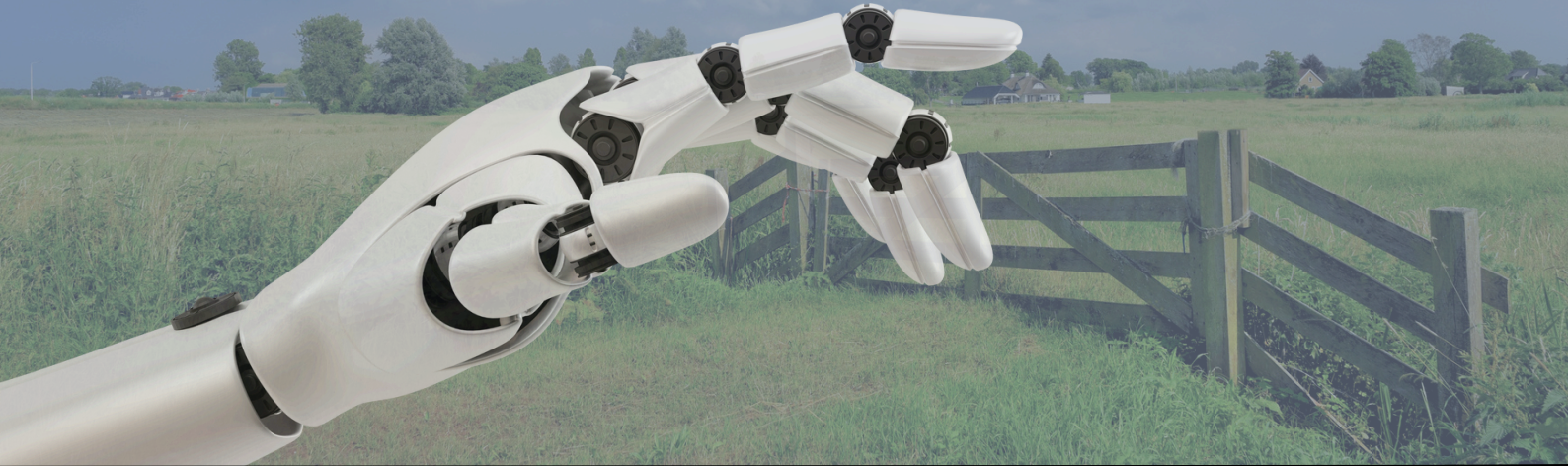


# QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION NEWSLETTER

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## START OF THE REVITAL PROJECT!

The “REVITAL: Socioeconomic revitalization of low population density areas through clinical telecare” project, which is part of the Interreg VI-B Sudoe 2021 – 2027 Program, has begun.

The objective of the project is to promote research, technological development and innovation between Spain, France and Portugal.

### *Kick-off meeting*

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The meeting served for the members of the consortium to get to know each other better and to begin the activities that have been planned to cover the need to provide specialized health care and physical and neurological rehabilitation services (especially to dependent and elderly people), through technological tools that allow tele-care and telerehabilitation services to be offered, which will also contribute to creating qualified employment and establishing a new population that will boost the rural economy.

## The project consortium



### BENEFICIARY ENTITIES IN SPAIN



#### CLUSTER SIVI | VALLADOLID, SPAIN

SIVI Cluster brings together a significant number of public and private organizations with experience in the design, development and application of innovative technological solutions in the fields of active and healthy aging, mental health and independent living.

The role of the SIVI Cluster will be that of project coordinator. Likewise, SIVI will be in charge of coordinating all communication and dissemination activities.

#### UNIVERSITY OF DEUSTO | BILBAO, SPAIN

DEUSTO, through its e-VIDA research group at the Faculty of Engineering, contributes to the project a multidisciplinary team of researchers, with experience in projects (national and international) in the area of computer, electronic, biomedical and telecommunications engineering. The group is committed to research and development of ICT-based tools, systems and interventions for health.



#### GOGOQ | BILBAO, SPAIN

GOGOQ is an SME manufacturer of medical devices, which focuses its activity in the field of neuro-rehabilitation. He will bring to REVITAL his technological knowledge as a manufacturer of robotic neuro-rehabilitation systems, and his clinical knowledge about neuro-rehabilitation and tele-care, both in-person and remote, with the experience gained in the neuro-rehabilitation centers that he manages in the country. Basque

#### GERENCIA DE SERVICIOS SOCIALES | CASTILE AND LEÓN, SPAIN

The "Gerencia de Servicios Sociales" is a public administration whose main objective is the development and provision of services for the society of Castilla y León.

