



HOPE

European Hospital and Healthcare Federation



Membership Organization

- ❑ **Created in 1966 in Rome**
- ❑ **37 organizations: in the 28 EU Member States + Switzerland and Serbia**
- ❑ **Covering almost 80% of hospital activity in the EU and almost all the research developed in hospitals but not only hospitals...**

Main activities

Influence and Representation

What:

- ❑ EU has influence on hospitals and healthcare
- ❑ HOPE checks within its members the impact produced at the national level
- ❑ If relevant, an official position is presented

How:

- ❑ Participation in public consultations
- ❑ Direct contacts with Commission
- ❑ Amendments
- ❑ Partnerships and joint actions
- ❑ Advisor in projects, boards and programmes

Knowledge and Exchange

- ❑ Comparative studies (produced internally or in EU Projects)
- ❑ Publications, newsletter and website
- ❑ Exchange Programme for health professionals and Study Tours
- ❑ Conferences
- ❑ EU Projects

Hospital Network for Care across Borders in Europe

HoNCAB project



*Support creation of pilot **network of hospitals**
related to **payment of care**
for **cross border patients***

- Start: 1 September 2012
 - End: 29 February 2016
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EU Directive on patient's rights in cross-border healthcare

25 October 2013

deadline for transposition into Member States' national laws

Background



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Objectives:

- Clarify patients' rights with regard to accessing cross-border healthcare provision;
- Guarantee the safety, quality and efficiency of care that patients receive in another EU Member State;
- Promote cooperation between Member State on healthcare matters

Uncertainties about the practical implications of the Directive, especially when it comes to payment and reimbursement of healthcare services.



