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THIRD AND FINAL REGHEALTH-RI WORKSHOP ORGANISED IN ZAGREB

The European Regions' Network for Health Research and Innovation (RegHealth-RI), organised its third and final project workshop in Zagreb on 30-31 May 2016. With six months left of the project duration, the aim of this final workshop was to discuss and build upon the evidence produced by the project activities to date in order to feed into the messages, conclusions and recommendations which will be conveyed during the Final Conference in Brussels on 20 October. Topics explored in detail included how to facilitate and promote synergies between Horizon 2020 and ESIF and the available means to support the participation of less-performing EU countries in Horizon 2020.

The workshop was attended by Project Partners, Associated Partners, Advisory Board Members and external invited experts from in total 16 EU Member States. The aims of the workshop were to:

- Identify successful cases of synergies between H2020 and ESIFs to further provide new initiatives to facilitate and promote synergies between both funding instruments.
- Provide well-based actions and initiatives aimed at influencing H2020 programme and supporting the increase of success in the participation of less-performing EU regions.
- Define and plan actions aimed at improving health R&I in less-performing EU regions.
- Analyse and discuss on the design and organization of the Final Conference of RegHealth-RI project, with a main focus on conclusions and policy recommendations arising from the project implementation.

The first day of the workshop included presentations from external experts on successful examples of synergies between Horizon 2020 and ESIF. Examples included synergy creation between Marie Curie actions (COFUND) and ESIF, the concept of Research Infrastructures and examples of different types of synergies (sequential, parallel, upstream, downstream etc.). This was followed by a second subject block, focusing on feasible ideas and measures to widen the participation of less-performing EU regions in H2020. The discussion was initiated through discussion groups between the workshop participants, approaching the issue from different perspectives (Public Research Organizations; Industry and Business Sector; and Policy & Regional Funding Institutions). During the second day, participants were again divided into discussion groups to discuss how to improve health R&I in less performing EU regions.

The outcomes of the three project workshops, and the conclusions from the State-of-the-art report on Health R&I in Europe will form the basis for the messages and policy recommendations to convey during the Final Conference in Brussels on 20 October, the practicalities of which were discussed with all participants during the final day of the workshop.

For further information about the RegHealth-RI project, please see the [project website](#) or contact the coordinators on info@innovatec.es.



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