They will participate in different activities contributing with your knowledge in the management of social services, among them, leading the planning activity of the pilot cases in the three participating regions.



#### FUNDACIÓN SAN CEBRIÁN



#### SAN CEBRIÁN FOUNDATION | PALENCIA, SPAIN

It is an entity that provides support to people, mainly in rural areas. It has an important network of Centers and services to promote autonomy that includes an area of functional promotion and rehabilitation.

Its main competence is to be a project facilitator in the territory he knows and work for the people who live there. It will be an active part in the planning and execution of the pilot cases in Castilla y León.

**The project consortium****BENEFICIARY ENTITIES IN PORTUGAL**Instituto Politécnico  
de Castelo Branco**IPCB** | CASTELO BRANCO, PORTUGAL

The Polytechnic Institute of Castelo Branco is a public institution of higher education, whose mission is the high-level qualification of citizens, the production and dissemination of knowledge.

IPCB will participate in the planning of the project, the selection of appropriate technological tools, the implementation of telemedicine services, as well as the evaluation of the results obtained, with the support of the consortium partners.

**AEBB** | CASTELO BRANCO, PORTUGAL

The AEBB is a private, non-profit, public services business association. Its purpose is to promote the development of economic activities in the region in the technical, economic, commercial, associative, scientific and other fields.



It provides experience in the connection between the business and academic world, as well as in entrepreneurship processes and launching new businesses.

**BENEFICIARY ENTITIES IN FRANCE****EPS GARAZI** | ISPOURE, FRANCE

The Garazi public establishment (EPS Garazi) offers a local care offering, bringing together hospitalization services in medicine and medical and rehabilitation care, an outpatient consultation and imaging platform, and nearly 200 accommodation beds for the elderly in the three EHPADs. That composes.

It will be key in the management of rehabilitation processes in France.

**ESTIA** | BIDART, FRANCE

ESTIA is an affiliate of the Bayonne Chamber of Commerce and Industry that provides education and training in industrial technology.

In the project, he contributes his experience and knowledge in the existing technological tools in the field of tele-care, as well as in business promotion.





Participation in events

### SIGNING OF THE REVITAL PROJECT AGREEMENT

On April 25, Santander hosted a meeting organized by the technical team of the European Interreg SUDOE program. Of 150 projects, 34 were chosen, including REVITAL.

Part of the REVITAL project attended the meeting in the Cantabrian capital: SIVI Cluster, Social Services Management of the Government of Castilla y León, Gogoa Mobility Robots and École Supérieure des Technologies Industrielles Avancées (ESTIA).

In addition to sharing experiences and learning from both the organizers and the rest of the participants, the conferences have been a meeting point to disseminate the projects that are being carried out within the Interreg SUDOE program.

Luis Ángel Agüeros Sánchez, counselor of economy, finance and public funds of the Government of Cantabria, was in charge of delivering the SUDOE agreements to the participants in the meeting.

On behalf of REVITAL, SIVI Cluster as coordinator and main beneficiary of the project was in charge of collecting the signed agreement.



### REVITAL AT THE BIOENGINEERING INNOVATION EVENT IN BIDART



On June 4, 2024, SIVI Cluster with the REVITAL project, coordinated by this entity and financed by the SUDOE Interreg Funds, participated in a prominent event at the ESTIA facilities, in Bidart, France (French Basque Country). This meeting brought together various entities and companies related to Biomedicine, support and rehabilitation systems and the higher education sector, with the aim of promoting collaboration and innovation in the field of health and rehabilitation.

