RENEWING HEALTH: REgioNs of Europe WorkINg toGether for HEALTH

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RENEWING HEALTH aims at implementing large-scale real-life test beds for the validation and subsequent evaluation of innovative telemedicine services using a patient-centred approach and a common rigorous assessment methodology. In 9 of the most advanced regions in the implementation of health-related ICT services, belonging to 9 different Member States or Associated Countries, service solutions are already operational at local level for the telemonitoring and the treatment of chronic patients suffering from diabetes, COPD or CVD diseases. The services are designed to give patients a central role in the management of their diseases, fine-tuning the choice and dosage of medications, promoting compliance to treatment, and helping healthcare professionals to detect early signs of worsening. These services will be scaled up, integrated with mainstream Health Information Systems, grouped into a limited number of clusters bringing together services showing similar features, trialled and assessed with a rigorous and common assessment methodology, and using a common set of primary indicators for pilots belonging to a same cluster. The methodology used for the assessment will be based as much as possible on FAST , a methodology currently in the final definition stage of definition by partners of the RENEWING HEALTH Consortium under contract from the European Commission. However in view of the novelty of FAST which has never been tested before on real cases, the Consortium feels free to amend or complete it as required to suit the specific needs of RENEWING HEALTH. Although integration of the service solutions at regional level is the highest priority for the Project partners, the use of international standards and the progressive convergence towards common interoperable architectures will be equally sought to prepare and facilitate their subsequent scaling up at national and European levels. Each cluster of pilots will operate as a multi-centre clinical trial measuring the efficiency and the cost effectiveness of the implemented solutions, giving scientific validity to the results of the trials and so promoting the adoption of remote patient monitoring and treatment on a large scale. The Project is supported by the Health Authorities of the participating regions which have responsibility for the healthcare budget; they are fully committed to deploy the telemedicine services in their territory, once they have been validated on a large scale and their positive cost/benefit ratio has been demonstrated, and also to co-operate among themselves and with other European initiatives with similar objectives to promote the further uptake of the services at pan-European level. The Consortium includes eight regions officially endorsed by Member States for their participation in the RENEWING HEALTH . This of course paves the way for the countrywide deployment of telemedicine telemedicine services derived from RENEWING HEALTH in these Member States and even beyond.

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