

COMPREHENSIVE CANCER INFRASTRUCTURES 4 EUROPE

SUSTAINING THE SOLUTIONS

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INTRODUCTION: THE IMPORTANCE OF GRANTING CONTINUITY AND LONG-TERM IMPACT BEYOND EU FUNDING

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WHY WE MUST PLAN BEYOND THE PROJECT:

Ensuring grant continuity and long-term impact is essential to truly maximize the value of publicly funded projects.

When a project ends, the knowledge, tools, and collaborations it generated risk being lost unless there is a clear strategy for sustainability.

Continuity allows successful initiatives to mature, reach new audiences, and influence policy and practice beyond the initial scope.

Moreover, **long-term impact ensures that investments made through EU funding lead to structural change**, systemic innovation, and lasting benefits for society, the economy, and future research efforts.

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- Development of a digital self-assessment interface (Maturity Web Tool)

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POST-PROJECT FUNDING STRATEGIES:

EUROPEAN OPPORTUNITIES

- Cascade funding/open calls (with other Horizon Europe projects) partnerships
 - European Partnership for Health research (THCS)
 - European Partnership for Personalised (EPperMed)
 - Innovative Health Initiatives (IHI)
- Digital Europe Programme
- Interreg for territorial aspects
- Marie Curie Actions
- ERASMUS +
- Cost Actions

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL FUNDING

- Structural funds (European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Social Fund ESF)
- National and ministerial innovation calls
- Regional development initiatives

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

- Sponsorships for training and conferences
- Co-creation of training modules with private sector stakeholders

TAKE AWAY



- **Agreement on the main results to ensure clarity on what should be sustained.**
- **Develop a sustainability plan to maintain knowledge, tools, and collaborations beyond the project's end.**
- **Rotate coordination among OECI members to foster shared ownership and long-term engagement.**
- **Involve the Young Researchers Board to promote continuity, innovation, and leadership development.**
- **Create an action plan outlining concrete steps to achieve sustainability and long-term impact.**

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