup>

## 3) EQUAL

- French programme to facilitate remaining in employment or returning to work of people living with chronic, evolutionary diseases (CED) such as HIV, hepatitis C, cancer and multiple sclerosis.<sup>14</sup>
- The UK programme to remove barriers to Healthcare employment for ethnic minorities and other excluded groups (refugees, migrants) in order to support their integration into British society and address labour shortages in the National Health Service.<sup>15</sup>

## Innovative actions

For instance the Regional Programme of Innovative Actions (RPIA)<sup>16</sup> of the Italian region Emilia-Romagna on “**Health, Life Sciences and Regional Technological Innovation**” with a budget of 12 million euros. This programme aims to support a competitive technological growth in the sector of life science and biotechnology for health, helping firms producing new products, services and technologies in the health sector, encompassing 49 SMEs, 11 research centres, 20 health organisations and 3 local administrations, by fostering cooperation and information exchange.

<sup>10</sup> More information on the project: <http://citeair.rec.org>

<sup>11</sup> More information on the project: <http://www.futurehealth.fi>

<sup>12</sup> More information on the project: <http://www.westdp.co.uk/projects/hli/hli.htm>

<sup>13</sup> More information on the project: <http://www.dsdni.gov.uk/urb-reg/urban11.asp>

<sup>14</sup> More information on the programme: <https://equal.cec.eu.int/equal/jsp/dpComplete.jsp?cip=FR&national=AQU-2004-41194>

<sup>15</sup> More information on the programme: <https://equal.cec.eu.int/equal/jsp/dpComplete.jsp?cip=UKgb&national=88>

<sup>16</sup> [http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional\\_policy/innovation/prog\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/innovation/prog_en.htm)