

A warm welcome

**at Healthacross
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INITIATIVE HEALTHACROSS

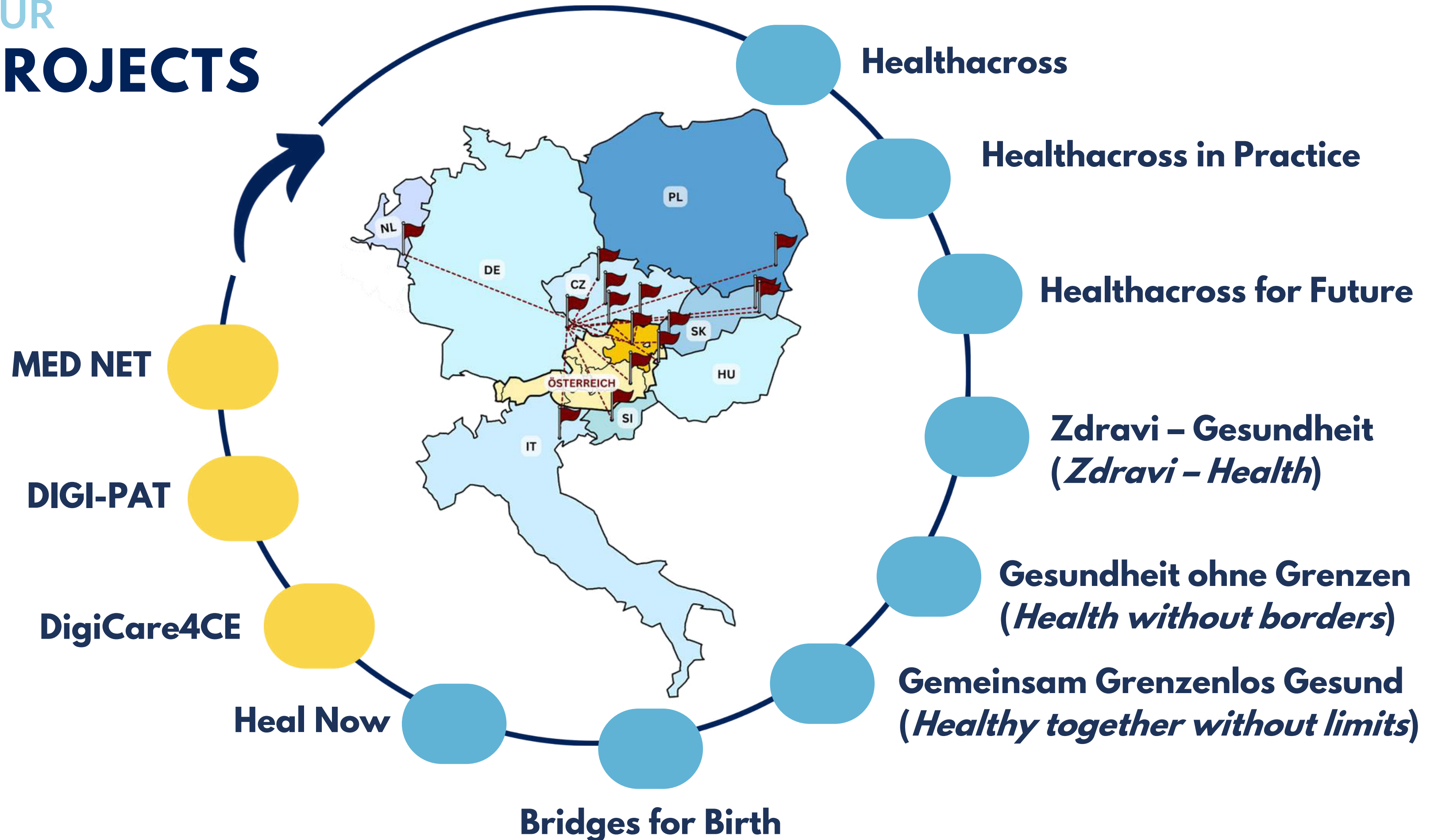
Our objectives

- Establishing and securing long-term international cooperation in the healthcare sector
- Initiation and implementation of innovative cross-border EU projects in the healthcare sector
- Simplification of cross-border healthcare and patient mobility
- Cross-border and international networking activities

Our Vision:
Healthcare without borders!

