

PRESS RELEASE

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HoCare partners discussed action plans on home care in Vilnius

Partners from Cyprus, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Lithuania, Hungary, Portugal and Czech Republic have met on the last project meeting within the first phase of **HoCare** project (“Delivery of Innovative solutions for Home Care by strengthening quadruple-helix cooperation in regional innovation chains”). The meeting took place in **Vilnius, Lithuania** on 22 and 23 March 2018 and was hosted by **Lithuanian Innovation Center**.

In HoCare project partners cooperate with a goal to elaborate policy recommendations and action plans for generation of innovative solutions and services in the field of home care. The focus of the meeting in Vilnius was the discussion about the preparation of **Action plans** in each participating country/region. Action plan is a document providing details on how the lessons learnt from the cooperation will be exploited in order to improve the policy instrument tackled within particular country/region. It specifies the nature of the actions to be implemented, their timeframe, the players involved, the costs and funding sources.

Partners also discussed **32 good practices from the field of home care** which were identified in project partners’ countries. The collected good practices have been successfully implemented and mostly funded by Operational Programmes supporting Research & Innovation. The purpose of gathering good practices is that it can inspire and help regional innovation ecosystem actors in Home Care R&I around Europe to transfer them into their regional context. Some of the identified good practices will be uploaded on Interreg Europe programme Database.

Second phase of HoCare project will be dedicated to implementation and monitoring of the Action Plan in each participating country. Partners will meet again in Liberec (Czech Republic) in Feb/March 2019 and at the final high-level political dissemination event in Nicosia (Cyprus) in the beginning of 2020.

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

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