



# EPP eHealth

## Welcome to the 6th European Procurers Platform (EPP): eHealth Newsletter!

Welcome to the sixth newsletter from the EPP-eHealth project team. The aim of this newsletter is to highlight progress to date, to encourage participation in the EPP-eHealth Stakeholder Survey, to make you aware of the dissemination activities the team have been involved in and to remind you that the videos and presentations from the Innovation Procurement Workshops on 11 & 12 May are available on the website.

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### EPP-eHealth Progress

The EPP-eHealth team have been working hard and to date the team have:

- Held 4 Consortium Meetings (Madrid, Krakow, Rotterdam and Brussels)
- Prepared a Stakeholder Survey – supply and demand side perspective
- Held three Peer Learning Workshops on Innovation Procurement (Madrid, Rotterdam and Brussels)
- Prepared a report of the first Public Procurement of Innovation Workshop – second coming soon!
- Produced six EPP-eHealth Newsletters
- Completed the review of eHealth demand side and produced a report outlining the findings
- Held two Community of Learning Visits (Krakow and Rotterdam)

Find out more about these activities: <http://innovationhospitals.com/KnowledgeArea.html>

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### EPP-eHealth Stakeholder Survey – Take Part!

The EPP-eHealth Stakeholder Survey is still live and we would welcome your participation!

The purpose of the survey is to understand the relative importance of identified unmet needs and the related barriers from both supply and demand side stakeholders, and highlight examples of best practice in eHealth.

You can find the survey links here:

Danish: <http://www.questionpro.com/t/AfJRZUssO>

English: <http://www.questionpro.com/t/AfJRZUgnF>

Polish: <http://www.questionpro.com/t/AfJRZUiN4>

Spanish: <http://www.questionpro.com/t/AfJRZUpNc>

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## European Parliament Magazine Article

The EPP-eHealth project has published an article entitled “A platform to transform adoption of eHealth” within the European Parliament Magazine. The article focuses on the barriers of improving the efficiency of healthcare systems and the cost of driving change.

The full article is available here:

<https://www.theparliamentmagazine.eu/articles/magazines/issue-435-30-may-2016>

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## International Conference on Integrated Care, Barcelona, Spain

### ‘A Movement for Change: Enabling People-Centered and Integrated Health and Social Care’

The conference brought together researchers, clinicians and managers from around the world who are engaged in the design and delivery of integrated health and social care. They shared experience and the latest evidence about integrating Public Health, Health and Social Care and the New roles and Possibilities for Hospitals, producing Positive and Curative Integrated Mental and Physical Care, mobilizing key enablers like policy making and Mobile and Digital Health Solutions, and investment in an Integrated Care Workforce, clinical leadership and coproduction with individuals, careers, communities and populations.

The conference was a partnership between The International Foundation of Integrated Care (IFIC), PIAISS of the Catalan Government, Hospital Clinic Barcelona (HCB), Forum ITSSS and the Tic Salut Foundation.

BravoSolution presented the EPP-eHealth project as part of the session ‘*Remote care management through digital health technologies*’ and displayed a poster which describes the EPP-eHealth project.

More information is available:

<http://integratedcarefoundation.org/events/icic16-16th-international-conference-integrated-care-barcelona>

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## EAFIP Workshop for Public Procurers in General Administration , Barcelona, Spain

The European Commission organised the *eafip* workshop which targeted public procurement authorities in general public services like public administration, and economic and financial affairs (ministries, regional and local authorities, public utility companies, etc.). The workshop was open to public contracting authorities who had the unique



chance to openly discuss unmet procurement needs, innovation concepts, and ideas.

BravoSolution took advantage of the event to network with social healthcare stakeholders and to make awareness of the project online survey.

More information is available:

[http://eafip.eu/events/workshops/general\\_sector\\_workshop/](http://eafip.eu/events/workshops/general_sector_workshop/)

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## Innovation Procurement Workshop Murcia Region, Spain



Organized in the framework of the READi for Health project, coordinated by TICBioMed, it was a good opportunity to get to know what the public procurement of innovation (CPI) is, the types of public procurement and its implementation in practical cases. BravoSolution presented the fundamentals of PPI and the objectives, research methodology and main outcomes of the EPP-eHealth project. TICBioMed is an eHealth cluster headquartered in the region of Murcia (Spain). Its members include the local public Healthcare system, 4 private hospitals, 3 Universities and more than 30 ICT companies. Murcia is a single province region of almost 1.5 M inhabitants. Its Healthcare organizations have mature eHealth solutions and the public provider is currently implementing a technology foundation based on interoperability, which makes it an attractive testbed for the incorporation of eHealth innovation.

More information available:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwClhqbnrTONcklLY1RjZXIGZEE/view?pref=2&pli=1>

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## Second Interview with Thomas Holme, Region Zealand, Denmark

Thomas Holme participated in a second interview with [www.zealanddenmark.eu](http://www.zealanddenmark.eu) – a Brussels based office set up by Region Zealand, a number of district councils and an industrial development organization.

The interview reflected on the Innovation Procurement Stakeholder Workshop held at the European Commission, DG Connect on 11 and 12 May 2016.