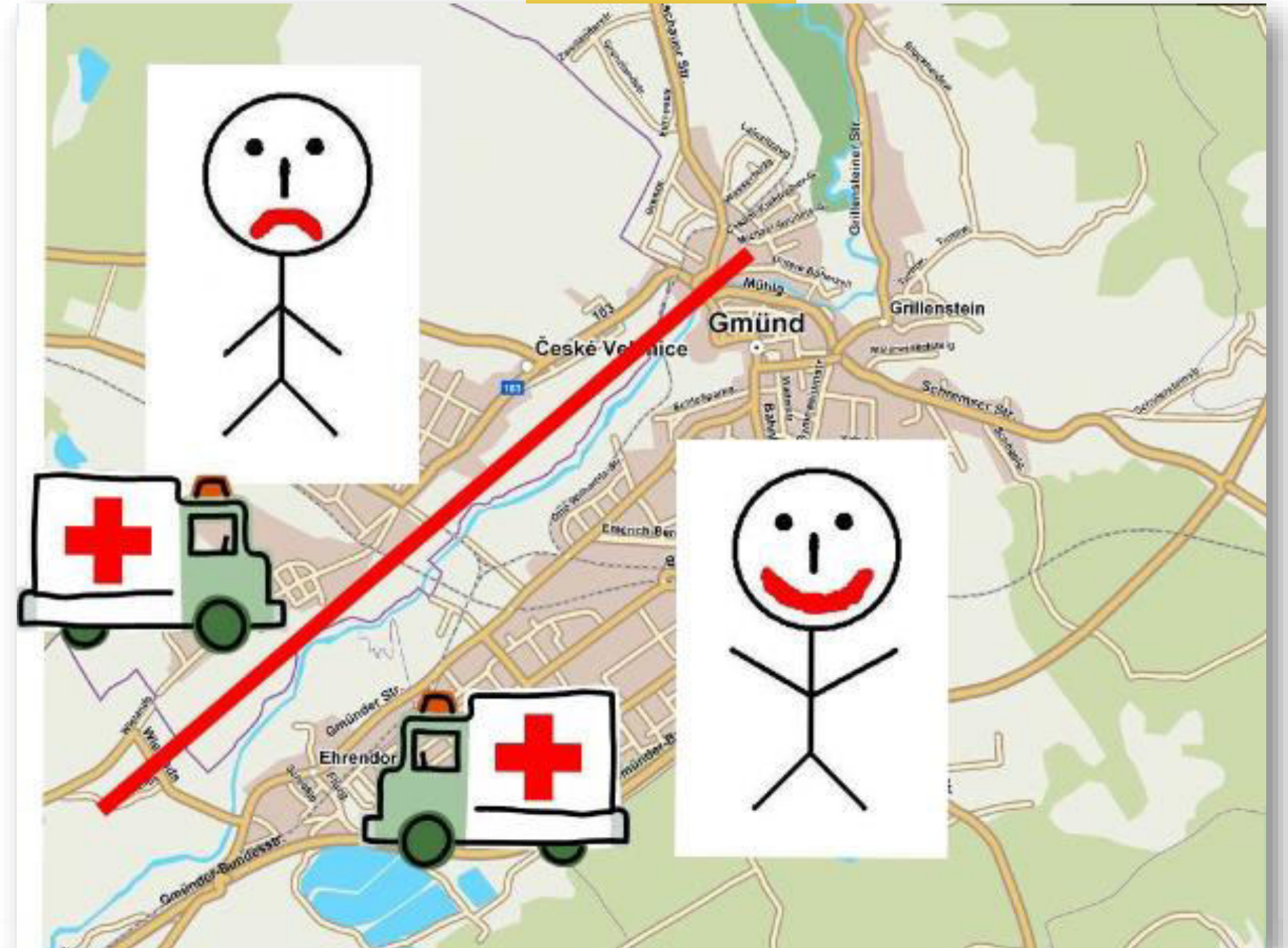


OUR PROJECTS



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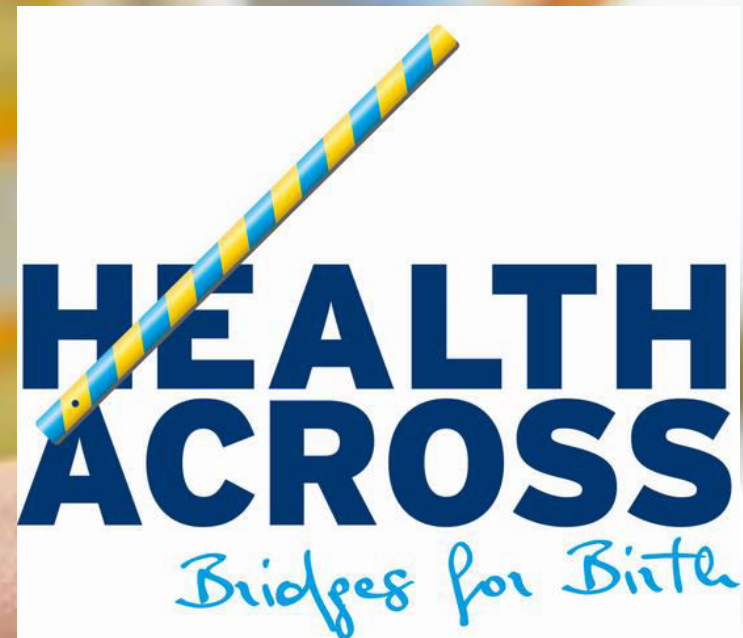




- „**Healthacross for Future**“ from 2017 – 2021
- Cross-border patient care
- Inpatient treatment of Czech patients
- Cross-border health centre







Bridges for Birth





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Austria-Hungary

European Union – European Regional Development Fund

HEAL NOW



- Cooperation in the field of cross-border healthcare between Austria and Hungary
- Pilot project in the field of digital pathology between the regional hospital in Wiener Neustadt and the hospital in Sopron
- Initiation of a proposal for a framework agreement on cross-border cooperation in emergency services