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9 European countries

Austria

Belgium

France

Germany

Greece

Hungary

Italy

Malta

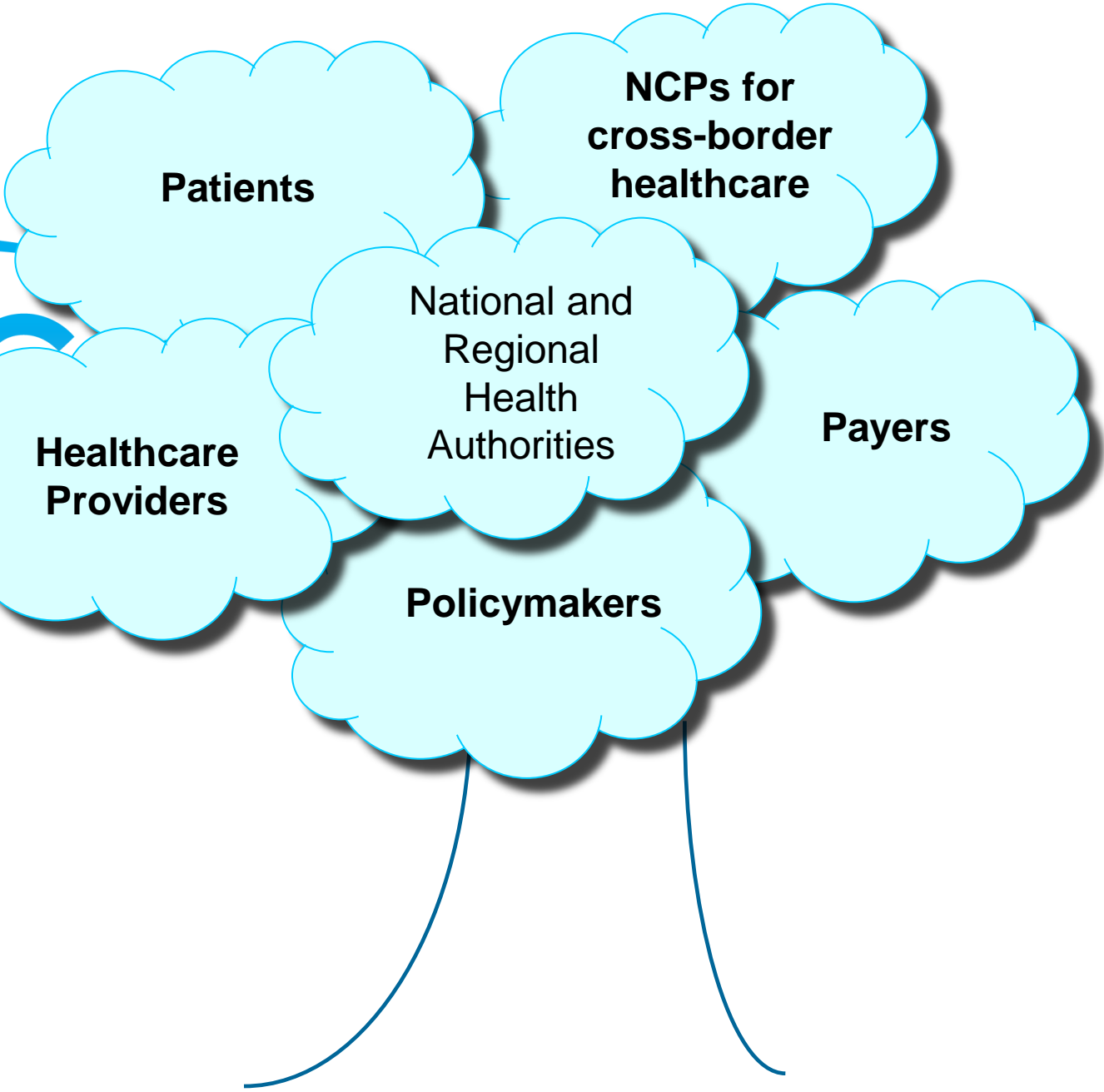
Slovenia

20 associated partners

16 collaborating partners



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Specific Objectives



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Recommendations (WP9)

Compendium of results for policy makers and Handbook for Hospitals.

Knowledge management system (WP4-WP5)
- a system to receive feedback from cross-border patients on quality of care and reimbursement,
- a web-based application for hospitals to collect and exchange relevant information according to pre-defined variables such as socio demographic, health-related and administration variables.

Network of Hospitals (WP6)
Share practical experiences, problems and solutions related to cross-border healthcare for hospitals receiving a significant number of cross-border patients

Diagnoses Related Groups (DRGs) (WP7)
Compare differences between Diagnoses Related Groups (DRGs) categories and tariffs

Investigate existing experience of cross-border care (WP8)
Investigate existing experience of cross-border care with focus on “direct” cross-border healthcare and “health tourism”



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Creation of the Network

- The **Hospital Network for Care Across Borders** in Europe was created in 2012 as part of the HoNCAB project which aims at supporting the creation of pilot network of hospitals related to payment of care for cross-border patients. This Network of Hospitals has been founded by **hospitals from 5 European countries** and by the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation.
- The Network is bringing together hospitals interested in the issue of cross-border healthcare and allowing the participating members to share their practical experience of the opportunities and critical issues of cross-border care, as well as possible solutions.



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Objectives of the Network

- To **exchange good practices** on the management of cross-border healthcare, problems identified and possible solutions
- To **access and contribute to the creation of updated and not easily available information on cross-border healthcare**, in order to address the issue of limited data on patients' flow and determinants of patients' mobility.



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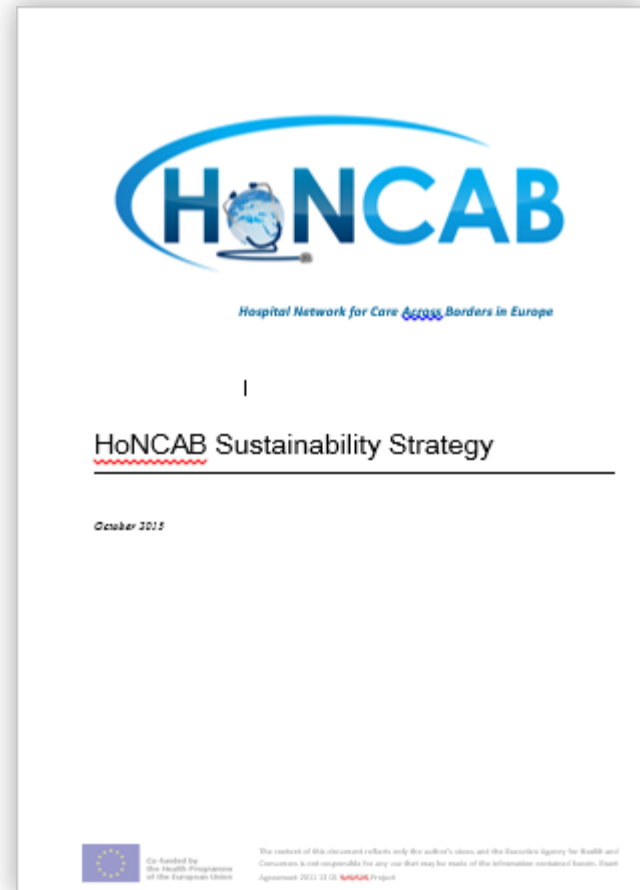
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Core values of the Network

