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| **Project information** |
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| **CALL FOR PROPOSALS** | 1st  |
| **Priority:** | 2 Social and economic development |
| **Specific objective:** | 2.2 Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family and community based care |
| **Jems Code:** | RORS00093 |
| **Project title:** | **COPE - Cross Border Practices on integrated socio-medical services** |
| **Acronym:** | **COPE** |
| **Duration[[1]](#footnote-1):** | 19.12.2024 – 18.12.2026 (24 months) |
| **Interreg IPA****contracted funds:** | **€ 1.989.915,65** |
| **TOTAL contracted funds:** | **€** **2.341.077,26** |
| **Absorption rate (%)[[2]](#footnote-2):** | **%** (The rate will be updated after the final project report is approved.) |
| **Project overall objective(s):** | - Development and implementation of measures to improve accessibility effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems and long-term care services across borders;- Investments in building/renovation/endowment of healthcare facilities (including laboratories);- Know-how exchange and capacity building activities (joint trainings, conferences, workshops).- Investment in improving healthcare and long-term care services for the elderly, through home care and community-based care services. |
| **Short description:** | This project addresses a critical gap in medico-social care, particularly for patients facing social difficulties. Many individuals in need of chronic illness management, palliative care, or post-surgical recovery lack proper support, placing a heavy burden on families or, in some cases, leaving patients without care. This can lead to complications and an undignified end, which contradicts fundamental human rights.The project aims to reduce disparities in healthcare accessibility and improve medical infrastructure and equipment across the cross-border region. By developing four public services—three in Timișoara and one in Novi Becej—it will enhance the quality of both health and social care systems:1. Establishing a **residential medico-social service** in Timisoara for individuals with social difficulties who require medical care for chronic illnesses, palliative support, or post-surgical recovery.
2. Developing **specialised palliative care** as an outpatient service for adults in Timisoara.
3. Introducing **a mobile medical unit** to provide healthcare services in Timisoara and surrounding areas.
4. Expanding an existing **day care centre** in Novi Becej by adding a residential medico-social care component for elderly individuals in need of chronic illness management or post-surgical recovery.

To support these services, two buildings—one in Timisoara and one in Novi Becej—will be renovated and expanded. These infrastructure investments will ensure high-quality facilities with improved energy efficiency, greater comfort, and the use of renewable energy sources. Additionally, medical equipment, furniture, and necessary supplies will be provided for the new centres to enhance service delivery.The project adopts an integrated approach, ensuring that patients with social and medical vulnerabilities receive continuous support after being discharged from hospitals until they fully recover or can care for themselves at home. A key focus is on expanding palliative care, a relatively new but essential component of medical services in both countries. By strengthening techniques and methodologies in this field, specialists working in partner institutions will gain new expertise to improve patient care.Through cross-border collaboration and knowledge exchange, this initiative will introduce innovative models of medical and social assistance, benefiting adults—including the elderly—who require long-term care. By developing complementary healthcare and social services, the project ultimately aims to improve quality of life and promote dignity in care for vulnerable individuals. |
| **Concrete results achieved by the project:** | (The results will be updated after the final project report is approved.) |

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| **PARTNER 3:** | Residential Institution for mental health ”Sveti Vasilije Ostroski Cudotvorac” | Serbia | Central Banat  | 523.324,30 | Marsala Tita no. 44, Novi Becej, Serbiadom@domsvoc.rs <https://domsvoc.rs/>  |

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1. the implementation period (including extensions) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. total funds spent/total funds contracted \*100 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)