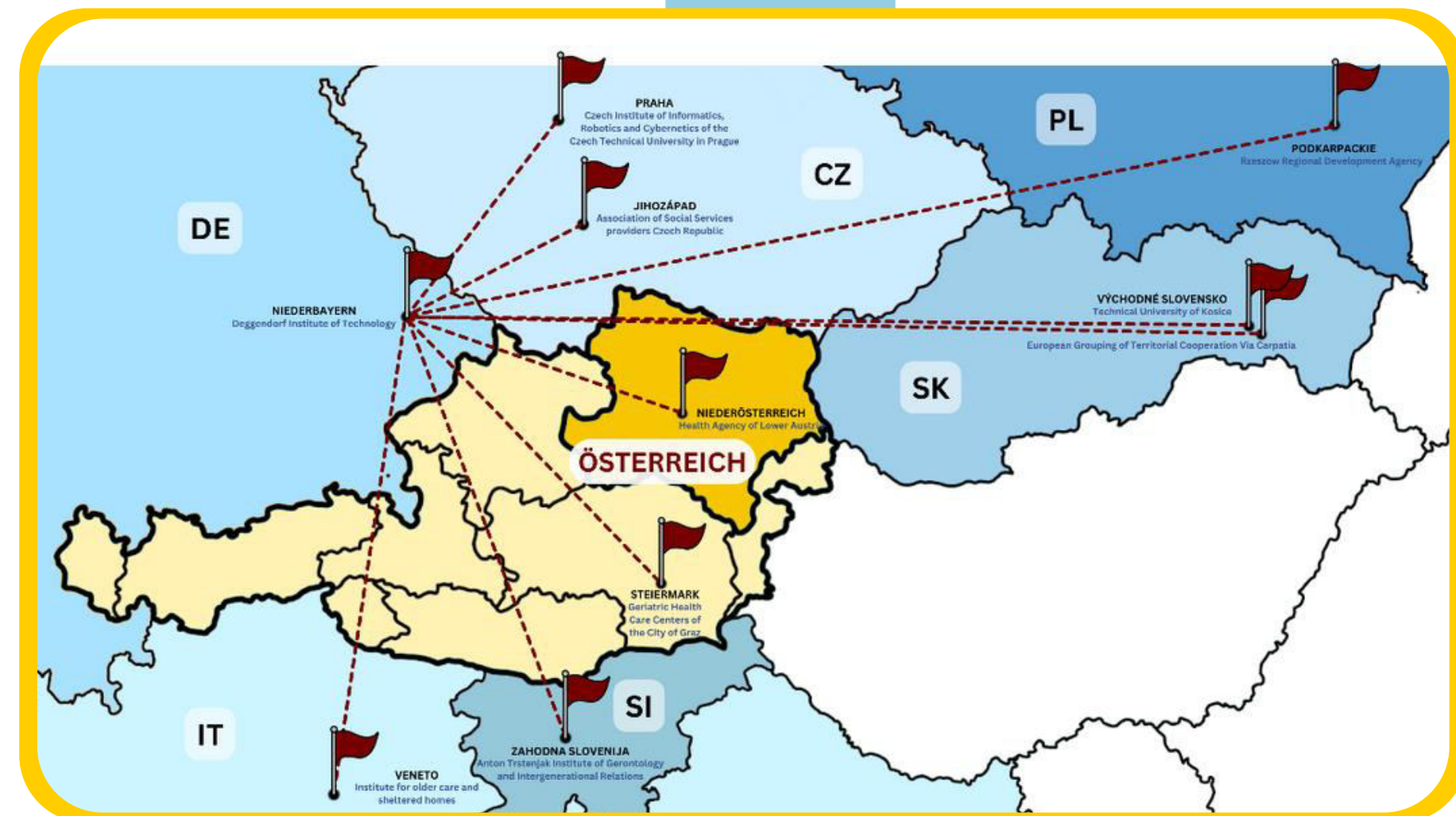
ABOUT DigiCare4CE

Advancing the introduction of digital solutions and technologies in long-term care facilities through a transnational project consortium

Project duration:
3 years (March 2023 to February 2026)

Project budget:
EUR 2.18 million

Budget Lower Austria:
EUR 272,500 (80% ERDF co-financing)



PROJECT GOALS

DigiCare4CE

- Supporting the digital transformation of care facilities through the joint development and application of a transnational strategy to improve digitalisation in the care sector (**DigiCare4CE model**)
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- Joint testing of digital innovations for local care facilities (**pilot programme**)
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- Development of **customised innovation plans** and **improvement of innovation capacity** in participating care facilities



3D Smart Sensor

ABOUT DIGI-PAT

Structural reform of organisational and process models
in digital pathology for person-centred and holistic
cancer care

Project duration:

2 years

(Kick-Off: January 2024)

Project budget:

€450,000 (100% financed from
European funds)

Project initiator:

**Health Agency of Lower Austria /
Initiative Healthacross**

Programme:

Technical Support Instrument (TSI)

