



Annex 1 – Action plan template

Produced by each region, the **action plan** is a document providing details on **how** the lessons learnt from the cooperation will be exploited in order to improve the policy instrument tackled within that region. It specifies the nature of the actions to be implemented, their timeframe, the players involved, the costs (if any) and funding sources (if any). If the same policy instrument is addressed by several partners, only one action plan is required.

Part I – General information

Project: TITTAN, Network for Technology, innovation and Translation in Ageing

Partner organisation: BIOEF, Basque Foundation for Health Innovation and Research.

Other partner organisations involved (if relevant): Several stakeholders

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Part II – Policy context

The Action Plan aims to impact:

-  Investment for Growth and Jobs programme
-  European Territorial Cooperation programme
-  Other regional development policy instrument

Name of the policy instrument addressed: 2014-2020 ERDF Operational Programme (OP) of the Basque Country

Part III – Details of the actions envisaged

ACTION 1

1. **The background** (please describe the lessons learnt from the project that constitute the basis for the development of the present Action Plan)

The Policy Instrument addressed in the TITTAN project (2014 – 2020 ERDF Operational Programme [OP] of the Basque Country,) is the linking bridge between the regional RIS3 strategy and the structural funds.

In this regard, this OP consists of a series of needs, thematic objectives and priority axes, among which, as stated in the project application form, Thematic Objective 1 (R+D+I) has a specific mention on boosting the R+D+I on ageing and health by promoting the technological convergence to fill gap markets on ageing, health and others, and one of the main issue for Thematic Objective 3 (to improve the competitiveness of the SMEs), is creating new services, products for ageing population, and health, being the use, quality and access to ICTs is a main feature.

In this sense, the several workshops and In-situ Visits held during the Phase 1 of the project, has allowed us to have the insight of different initiatives developed within the participating regions through the 3 Thematic Areas (TA) addressed by the project.

In this respect TA1 allowed us to get a deep view of the development of successful Innovative Procurement initiatives to support its regional development at the regional level by the Basque public health service (Osakidetza). The **IP protection and sharing strategy** has been the main learning issue in this sense.

Regarding TA2, innovation ecosystems focused on the regional research centres' market transference and further development has been analysed, and initiatives linking different sectors aiming to develop new products and services have been analysed through In-Situ Visits (i.e. C3-Saxony, where two research centres – IK4 and TECNALIA attended). The **supporting strategies to get different sectors bound and developing hand by hand common services and products** has been the main focus.

Thematic Area 3 has allowed us to contrast the level of development and success of the initiatives presented and developed at the Basque regional level, and the interest aroused by the “Living it Up” initiative should be highlighted. This platform, developed by the Scottish region, has been a remarkable finding for the Basque health service stakeholder, who has taken this initiative into account in order to develop new services in this area. One of the main interesting elements in this regard has been the **involvement and co-design strategies development** of the Scottish partners and stakeholders to get “on board” all the necessary players.

2. **Action** (please list and describe the actions to be implemented)

The regional Action Plan (AP) will be focused on the **support to the four strategic initiatives included in the regional RIS3 strategy deployment in the bioscience-health area**. These strategic initiatives (Innosasun, Baliosasun, Public procurement and EIPonAHA) are fully aligned with the 3 thematic areas developed in the TITTAN project. What is more, these initiatives have been presented during the different Workshops and In-Situ Visits performed in the project, being showed to several actors and getting insights from different perspectives.

The Thematic Objectives included in the regional policy instrument to be addressed make up the framework in which these initiatives are collected. On the one hand, Thematic Objective 1 (R+D+I) has a specific mention on boosting the R+D+I on ageing and health by promoting the technological convergence to fill gap markets on ageing, health and others. In this sense, the improvement and further development of initiatives such us Innosasun, Innovative Public Procurement, or Baliosasun will be supported. On the other hand, one of the main issue for Thematic Objective 3 (to improve the competitiveness of the SMEs), is creating new services, products for ageing population, and health, being the use, quality and access to ICTs is a main feature. The Scottish “Living it Up” initiative is being the basis for the development of a new Basque platform to promote patient empowerment – focused on chronic patients - and raise citizen's awareness about using new technologies for improving quality of life, along with the current programmes developed by the Basque health service and stakeholders (i.e. Kronikgune) supporting patient's empowerment such us “Osasun Eskola/School of Health, KronikON and Active Patient”, that have been presented in the project.

3. **Players involved** (please indicate the organisations in the region who are involved in the development and implementation of the action and explain their role)

Several stakeholders involved in the TITTAN project and RIS3 bioscience-health area will be influencing the Action Plan development and implementation.

Main players are:

- BIOEF, project partner and responsible of initiatives such as Innosasun and Baliosasun, and coordinating agent for the Basque health innovation and research, works closely with the Basque health service.
- Kronikgune, International Centre of Excellence in Chronicity Research. Stakeholder and international leader in healthcare service research projects and methodologies of the very highest scientific quality, generating new knowledge concerning the sustainable responses of healthcare and socio-healthcare systems to chronicity, working closely with the Basque health service.
- Osakidetza, the Basque public health service, responsible among others of patient empowerment programmes such as “Osasun Eskola/School of Health” and “Active Patient” that have been presented in the TITTAN’s 3rd Thematic Area. The Healthcare Integration and Chronicity Service is the main actor involved within Osakidetza, which will be developing a new Basque platform to promote patient empowerment based on elements of the Scottish “Liu” platform.

4. **Timeframe**

The action plan implementation is scheduled to begin on the 01/10/2018, and last until the 30/09/2020, although it is expected that the regional initiatives improved and created supported by the participation in the project will be ongoing in a larger timeframe.

5. **Costs** (if relevant)

6. **Funding sources** (if relevant):

Mainly own funds of the regional stakeholders, and when possible, funds linked to the RIS 3 strategy deployment and development.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Stamp of the organisation (if available): _____