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1st stakeholder group meeting report

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A report of the 1st stakeholder group meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania





MEETING INFORMATION

Date: 29/09/2016

Time: 09.30 -12.00

Location: Gedimino str. 53, Seimas of the Lithuanian Republic, Vilnius, Lithuania





PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND OF THE MEETING

A project with a focus on development of solutions and recommendations for improving regional development policies and programs that focus on the promotion of innovative Home Care solutions was initiated this year by eight European countries. Ad hoc working parties are being formed across different European countries with an aim that the opinions on policy and investment measures of all interested parties are represented. One of those working parties will be formed in Lithuania, whose role will be to participate in drafting and approving recommendations as well as developing new and improving existing political measures and instruments that are directed at the promotion of innovative Home Care solutions.

23 representatives from all stakeholder groups – business, government, science and community – were brought together by Lithuanian innovation centre (LIC) in order to form the stakeholder working group.

Participants

The following were the participants of the meeting:

Three representatives of the public/government sector: two members of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania – Mr. Algirdas Sysas and Mr. Mecislovas Zasciurinskas, and the director at the Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology (MITA) - Mr. Kestutis Setkus.

Eight representatives of the industrial and business support sector that are related to the Home Care industry: Mr. Sigitas Besagirskas (head of the Department of Projects at Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists), Mr. Arturas Jakubavicius (head of Technology and Innovation Business Support Association), Mrs. Violeta Nomeikiene (coordinating nurse of OrangeCare), Mr. Juozapas Preiksa (expert – head of Division of Social Policy and Economics at Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists), Ph. D. Dalius Raskinis (head of Relife Cluster), Mrs. Vida Rickiene (director at organization "Ori senatve"), Doc. Dr. Dalius Serafinas (representative of Modern Home Building Cluster) and Mrs. Simona Tamele (Home Care manager of OrangeCare).

Providers of health care: Mrs. Danuta Baranovskaja (director at the Vilnius department of Lithuanian Nurses Association), Mrs. Iveta Miklyciene (head of the Department of Economy and Strategic Management at State Hospital of Panevezys).

Four members of Lithuanian Union of Pensioners "Bociai" - Mr. Petras Ruzgus, Mr. Donatas Papaurelis, Mr. Juozas Timas and Mr. Povilas Butkus.

Four representatives of the research sector: Mrs. Ingrida Geciene (director at Institute for Social Innovations), Mr. Edgaras Leichteris (expert at the Association of Knowledge Economy





Forum), Dr. Sarmite Mikulioniene (head of Lithuanian Social Research Centre) and Mr. Vladimir Novosad (director at Science and Innovation Centre).

CONTENT OF THE MEETING

Opening and welcome

A welcoming word was given by Mantas Vilys, the director of Lithuanian Innovation centre, who explained the general idea and importance of the HoCare project, it's objectives and the plan to fulfil them as well as the main functions and responsibilities of different stakeholder groups: it was expressed that the overall objective of HoCare project is a boost in the generation of innovative Home Care solutions in regional innovation chains by strengthening the cooperation of actors in regional innovation ecosystems using quadruple-helix approach; the role of the multistakeholder group was explained, mentioning that the group would be involved in policy learning activities, support development of the action plan and participate in it's implementation at a national level regarding the management of the political instrument. It was explained that 4 multistakeholder meetings will be organized with a purpose of actively involving the stakeholders during the course of the project, as the main objective of multi-stakeholder meetings is stakeholder learning. Dissemination measures would also be implemented and stakeholders would give feedback on project activities. Selected members of the Multi-stakeholder group will be invited to participate in project events such as interregional thematic workshops and high-level policy events. A word was given to parliamentary member Algirdas Sysas next, who expressed encouragement for such initiative and emphasized the importance of focusing on generation of innovation and innovative Home Care solutions, products and services, through public driven innovation processes.

Mr. Sysas was succeeded by Petras Ruzgus, the chairman of Lithuanian pensioners union "Bociai", who presented the perspective of elderly people. He explained that many elderly people are very active, full of ideas, knowledge and experience, which allows them to be valuable contributors in the development, promotion and implementation of innovative solutions in Home Care field.

Highlighting the problem

Mantas Vilys presented the situation of Home Care system in Lithuania, the main problems and challenges encountered when generating innovative Home Care solutions, products and services in the regional innovation chains. Statistical demographic data of Lithuania was then





provided, showing that Lithuanian society, as well as all the population of EU regions, is aging rapidly, causing numerous social changes and challenges, for which adequate innovative solutions need to be found. Those were said to be the reasons for this need of improvement of policy instruments related to Home Care as well as promotion of new ones, maximizing the potential of generation of innovative Home Care solutions, products andservices.

Afterwards, Mr. Vilys invited all the stakeholders to participate in a discussion about innovative Home Care solutions, products and services that are needed for Lithuania, the role of the government and the new forms of cooperation made possible by using quadruple-helix approach.

Discussion

The moderator of the discussion was Mr. Preiksa, expert - head of the Division of Social Policy and Economics at Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists.

First of all, Mr. Papaurelis suggested that the society's view on the elderly should be changed: that they are not a burden to society - they can be employed and empowered. He also mentioned the activities of the organization of pensioniers "Bociai". Mr. Papaurelis added, that pensioners would like to be a part of the quadruple-helix model in generating ideas and how the policy related to innovative Home Care solutions could be improved. After that Mr. Vilys was asked by the moderator to clearly explain what is a quadruple-helix model, with Mr. Leichteris contributing to the explanation.

Mrs. Mikulioniene stated that in order to introduce changes in Home Care, it is very important to cooperate using the quadruple-helix model. Mr. Besagirskas also added, that all the innovative solutions should be come only from cooperation of the members within the model. He illustrated his statement by mentioning some good examples from Scandinavian countries.

Mr. Zasciurinskas expressed that he felt that he was a representative of elderly people in the Parliament. He also suggested to unite in order to initiate changes in policy to improve the Home Care conditions in Lithuania. He also explained what the now existing policy system in Home Care area in Lithuania looks like. Mrs. Rickiene highlighted, based on her practice, what are the weak points in policy regarding Home Care situation in Lithuania.

Mr. Butkus was pleased with that there are many non-government organizations which are active in the field of Home Care in Lithuania. But then he also expressed his concerns that alone they are too weak for changes – there is a strong need for collaboration of government, business, community and science to generate new decisions and instruments to improve the situation.





Mr. Vilys asked the participants to identify the projects of good practice in applying innovations in Home Care using the quadruple-helix approach. Participants identified two such projects during the discussion - "Intellect. Joint science – business projects" and "Innovation vouchers".

Afterwards the discussion went about trying to identify the main actors of the innovation system which are related to Home Care the most, the strengths and weaknesses of each of them as well problematic areas within the subject.

At the end of discussion it was decided that each of the participants should come up with a good example of a project applying innovations in the field of Home Care by using quadruple-helix approach and send it to LIC by e-mail. Lastly, Mr. Vilys offered a few suggestions on how the activities of the working party could be continued in the future for reaching the objectives of HoCare project.

Closing words

Mr. Ruzgus gave a valedictory speech and thanked to all the participants, especially to the members of Lithuanian Parliament and the head of Lithuanian innovation centre, Mantas Vilys, for organising this meeting. He emphasized that there is hope for improvement in field of Home Care in Lithuania since a multi-stakeholder group like this will work together in attempt to develop new and improve the existing political measures and instruments directed at the promotion of the aging population and Home Care solutions, because as it is seen from the discussion there is a strong need for generation of innovative Home Care solutions and changes in Lithuania.





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