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### Building Partnership



## The National Directorate General for Hospitals Launches a New Cross-border Interreg Health Project

The National Directorate General For Hospitals (NDGFH) undertakes the Lead Partner role in the #CrossCoop Interreg project titled: **"Cross-border Cooperation in Healthcare between the Hospitals of Balassagyarmat and Velký Krtíš"**.

The collaborative project aims to improve the level of cross border inter-institutional cooperation and broadening cross border cooperation and investment in institutional capacity. Through its implementation the project will seek to optimise health care capacities in medical services provided by the hospitals of Balassagyarmat, operated by the proprietor NDGFH, and Velký Krtíš as cornerstone intuitions by establishing cross-border cooperation.

Cardiovascular Diseases (CVDs) are the number 1 cause of death globally. More people die from CVDs than from any other cause. Based on WHO data, an estimated 17.9 million people die from CVDs annually, representing 31% of all global death tolls. Of these deaths, 85% are due to heart attack and stroke, one in three occurring before the age of 70. Risk factors are at a high level in Member States of the European Union, though unevenly balanced, predominantly in new Member States, hence are urgent to tackle.

The project will address the improvement of delivery of specific treatment provided to cardiology and neurology patients by investing into medical infrastructure, implementing cross-border knowledge transfer and pooling the improved infrastructural and knowledge resources together in order to create a cross border medical consultation and diagnostic mechanism, which will serve as the framework for a faster and more efficient provision of health services delivered to the local population on both sides of the border.

The project capitalizes on existing capabilities of both hospitals, which currently operate in separation, therefore function at a lower level of medical efficiency than under the

prospective circumstances to be achieved by investing into, and ultimately making them suitable for cross-border sharing.

Activities of the project will include the deployment of contemporary medical equipment of the latest medical technology and in line with requirements of energy-efficiency to SK and HU project sites, and the pertaining setup of the cardiology (SK beneficiary) and neurology (HU beneficiaries) component of the cross-border healthcare mechanisms. The purchased medical equipment will not only increase the particular medical capacity and result in minimisation of conservative therapy, but will enhance and initiate faster diagnostics, rapid-reaction therapy, can reduce turn-over time and wait-lists.

SK and HU experts will elaborate the first (rough) drafts of local protocol and initial design of new patient route in cardiology and neurology treatment. Subsequent to the deployment of new technologies. For gradual knowledge sharing of the cardiology and neurology components workshops and dissemination events will be organised both in-house and across-borders. New patient route designs and local cross-border protocols will be harmonised and finalised in joint effort. Medical experts will implement the local protocols and put them into practice in their respective institutions. The newly set up mechanisms will be operated and run by both partners in joint effort simultaneously.

A “white paper” document on emergency care will be elaborated and introduced to national decision-makers for further use. SK experts will be responsible for preparing the cardiology chapter, whereas HU experts will work on the neurology chapter of the policy recommendations.

Shared capacities will yield optimisation, thus better access to health care by cross-border patients, who will be primary beneficiaries of a higher quality and significantly faster treatment. These are life-saving factors when it comes to acute interventions. From an institutional perspective, the improvement of cost-efficiency is also envisaged beyond the aforementioned benefits to be enjoyed by patients.

Project duration:	01.01.2021.- 31.12.2022.
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