

Staff Exchange 2nd round in Porto



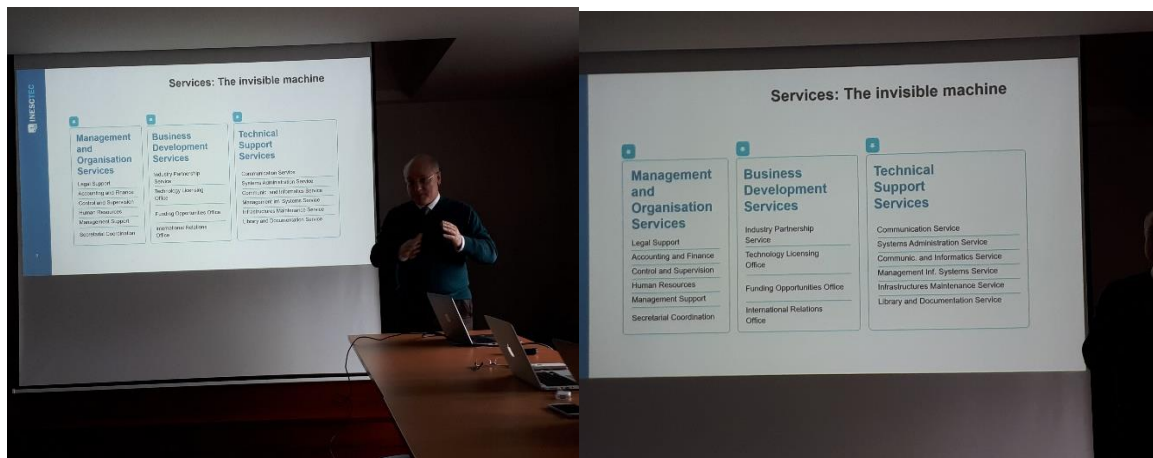
From the 19th till the 21st of February, 2018, the Helium project engaged in its second round of the Staff Exchanges following the initial round in Liverpool earlier in the year. These Staff Exchanges allow for deeper analysis of the Good Practices which have previously been identified over the course of the project to uncover and provide additional insights in the practical functioning of (relevant features of) a Good Practice. Representatives from Hungary and the Netherlands engaged in this activity and were hosted by our Portuguese project partners.

The programme was prepared to develop a more profound understanding of Good Practices, which have been provided as input into the project and to provide a an in depth overview of relevant organisations and initiatives which are taking place in the Norte region.

We paid a visit to the **INSEC TEC**- – Institute for Systems and Computer Engineering, Technology and Science. The research Institute was established 33 years ago, in 1985, as a private non-profit enterprise owned by state universities. Research at INESC TEC is developed in 13 Research Centres, organised into four stable structures

denoted as Clusters: Networked Intelligent Systems (NIS), Power and Energy (PE), Industry and Innovation (II) and Computer Science (CS).

Set of services are organised to support the researchers: legal, project management, accounting, information management, human resources, communication and media, computing and communications. The success of the incubation model is proved by the fact that in 2012 the model was adopted and opened in Brazil.



We got acquainted with **RESOLVE**, a consistent and effective ignition program to promote seed projects and start-ups in the health sector, boosting the translation of innovative ideas into business ventures and thus, value creation. The programme consists of three central actions; the development of tools to address obstacles in the valorisation of knowledge in the healthcare and biomedical domains (RESOLVE Toolbox), the selection of seed and technology based projects in the health sector in the Norte region of Portugal, and to provide these selected projects with targeted support using the RESOLVE Toolbox, maximizing their consolidation and commercial potential.



Rules and Regulations

Considering that:

RESOLVE (*Respostas Específicas para Superar Obstáculos que Limitam a Valorização Eficaz*) is a I3S Program (involving IBMC, INEB and IPATIMUP), funded by Norte 2020 Programme under the reference NORTE-01-0246-FEDER-000018, designed to provide solutions and management tools to early stage projects and spin-offs in Health Sciences to transform innovative knowledge into business ventures and value creation.

We explored **HAITool** – “A Toolkit to Prevent, Manage and Control Healthcare Associated Infections in Portugal”. Healthcare-associated infections (**HAIs**) are a major cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide and have a significant economic impact. Prevention and education are key strategies for the control of HAIs and this has been raised to a new level by the Portuguese Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine of the Universidade Nova de Lisboa through the HAITool project. The main objective of this project is the designing of a toolkit (as an operational framework) to support health professionals to improve prevention and treatment of HAIs and antimicrobial resistance. The toolkit includes a combination of a set of guidelines to implement Antibiotic Stewardship Programs and the support of ARTEMIS, an information system which supports decision-making.



We also learnt about CMIN – the Maternal and Child Care Centre of the North which regarding its maintenance and development model is a great example for health innovation.

If you wish to know more about the above Good Practices, please do not hesitate to contact the Helium partnership!

Further information: www.interregeurope.eu/helium



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