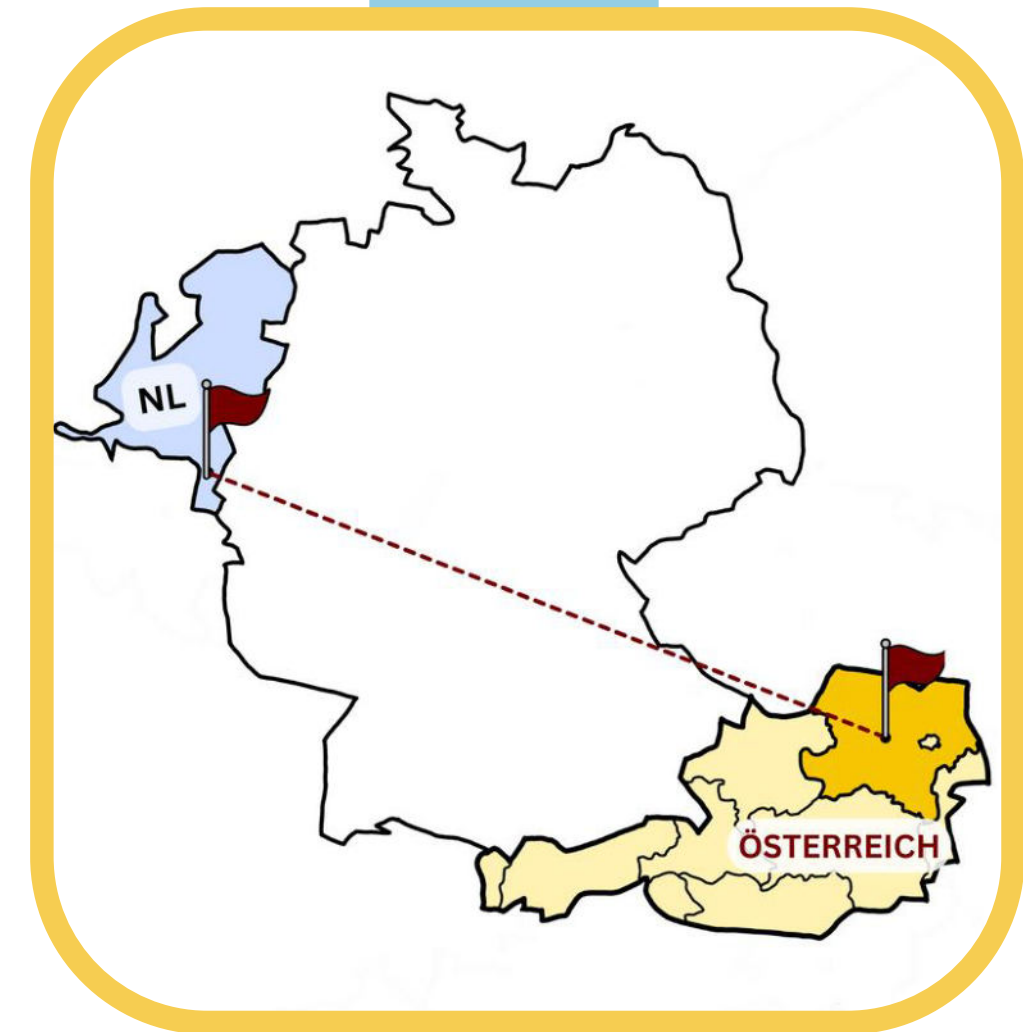
Project supervision & administration:

DG Reform (on the part of the EC)

External expert & project partner:

European Commission

Maastricht University Medical Centre



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Aims & key aspects

Shaping a path towards digital pathology throughout Lower Austria

Transferability to other EU regions



- 1 Analysis** of current **pathological** (internal & external) **workflows** and processes
- 2** Development of a **digital process model** for the most efficient working processes possible in the future – including train-the-trainer activities
- 3** Development of a **roadmap** for the gradual implementation of digital pathology throughout Lower Austria
- 4 Support** in the preparation of tender documents

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Processes in pathology



Analysing and describing current internal and external processes and workflows

- In-depth and comprehensive **assessment and description of the pathological institutes**, including their internal workflows and processes
- Survey and **analysis** of **cooperation** with external **pathological institutes and providers**
- **Assessment** of the various internal and external **interfaces**