The headline of the article is “Health care staff and patients must participate in innovative procurement”.



The full article in Danish language is available via the link:

<http://www.zealanddenmark.eu/blog/nyhed/sundhedspersonale-og-patienter-skal-med-i-innovative-indkoeb/>.

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## La Paz University Hospital's Innovation Day, Madrid, Spain

Under the umbrella of the Project EPP-eHealth (GA 644461), Hospital Universitario La Paz hosted a workshop “CPP in eHealth in the healthcare environment” on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.



Hospital La Paz is committed to promoting the CPP and to involving the industry to cover the gap between the technology and the public sector users to gather innovative solutions to actual needs in public hospitals.

The event was welcomed by the Medical Director of Hospital La Paz, Dr. José María Muñóz and attended by Mrs Paloma Arriola, General Deputy Directorate of Health Technology Assessment and Innovation in the Madrid Region Health Ministry; Thomas O. Holm, Senior Procurement Consultant in Region Sjælland of Denmark and partner in the EPP eHealth Consortium, together with insights from Juan Alcantara – CEO of NUBBO-, and Francisco Rodríguez de Paula of Medtronic.

It was a perfect opportunity for networking between stakeholders of the innovation procurement process. The workshop was part of hospital activities to disseminate and publicize the project to the largest number of people involved and interested in tendering and public procurement and the activities of EPP-eHealth project.

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## Forum: Innovative Healthcare, Warsaw, Poland

The 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the national conference of the national Forum: Innovative Health Care (Forum: Innowacyjna Ochrona Zdrowia) organized by OSOZ (National System of Health) took place on 21-22 April 2016 in Warsaw. The conference brought together approximately 900 participants from across Europe, including health care institutions and companies related to the healthcare industry.

The Polish EPP-eHealth team (Marcin Kautsch, Mateusz Lichoń, Natalia Matuszak) moderated one of nine sessions on the second day. It was an opportunity to present to the wider public some of the results of the project, and to encourage participants to appreciate and open themselves to innovation procurement.



Characteristically demanding and solution-oriented, participants were most interested in local examples of successful innovation procurement, and legal framework in which e-health and PPI

functions. They were kind enough to render their help by filling out the survey, as well as share their own experiences with (innovation) procurement.

More information on the event is available:

<http://www.osoz.pl/osoz-konf/servlet/main/indexhtml>

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## **Innovative Technology Division Convention, Kielce, Poland**

On the 2nd June 2016, the 3rd Convention „Innovative Technology Division” (III Kongres „Nowoczesny Pion Techniczny”) took place near Kielce, Poland. Dr Marcin Kautsch of the EPP-eHealth team was one of the speakers addressing technical issues within Polish health care along with their possible solutions, and perspectives for development. Additionally, the convention served as a place to distribute the project stakeholder survey. Thanks everyone for contributions!

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## **SALMED Trade Fair: conference presentation, Poznań, Poland**

SALMED is the biggest medical equipment and instruments trade fair in Poland. It takes place yearly in Poznań, and it too place on 12-14 April 2016. The event is of interest to both manufacturers and buyers and it is a great platform to disseminate the results of the EPP-eHealth project. An indispensable element of the SALMED fair is a program of seminars and specialist conferences, along with workshops, lectures and business meetings. During one of the fair conferences „IT jako inwestycja. Podejście restrukturyzacyjne do informatyzacji” („IT as investment. Restructuring approach to computerisation”), Dr Kautsch gave a conference presentation „Jak innowacyjne zamówienia publiczne mogą wpłynąć na rozwój e- zdrowia. Bariery, możliwości, niezaspokojone potrzeby” („How public procurement of innovation can change e-health development. Barriers, opportunities and unmet needs”). The conference served as an occasion to engage participants in completing the project stakeholder survey for the next research stage of the project. Thank you!

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## **Publications in Polish journal OSOZ**

The Polish EPP-eHealth project team has been busy publishing articles and disseminating results of the EPP-eHealth project in a monthly journal OSOZ (English name: Polish Health Care Journal). OSOZ (Nationwide Health Care System) promotes an integral ICT system intended for prevention of disease, and more efficient health care. To date, four articles have been published:

- August 2015: “Innowacyjne Zamówienia Publiczne” (“Public Procurement of Innovation”) explained the concept along with benefits of this approach to buying.
- November 2015: “Kable i serwery, czyli e-zdrowie w Polsce” (“Cables and servers – about e-health in Poland”) took a critical look at the current state of digitalisation of Polish hospitals, referring some of the findings of the research on PPI in the country.

- January 2016: “Geograficzna interpretacja e-zdrowia” (“Geographical interpretation of e-health”) explained EC’s policies on e-health and its procurement, presenting some of the findings regarding understanding and role of e-health also in Denmark, Spain and the UK.
- May 2016: “Co o e-zdrowiu sądzą menedżerowie?” (“What do managers think about e-health?”) discussed preliminary results of the survey for Poland.

The articles are all available for free: [issuu.com/polishhealthcarejournal](http://issuu.com/polishhealthcarejournal)

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