

The INCO-HEALTH operation: objectives and expected results

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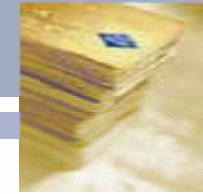
INCO-HEALTH overview



- ✓ INCO-HEALTH is an Individual Project
- ✓ Start date 1st September 2004 lasting 30 months until 28th February 2007
- ✓ 5 partners representing 3 EU MS
 - ✓ Italy: objective 2
 - ✓ Slovenia, Hungary: objective 1
- ✓ Total budget: 903.607 € whose
 - ✓ **520.178,50 ERDF contribution**
 - ✓ **383.428,50 National co-funding**



Partners



REGIONE DEL VENETO

 **Regione Lombardia**
Sanità

Italy



Friuli Venezia Giulia



Health
Insurance
Institute

Slovenia



National
Insurance Fund
Administration

Hungary

 **Regione Lombardia**
Sanità





European context



- **The Lisbon Strategy – 2000/2010**
 - ✓ To move towards an “European e-Health Area” establishing a “citizen-centred health systems”.
 - ✓ To implement an e-Health Agenda (Declaration at EU Ministerial e-Health 2003 Conference) dealing with health services for patients and professionals, technologies and regulatory framework.
 - ✓ More specifically to ensure mobility of patients, according to the achievement of freedom of movement of persons.



European context



- **Communication of the EC COM(2004) 356, 30.04.2004**
 - ✓ By end 2005 each MS is to develop a national or regional roadmap for e-Health.
 - ✓ By end 2006 MS, in collaboration with EC, should identify and outline interoperability standards for health data messages and electronic health records.
 - ✓ Promoting the use of cards in the health care cards sector. Adoption of an electronic health insurance card by 2008.



European context



■ EU regulatory framework

- ✓ Decisions n. 189, 190, 191, and 198 of the Administrative Commission of the European Communities on social security for migrant workers aimed at introducing a European health insurance card to replace the forms necessary for the application of Council Regulations (EEC) n. 1408/71 and (EEC) n. 574/72 as regards access to health care during a temporary stay in a Member State other than the competent State or the State of residence and regarding technical specification.

Operation overview



- **Objectives of the operation**
 - ✓ to define a common operational framework dealing with the regional/national HIC and EHIC enabling to identify major items referred to this domain and to set-up an interregional cooperation through the establishment of a set of tools and services aimed at exchanging experiences and knowledge, sharing know-how and good practices, building up relationships devoted to deploy and reinforce innovative actions on this e-Health sector.

Operation overview



■ Objectives of the operation

- ✓ the cooperation will result into the installation of a network of regional antennas playing an EU pivotal role in HIC and EHIC domain.
- ✓ the sub-objectives of the operation can be listed as follow:
 - to identify and collect main strategies, programs, initiatives and experiences within the EU regional contexts through measurement and surveying with the goal to identify the actual state of the affairs in this sector.

Operation overview



- **Objectives of the operation**
 - ✓ on the basis of the results and findings of the previous activity to design a methodological framework for nailing major operational, organizational and technological factors facilitating the adoption of a political strategy for the introduction of HIC and EHIC including regulatory issues and technical constraints.
 - ✓ to consolidate a complete set of tools and services supporting regional authorities to launch HIC and EHIC strategies and to develop new policies and approaches.

Operation overview



- **Objectives of the operation**

- ✓ to establish, in each region covered by the operation, a pilot site playing the role of centres of expertise and knowledge for the dissemination of know-how in the field domain and playing a proactive role in supporting regional public administrations in introducing innovative actions programmes and implementing successful projects ideas already experienced covering the HIC and EHIC sector.

Operation overview



- **Expected outputs**
 - ✓ Best Practice Manual including national and regional action plans, political strategies, experiences and project ideas introducing HIC and EHIC.
 - ✓ Operational Manual describing guidelines for establishing EHIC plans at regional level including major facilitators, obstacles and constraints and a set of tools and services ready to be implemented.
 - ✓ 5 fully running and operational antennas delivering services and tools referred to HIC and EHIC.
 - ✓ 3 Training sessions on HIC and EHIC items, total 15-25 staff people trained.



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- **Expected outputs**
 - ✓ 3 additional antennas installed outside operation participants.
 - ✓ Dissemination events: 2 Conferences, 4 regional workshops; articles published; additional regional authorities informed about the operation; INCO-HEALTH web-site.

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- **Results**
 - ✓ increased expertise of participants about needs and requirements for HIC and EHIC deployment in a regional/national context.
 - ✓ improved capacity of participants in implementing an EHIC strategy through the establishment of a model for HIC and EHIC introduction considering legal and regulatory aspects, technological issues, operational aspects for launching HIC and EHIC.

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- **Long term impacts**
 - ✓ improved capacity of the regional authorities to design and implement HIC and EHIC action plans and programs.
 - ✓ increased efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the regional healthcare systems; improved standardization of the EHIC record architecture.

Description of components

