

A joint session of 3 EU large scale pilots



## Evidence and decision making when going beyond pilots

**Wednesday 14 May 2014, 14:00 – 16:00, Hall 3**

**Session Abstract:** We learn from the past by looking towards the future. Some of those forward-looking visions are provided by several large-scale initiatives that have been launched with the financial support of the European Commission. Their aim is to deploy innovative telemedicine services and integrated care services, both in real life and in a large diversity of European regions. Three initiatives are introduced in this session. The objectives of these projects are: to provide evidence of clinical effectiveness and quality of life improvement emerging from specific interventions in different settings; and to assess economic and organisational outcomes. The experience of **Renewing Health** demonstrates that some evidence can be provided through an approach that uses Randomized Controlled Trials. However, to better assess the economic and organisational impacts of an intervention, a real-life based approach is needed. This is one of the lessons that both **United4health** and **Smart Care** have learned, and are applying. **Smart Care** adds a social care dimension to that of health care.

**Moderator:** *Antoni Dedeu Baraldes, Digital Health Institute, Scotland  
(formerly, Ministry of Health of Catalunya)*

**Presentations** (20' for each of the 4 speakers for presenting their message and answering questions)

- **Looking at a care continuum**  
Message: The integration challenge – bringing together the care and cure sectors  
*Albert Alonso, International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC) (Spain)*
- **Renewing Health – Large-scale evaluation of telemedicine services in nine European Regions**  
Message: Why did we find a combination of positive and negative results in Renewing Health?  
*Christina Wanscher, Renewing Health, (Denmark)*
- **Applying Evidence-Based Medicine with Telehealth – the clinician view**  
Message: Assessing the impact of telehealth/telemedicine either via an RCT or an observational study – the voice of a clinician  
*Assist. Prof. Alexandra Bargiota, United4Health, (Greece)*
- **Traditional care + ICT => expensive traditional care: the need for service redesign**  
Message: Innovation in health care and social care – the need for service re-design  
*Marco d'Angelantonio, Smart Care, (Belgium)*

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#### Panel (30' discussion)

- **Initial comments (5' each) from the perspective of**
  - **A public authority:** Antoni Dedeu Baraldes, Digital Health Institute, Scotland (formerly, Ministry of Health of Catalunya)
  - **The European eHealth Stakeholder Group:** Stephan Schug, EHTEL
- **Discussions including all speakers**

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