

Interreg GO!

Health | Enhancing Cross-Border Health through Interreg: Bridging Gaps for Resilient Communities

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The workshop aims to explore how Interreg strengthens Cross-Border Health and how its programmes have effectively embedded this priority into their strategic goals and implementation. Participants will engage with real examples showcasing different governance models used to implement healthcare projects, highlighting solutions that address both programme-level challenges and key issues in the health sector during the current programming period. The discussion will also focus on the long-term impact, sustainability, promotion, capitalisation, and legacy of project results. The workshop seeks to provide valuable recommendations for other Interreg programmes across Europe by sharing key lessons learned, pilot actions, and best practices. Ultimately, it aims to foster knowledge exchange, inspire future synergies, and encourage collaboration to enhance cross-border healthcare services.

Venue: Kulturni center Lojze Bratuž Gorizia. Viale XX Settembre, 85, 34170 Gorizia GO

Project visit:

Location: Casa della Salute della Donna, dell'Infanzia e dell'Adolescenza

Address: Via Vittorio Veneto, 174, 34170 Gorizia GO

Location: Splošna bolnišnica "dr. Franca Derganca"
Nova Gorica –Porodnišnica

Address: Ulica padlih borcev 13 A, 5290 Šempeter
pri Gorici, Slovenia

Projects to be presented:

- Standard Project 2014-2020 SALUTE-ZDRAVSTVO | Italia Slovenia (ita-slo.eu)

Healthcare in the Gorizia-Nova Gorica area

In the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, five local health authorities provide free universal health care in all the provinces through an integrated and dense network of services¹. The Slovenian healthcare system is financed through a mandatory insurance program with contributions paid by both employers and employees.

The main healthcare facilities in the area of Gorizia and Nova Gorica area are:

- ASUGI (Azienda sanitaria universitaria Giuliano isontina) Ospedale di Gorizia (Gorizia Hospital)
- Splošna bolnišnica "Dr. Franca Derganca" Nova Gorica (Nova Gorica General Hospital "Dr. Franca Derganca", located in Šempeter pri Gorici)
- Zdravstveni dom Nova Gorica (Nova Gorica Medical Center, in Nova Gorica)
- Psihiatricna bolnišnica Idrija

¹<https://arcs.sanita.fvg.it/en/aree-tematiche/sistema-sanitario-regionale/>

SALUTE-ZDRAVSTVO | Italy-Slovenia – Standard project 2021-2027²

- **Main project objectives**

The project aimed to strengthen services offered and to improve the quality of social and health services for the population in the territory of the EGTC GO and outside where the public bodies involved operate. It intends to strengthen institutional capacity for cooperation by mobilising public authorities and operators to provide shared solutions to common needs in the health and social services sector.

- **Key results and lessons learned**

The project has led to the establishment of joint cross-border medical teams in the fields of mental health, autism and prenatal care, as well as the creation, on an experimental basis, of a Single cross-border reservation Centre for medical services. Moreover, for the Physiological pregnancy Investment, some rooms have been renovated in the 3rd floor of Šempeter Hospital. In detail, in the field of mental health protection two cross-border agreements were signed, two training courses and “health budget” activities concluded. In the field of autism two training courses were completed (Early Start Denver Model for Autism - ESDM and Augmentative Alternative Communication - CAA), a medical protocol was signed, the premises adapted and the equipment purchased for the operation of the integrated medical team. In the field of physiological pregnancy a cross-border agreement has been signed, the maternity ward in the general hospital of Nova Gorica has been renovated and the construction of the Casa della donna

- Parco Basaglia concluded. The activities carried out in the field of social inclusion have been concluded with the signing of a cross-border agreement, a training event, thematic workshops and the inauguration of three Info points.

- **Ideas for the future**

A final report analysing the obstacles and the issues encountered during the implementation of the experimental cross-border single centre for reservations is intended to provide proposals for possible future expansion of the jointly operated system.

- **Description of the collaboration method**

The cooperation method was based on an analysis of the healthcare systems in both countries. The aim was to identify the differences and potential for synergies in terms of providing cross-border health service reservations, mental health care, prenatal care and social inclusion. The operation of these services was based on guidelines and protocols produced by joint medical working groups. In particular regarding autism spectrum, specialists have acquired licenses to operate according to the ESDM method (Early Start Denver Model for Autism). Finally, with regards to Physiological pregnancy, an important cross-border network between Italian midwives, the maternity ward in Slovenia and pregnant women in the area have been created through the implementation of different activities.

PROJECT DATA

DURATION: 1ST April 2017 to 30th November 2022

BUDGET: EUR 4 250 000.00 (ERDF), EUR 5 000 000.00 (TOTAL)

LEAD PARTNER: GECT GO (European Group of Territorial Cooperation GO)

PROJECT PARTNERS: sole beneficiary, healthcare institutions as implementing bodies in Italy and Slovenia

²See project website:

<https://2014-2020.ita-slo.eu/en/salute-zdravstvo>

