

# Solutions for improving health cooperation in border regions

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# Outline

- Background to Euregio Maas Rhine (EMR)
- Cross border care in the EMR
- New developments (monitoring cross border mobility, collaborations)
- Conclusions and questions

- What is the Euregio Maa



# About EMR

- Population
- People
- Languages
- Type of border
- Administrative structure

# Cross border care in the EMR

- 3 phases
  - interreg I
  - interreg II
  - interreg III

# Support (mutual) learning



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## Need to

- monitor and explore activities and experiences
- exchange and disseminate experiences: some border regions have collected many experiences over years, others not



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Together for Health

# Capacity building



- support capacity building (programme / project management)
- ensure the effective and efficient utilisation of supportive programmes, tools etc. (e.g. EU SF “INTERREG” programmes)
- identify opportunities and challenges
- develop solutions
- analyse the transferability of solutions, projects, good practice

# Together for all

- reduction of health risks
- joint use of existing resources



# Improving patient centred care

- provision of immediate care in emergencies
- optimised use of existing capacities
- reduction of waiting times
- improvement of patient safety and quality of care



# Projects in border region

## Integration Zorg Op Maat (I)ZOM

- Belgium, Germany and The Netherlands
- Health insurers working together to increase capacity in the region
- International health insurance card (operative in the Euregio) Zorgpas Internationaal from the insurers CZ (NL) and AOK (DE);
- Cross-border contracts between CZ (Netherlands) and Belgian health care providers to increase health care capacity, delivery and access for patients;

# Other projects in the regions

- Euregional networking in the field of health care by health workers and patient groups;
- Portal for specialists in the Euregio cross-border health care in the Euregio Maas-Rhine;
- Cross border cooperation for emergency services in the region;
- Cross border mental care;
- Drug abuse prevention
- Cross border care for the elderly (Euregio Maas-Rhine 2001).
- MSRA project

# Other projects in border regions

## Euregio Health portal

- Belgium, Germany and The Netherlands
- Platform which grants citizens rapid access to information about health care in the neighbouring country



# Other projects in border regions

GCI health card (health card international)

- Germany-The Netherlands
- Patients can visit a specialist of thier choice witht he use of the card in the neighbouring country,
- Launched in 2000 in the EMR , CZ and AOK



# Lessons learned

- Need
- Sustainability
- Cross border networks
- Commitment
- Marketing and communication
- Add value to euregional activities

- What next?

# Any questions?



# Thank you!

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