



# INTERREG 4 YOU!

## Cross-border healthcare



## in the Euregio Rhine-Waal based in Kleve

Köln, 20.05.2010



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# **Euregio Rhine-Waal our history**

**Founded in 1971**

**A cross-border public body  
under public law since 1993**

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ERW





## Our Activities

- Cross-border consultation
- Information for citizens, businesses, official bodies
- Support for and organisation of one-off activities, events, conferences, presentations
- Development and implementation of multiyear EU-projects (INTERREG, EURES)



## Specific importance of the border regions in the European decision making

- European everyday life is lived/experienced here
- needs on this side and beyond the border are developed here



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# **Special interest in cross- border healthcare**

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## **First project: primary needs of the patients**

on the German side the desire for specific medical treatment in university hospitals in the Netherlands

on the Dutch side the desire for short term treatment of different diseases, for which there are long waiting lists in the Netherlands



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# **Pioneers**

**UMC St Radboud Nijmegen**

**AOK Nordrhein**

**CZ Zorgverzekeraar**

**VGZ Zorgverzekeraar**

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## Funding by Interreg II

Cross-border health-care

Lead partner: Euregio Rhine-Waal

Improvement of access, the quality and the efficiency of health care.

For the patients, care providers, insurers and medical institutions in the Euregio Rhine-Waal.

Project partners are the largest hospitals, insurers and medical agencies in the work area.



**Total costs:** ECU 990.000

**Financing:**

Interreg-2                      ECU    382.000

Federal state NRW    ECU    114.500

Netherlands                ECU    114.500

Region                        ECU    379.000

Total                         ECU    990.000

**Period:**                    1996 – 2000



## Example of Interreg II-projects

Cross-border health-care

Quality improvement in treatment teams

Traumatology in the ERW

Information flyer "Comparison of D/NI training in the Healthcare"

Model project "Need and quality analysis Model project " Zorg op maat"

Cooperation in the context of further training for physicians in the Euregio Rhine Waal

Model project MRI (nuclear spin tomography)  
economic use from transnational pointed-medically achievements



## Interreg IIIA

Cross-border health-care

Lead partner: UMC St Radboud Nijmegen

### Financing:

Interreg IIIA € 1.195.153

Federal state NRW € 225.000

Netherlands € 225.000

Region € 745.152

**Total € 2.390.305**

**Period:**

**2002 – 2008**



## The model projects are based upon:

- Cooperation
  - common development and conversion
  - common responsibility
- coordination among several political actors (social politics, Ministries, supervision)
- mutuality, if realizable - in the same region



## Example of Interreg IIIA projects

### 1. Patient treatment without borders

- Specific medical treatment of German patients in the university clinic (UMC St Radboud) in Nijmegen

### 2. „Zorg op Maat“

- cross-border basis supply within the specialized medical range, begun with the eye medicine; opening of all fields of activity in North-Rhine/Westphalia and the Netherlands intended; Cooperation in further training for physicians

### 3 . Cross-border use of rescue helicopter



- 4. cross-border use of health care - an exchange of experience**
- 5. Euregional internet health portal**
- 6. Euregional coordination department for patient interests**
- 7. International purchasing medical goods**
- 8. cross-border health support for breast cancer patients**



## Interreg IV A

Cross-border health-care

Lead partner: Euregio Rhine-Waal

### Financing:

Interreg IIIA € 1.750.000

Federal state NRW € 140.000

Netherlands € 140.000

Region € 1.470.000

**Total € 3.500.000**

**Period:**

**2008 – 2015**



## The approved Interreg IV projects till now:

- Eureg-Kind
- Psychophysical: Hereditary hard of hearing and psychophysical of the inner ear
- Care without border
- „e-health “;

## Under decision:

- G/NL transfer of knowledge MPA Master Physician Assistant



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## Partners in the cross-border health care at this moment in the Euregio Rhine- Waal

35 hospitals

6 insurance company's

And other coordinating organizations in the  
health care

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## **Work in progress successes and failures**

- cultural differences
  - language differences
  - continuity
  - 2 different health care systems
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- + strong network
  - + interesting solutions (NP/PA)
  - + benefits for patients (acute care)



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## Our goal

# Europatient - Europhysician