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Digital process model

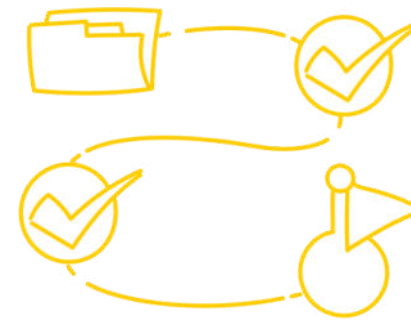


Development of a new digital process model, tailored to the future digitalised way of working

- Based on current processes, procedures, own experience and technical knowledge, **a new process model is developed that is tailored to the future digital way of working**
- **Adaptation of the process model** to "special features" of Lower Austria
- Inclusion of **international good-practice examples**
- Ongoing **train-the-trainer activities** with pathological staff

3

Roadmap



Roadmap for the gradual implementation of digital pathology

Contents of the roadmap:

- **Recommendations** regarding necessary **infrastructure**
- Speed of implementation incl. **timeline and monitoring**
- Necessary **use of resources**
- Possible **future organization** of **cooperation** with external institutes and providers
- **Artificial intelligence components** as an option for the future

ABOUT

Healthacross MED NET

The aim is to further deepen an efficient network and close partnership between the regions on specific topics and pilot projects in the border region

Project duration:

3 years (October 2023 to September 2026)

Project budget:

€530,725.20 (80% financed from European funds – EFRD)

Project partner:

- Lower Austrian Health Agency – Healthacross initiative
- South Moravia region
- Vysočina region
- Hospital Znojmo
- South Bohemia region (strategic partner)



KEY POINTS

Healthacross MED NET

Cross-border palliative care



Digital cross-border training



Cross-border hospital cooperation in the field of
invasive cardiology



RESULTS

Healthacross MED NET

- Development of a cross-border network on palliative care
 - Road Map "Palliative Care"
- Development of strategies for a joint training centre & promotion of education and research through digital technologies
 - Cooperation between the hospitals in Melk and Znojmo
- Development of joint cross-border cooperation on the topic of "Invasive cardiology"
 - Road map for invasive cardiological treatment



CROSS-BORDER

Palliative care

Development of a cross-border network on palliative care

- Joint development of ideas & concepts
- Supplementing existing structures
- Exchange with stakeholders in palliative care
- Exchange of experience on the topic of training in palliative medicine and care



=> Development of a
Road Map “Palliative Care”

CROSS-BORDER

Training centre

Development of a concept for a virtual training centre

- Improving cooperation between hospitals

Participation in a joint training programme

- Symposium, training, further education event

Cooperation between Znojmo Hospital and Melk Hospital



CROSS-BORDER

Invasive cardiology



- Cross-border cooperation for the **establishment of a centre for invasive cardiology** at Znojmo Hospital
- joint **workshop** at the Znojmo hospital:
Confidence-building measures – in the medical and social field of
"invasive cardiology"

=> Development of a
Road Map "Invasive Cardiology"

- Carrying out needs and patient analyses



WHY cross-border?



High-quality care close to home

- Pilot projects should have a direct impact on the population in the border regions



Knowledge transfer

- Valuable exchange between the regions



Optimising costs

- Common use and better utilisation of resources

AWARDS



Innovation Award

2008

2010

European Health Award



Open Day Brussels

2011

2013

Prague



Alpbach

2015

AWARDS

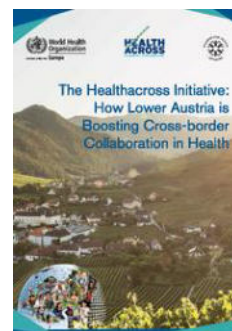


Staatsvertrag Rettungswesen
(*State treaty on rescue services*)

2016

2018

WHO RHN Brochure



Interreg Project Slam

2019

2022

Finalist Europe State Prize



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