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CAPITALIZATION MEETING

On March 7th, 2022, the Cluster Saude de Galicia, CSG, organized the first hybrid capitalization meeting for the Interreg Atlantic project neuroATLANTIC. During this meeting, one representative from Bahia Software joined the meeting in-person at FEUGA in Santiago de Compostel. The other participants joined the meeting online.

The meeting started with a presentation about the project. neuroATLANTIC intends to address the immense impact of neurological diseases, with a special focus on Alzheimer's Disease and Stroke. The project aims to combine the scientific and technological capabilities found in the neurology field within the Interreg Atlantic Area.

- It includes four countries → Spain, Portugal, Ireland, and France.
 - Different categories of stakeholders, including clinical excellence, exploitation, and capitalization.

The CSG was also shortly presented; the reason for this was to show how the CSG represents the ecosystem and what its relation is to the neuroATLANTIC project.

Afterwards, statistical data about the global and Spanish neurology field was discussed to show the importance of acknowledging the prevalence of neurodegenerative diseases, and how the neuroATLANTIC project elaborates on the issues imposed and opportunities created by this prevalence. It is visible that there are clear connections between the overall global neurology field and the Spanish one. The presentation is ended by giving a summary of the main results achieved so far and the advantages of being part of the neuroATLANTIC platform.

Feedback

Tomás, the project's leader, explains that for the project there are two main deliverables of the project that are important:

1. **The green paper** → covers all the diagnostic and therapeutic guidelines found in the Interreg Atlantic Area for stroke and Alzheimer's (dementia).
2. **The exploitation plan** → is still to be developed and includes information on how different stakeholders can collaborate within the project and exploit the results of the project.
 - After this exploitation plan has been created, there will be a meeting/symposium, where these are presented. Interesting to invite all the stakeholders that showed interest, as well as the consortium members.
 - The probable date for this meeting is somewhere at the beginning of June but needs to be coordinated with the CSG.
 - Tomás emphasizes that for this stage of the project, patient associations are very important.
 - After this meeting, the project will continue until the end of the year, and it can be proved how the results are being incorporated into the industry.
 - After this, it is possible to go on with the project as a new call, which could lead to new projects, can include new stakeholders and partners.

Questions:

Juan Pietro: how will the project consortium promote the collaboration between different stakeholders specifically? How can the stakeholders that showed interest exploit these results?

- There are different levels of collaboration:
 - First of all, by sharing the research results from the consortium via these meetings helps to put the interested stakeholders in contact with the consortium members. Thus, this way the interested stakeholders can get to know the consortium members, make connections, and find out if collaboration is possible.
 - Secondly, besides exploiting the research results, this project will also lead to other projects in the future and the interested companies are then first in line in case they are interested to participate.
 - She then explains that even though we are hosting these capitalization meetings per country in collaboration with the consortium members, all interested companies are free to join the meetings in other countries and that connections can be made cross-border.
 - Tomás adds to this that it is important to combine our strengths, as it often happens that people are working on similar research. Thus, by collaborating and connecting, this can be avoided.

Pablo Baldormir: how can FAGAL collaborate within this project. What are the next steps to take? Can we help in the exploitation of the results?

- Tomás explains that the role of FAGAL as a patient association is very important for exploiting the results. However, he says that collaboration can start after the symposium in which the green paper and exploitation plan are presented.
 - The idea of this symposium is to have a meeting in Santiago de Compostela with all the consortium members and interested companies. Specific results and exploitation possibilities will then be shared with everyone.

Roberto González: no questions but shares interesting information about the fact that they are currently working on multiple projects related to this field. He also explains that they have centres in all the countries of the Interreg Atlantic Area, which could be interesting for collaboration.

CONCLUSION

As a conclusion of this meeting, the following points were made clear:

- The neuroATLANTIC project **elaborates on the issues imposed and opportunities created by the high and increasing prevalence of neurological diseases** globally and within the Interreg Atlantic Area.
- The main results of the project include:
 - **The green paper** → englobes all the diagnostic and therapeutic guidelines found in the Interreg Atlantic Area for stroke and Alzheimer's (dementia).
 - This will be released shortly and shared with the interested stakeholders.
 - **The exploitation plan** → is still to be developed and includes information on how different stakeholders can collaborate within the project and exploit the results of the project.
 - A symposium will be organized around the beginning of June 2022 (has yet to be confirmed). All consortium members and interested stakeholders will be invited to this meeting, allowing them to network, find new connections, and create collaborations.
- There are different levels of collaboration for this project:
 - **The exploitation of the research results** → brings together consortium members and interested stakeholders in capitalization meetings.
 - These meetings are organized by country. However, interested stakeholders are more than welcome to join the meetings with other countries.
 - This project can lead to **further projects in the future** (including an extension of this neuroATLANTIC project) → interested stakeholders are first in the line to be added to the consortium if interested in participating.