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BACKGROUND

Clinics have high potential for innovation of product, process and service development. But only a few of these ideas are transferred into product developments, Intellectual Property (IP) generation and better health care processes. Obstacles are e.g. different interests of clinics and industry. Especially small and medium-sized companies (SMEs) and developments initiated by the clinical staff do not have the resources and chances to transfer their ideas and knowledge into products.

GOALS

- Comparison of the situation between clinics and SMEs in each participating country in line with their specific health care environment and reimbursement system.
- Development of tools for access of SMEs to the innovation capability in clinics.
- · Implementation of these tools.
- Transformation of these tools to a transregional and transnational level.
- · Pilot generation of new products, processes and services.
- · Implementation of a European wide tool for innovation transfer from clinics to companies.

TARGET GROUPS OF THE PROJECT

- Clinics / hospitals (university hospitals, primary/ secondary care clinics, public as well as private owned). Medical doctors, R&D employees, technicians, nursing staff.
- II. Small and medium sized companies (SMEs).
- III. Research & development institutions.
- IV. Health care insurance companies, health care decision maker groups, relevant political groups.

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