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The IMPROVE Project Hosts the 2nd Community Stakeholder Workshop in Lecce: Advancing Value-Based Health Care

Lecce, Italy – May 30, 2025 – The 2nd Community Stakeholder Workshop of the European-funded IMPROVE Project will take place on June 5, 2025, in Lecce, Italy, starting at 2:45 p.m. at Agriturismo Li Calizzi Arte & Natura in Novoli (LE) and bringing together European healthcare stakeholders to share the progresses and align on the next steps for the large-scale adoption of value-based health care (VBHC) through digital innovation. This event will be held within the IMPROVE consortium meeting and will be jointly hosted by Dedalus and the Regional Strategic Agency for Health and Social Services (AReSS Puglia).

The IMPROVE project, funded under the EU's Horizon Europe IHI program and coordinated by Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, aims to foster the transformation of healthcare delivery by integrating Patient Generated Health Data (PGHD) into clinical practice to drive outcome-based, patient-centered care. IMPROVE focuses on enhancing decision-making and innovation using real-world data and digital platforms that support patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs), patient-reported experience measures (PREMs), and patient-preference information (PPI) across diverse clinical contexts.

Dedalus leads the breast cancer use case with the COREHealth Platform

Dedalus is leading one of the project's main use cases, whose technological support is entrusted to the COREHealth platform operating in the Puglia region. This use case, focused on the breast cancer care pathway, represents a concrete example of how digital tools can make VBHC operational in real clinical settings by improving care coordination, remote monitoring, and the integration of patient-reported insights into treatment pathways.

This Use Case involves several specialized Breast Units and Oncological Orientation Centers (COro), operational structures of the Oncology Network (ROP) of the Puglia region. These pilots will gather real-time data on patient-reported outcomes and experiences to optimize clinical workflows and health system sustainability.

AReSS: Regional Leadership and Integration

AReSS Puglia is responsible for supervising the COREHealth platform of services and collaborates closely with hospitals and healthcare facilities across the Puglia region to ensure the effective implementation of the COREHealth platform of services.

Engaging the community for impact

The event in Lecce will provide a forum for policy makers, clinicians, digital health experts, and patient associations to:

- Review the progresses of the IMPROVE project's use cases
- Discuss challenges and lessons learned from digital VBHC implementation

- Explore the future of PGHD, AI, and telemedicine in chronic disease management
- Strengthen the alignment between stakeholders at regional, national, and EU levels

“The regional context of Puglia, where we will validate the methodologies and tools for the effective management of patient-generated health data, represents a very complex and challenging healthcare ecosystem for the IMPROVE project. The Community Stakeholder Workshop is therefore an interesting and constructive opportunity for discussion on the development of the Improve Framework and its actual implementation” said Davide Guerri, the Dedalus coordinator for the IMPROVE project.

About IMPROVE

The IMPROVE project brings together public and private stakeholders to create a scalable, interoperable digital health framework that integrates patient-generated and clinical data for better care outcomes. With 10 use cases across 5 disease areas, the project aims to prove the viability and value of a truly patient-centered European healthcare model.

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