

## CLINIC PRESS RELEASE

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*The e-TEN CLINIC* project, co-funded by the European Commission, provides a **Knowledge Management** service for **healthcare experts** all over Europe, supporting the **professionals** in taking evidence-based decisions at the point of need.

Clinic will validate and customize an existing and well tested technology (Lensis project platform - IST 2000-26039) to

make specific services available in the European Market and exchange expertise specifically targeting the field of cardiology. The knowledge management service will help to gather and organise the knowledge and experience required to address the day-to-day health problems treated by general practitioners and specialists, thereby establishing a consolidated network.

The CLINIC system will roll out a **web and mobile based, medical service**, enabling the exploitation of a collaborative work environment for the management of knowledge and competence in the context of large health care systems, including the following specific services:

- **Information & Knowledge Service:**
  1. Knowledge Sending: users' knowledge sending to the system.
  2. Knowledge Query: users' consultation of all the knowledge stored and addressed by CLINIC service.
- **Collaboration Service:** CLINIC users will be allowed to interact and communicate with each other.
- **Healthcare content databases on servers on line:** this service allows all content providers to link their databases of content. Knowledge experts will be able to retrieve knowledge content quickly, without the assistance of third-party suppliers or information technology resources. It is an easy-to-use, automated application.

Expected results include the implementation of intelligent environments, widely distributed and extensive knowledge for better decision support, immediate bi-directional communication and interaction, patient-oriented medical approach as well as the reduction of healthcare costs.

**The final objective of the project is to identify different ways for the sustainable deployment of the CLINIC services, and to promote Community-wide good practices for online healthcare knowledge management services.**

The Clinic consortium includes partners with specific competences in the technical, business and medical sectors.

| <b>Partner</b>   | <b>Role and Competence</b>                          |
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| <b>Boehringer-Ingelheim Italia S.p.A (I)</b>   | <b>Pharmaceutical company, project co-ordinator</b> |
| GL Europe (UK)<br>ANCO S.A. (GR)<br>Ratio Consulta SpA (I),  | Information Technology and consultancy companies    |
| Azienda Ospedaliera di Parma (I)<br>Athens Medical Centre (GR)<br>Medsana Bucharest Medical Center | Health Organisations / Hospitals                    |
| Business Flow Consulting (F)   | Business and management consultancy company         |

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