- ✓ The respect of EU health systems common values identified in the 2006 Council conclusions on “Common values and principles in EU health system”:
 - Universal access to healthcare;
 - Access to good quality care;
 - Equity;
 - Solidarity.
- ✓ The respect of the main values for a successful cooperation between partners: professionalism, trust, respect, impartiality and transparency;
- ✓ The preservation of the confidentiality of any document, information or other material directly related to the subject of the Network that is classified as confidential, if disclosure could prejudice the members of the Network;
- ✓ The respect of patients’ informed consent, privacy and choices;
- ✓ The commitment to the improvement of the quality of services.

The need of implementing a Sustainability Strategy

- Collaboration among hospitals with the aim to **share good practices and to tackle arising issues remains today crucial.**
- Such continuing cooperation will enable hospitals:
 - to better prepare and tailor services according to the needs of cross-border patients.
 - to adapt their activity to a future growing demand for cross-border healthcare services.



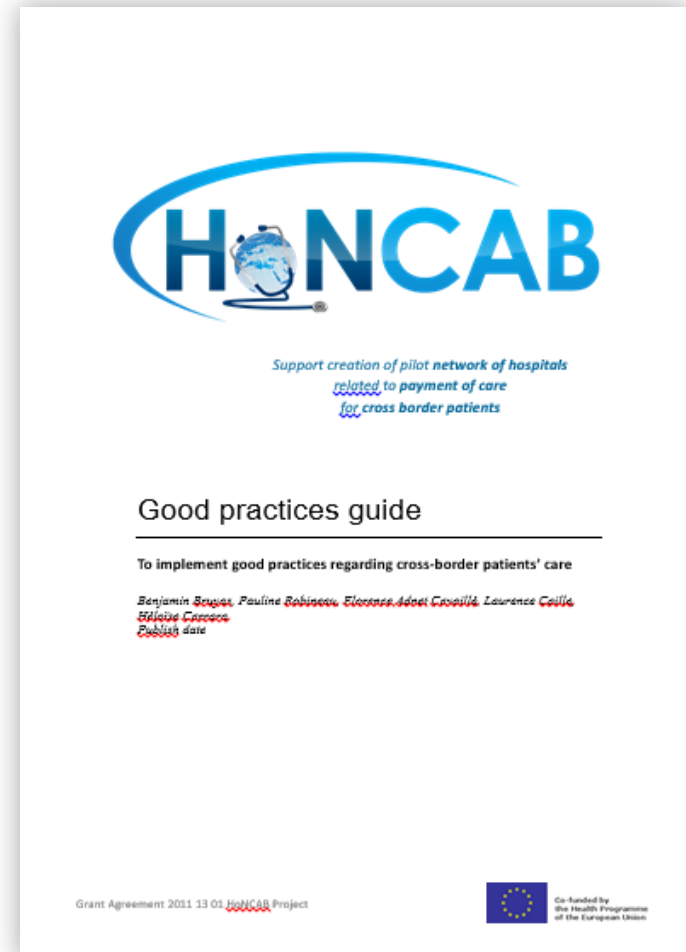
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Future activities of the Network's members

- **Continue the data collection** made through the **Web-based application** and management of the collected information
- **Periodic reviews of the Good practice Guide**
- **Share of information** regarding patients' satisfaction on the basis of the **collaboration with the National Contact Points** and other relevant stakeholders
- **Continue the dissemination** to raise awareness on the existence and activities of the network, and attract new members.



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To get more information about the Network, please consult the HoNCAB website at the following link :

<http://honcab.eu/network-of-hospitals/>

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