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Meetings



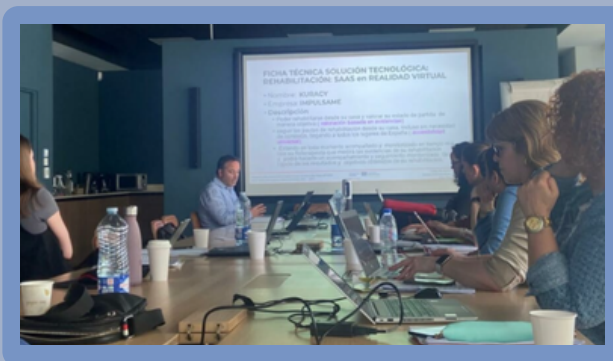
**FOLLOW-UP MEETING IN BIDART**

The project monitoring meeting took place on June 5. The meeting of the 9 members of the consortium in charge of executing the project was held in ESTIA, Bidart (France) taking advantage of the event held the previous day, which brought together various entities and companies related to Biomedicine, support and rehabilitation systems, and the higher education sector, with the aim of promoting collaboration and innovation in the field of health and rehabilitation.



The first activities that are part of GT1 Planning and Execution of pilot experiences are already underway and aim to improve health care and long-term care for the elderly and/or chronically dependent people in low-density areas. population, introducing technological tools that enable the provision of advanced health services of specialized telecare and tele-rehabilitation. In this way, we will demonstrate the technological and social viability of these services in 3 pilot cases with differential characteristics: Castilla y León (Spain), Central Portugal and Nouvelle-Aquitaine (France).

The consortium has agreed that, after this meeting, the hiring and training of the technical personnel necessary for the implementation of the service in the pilot cases will proceed. In the coming months, therefore, each executing entity will have professionals specializing in physiotherapy and tele-rehabilitation who will be trained in the technological tools selected in the project.





## NEXT STEPS IN THE PROJECT

### HIRING OF THE NECESSARY PERSONNEL FOR PILOTING



All the partners in charge of carrying out the pilots in the three project areas are currently in the process of searching for the necessary physiotherapists. This step is crucial to ensure that each area has adequate and trained personnel to carry out rehabilitation activities and test the new technologies developed.

### PHYSIOTHERAPIST TRAINING AT GOGOA IN BILBAO



Training will be carried out for hired professionals in September. For one week, GOGOA will teach an intensive course in Bilbao to teach physiotherapists how to use exoskeletons. This training is essential to ensure that the medical team is fully prepared to employ these innovative tools in the rehabilitation process.

### NEXT FOLLOW-UP MEETING IN PORTUGAL

The next transnational follow-up meeting will be held on November 20 and 21 in Castelo Branco. This meeting, organized by partners IPCB and AEBB, will allow the progress of the project to be evaluated, experiences to be shared and strategies to be adjusted for the coming months. It will be a key opportunity to align the efforts of all partners and ensure the success of the REVITAL project.



## IDENTIFIED FAIRS AND EVENTS



By Informa Markets

**MEDLAB ASIA AND ASIA HEALTH 2024**

Medlab Asia 2024 will host world-class suppliers and industry leaders, as well as blue-chip buyers, to explore the APAC market.

July 10-13, 2024, at Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

**7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EVIDENCE-BASED POLICIES IN LONG-TERM CARE**

Its objectives are:

- Strengthen links between the research community, policy makers and the long-term care industry.
- Foster research collaborations to develop new evidence in areas where knowledge gaps exist in long-term care.
- Promote the exchange of data on long-term care policies and practices.
- Promote international comparative policy analysis to encourage evidence-based policymaking.

From September 12 to 14, 2024 in Bilbao, Spain.

**ROBOTIC TECHNOLOGIES FOR HEALTH CONFERENCES, CENTERED ON THE PERSON, ORIENTED TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTHCARE SECTOR**

The activities carried out by this working group aim to strengthen this ecosystem with the aim of promoting R&D&i and knowledge transfer, in robotic technologies (perception, interaction and manipulation), to the Spanish business fabric, especially SMEs. and the promotion of scientific culture in society. September 25, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in Madrid, Spain

REHACARE International is the leading fair in rehabilitation, prevention, integration and care. Every year, experts, specialists and visitors from Europe and abroad gather in Düsseldorf to present and experience the latest developments and trends in the fields of mobility, barrier-free living and work design, as well as aids and technologies for people. with disabilities.

From September 25 to 28, Düsseldorf, Germany

**REHACARE FAIR**

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International Trade Fair  
for Rehabilitation and Care  
DÜSSELDORF, GERMANY  
25-28 SEPTEMBER 2024

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**39TH EDITION OF MEDICALL**

Medicall is India's largest and largest medical technology exhibition, with 22,000 square meters of exhibition space and over 600 exhibitors.

From October 5 to 7 | Pavilion 5, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India



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