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IMPROVE - International Stakeholders' Community supports value-based healthcare process

Healthcare systems in the EU region have become increasingly digital. In addition, medical doctors, pharmacists, researchers, politicians, and other experts in the healthcare sector use and exchange a large number of patient-related health data to make better decisions and make the most effective treatment possible. However, to support value-based healthcare, which includes improving the quality of healthcare and increasing patient satisfaction, integrating patients in the knowledge and experience exchange process with health experts is an important component.

For this reason, the Slovenian IMPROVE project partners F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG and Institute for Economic Research executed the **1st International Stakeholders' Community Event on January 23, 2025** in the City Hotel of Ljubljana. The IMPROVE Stakeholders' Community consisting of experts from academia, politicians, medical doctors, health companies and patients will discuss experiences, expectations, preferences and broader value and potential as well as concerns in the context of patient-generated health data. The event will be executed within the scope of the EU-funded IMPROVE project's transnational project meeting.

The IMPROVE project aims to make digital healthcare more efficient by using patient-generated health data central in the analysis of newly developed treatments and solutions. The project aims to better incorporate patient experiences and preferences into treatment decisions so care is more tailored to what each person actually needs. Another goal is to use patient feedback to shape how new medical devices are designed and used (implanted), making sure they fit better with what patients expect and need in their daily lives. Finally, the project wants to get patient-focused and cost-effective treatments to the market faster so people have better access to new and effective care solutions.

The central part of the IMPROVE project is the analysis of use cases in different disease areas, and the development of the IMPROVE platform used to share updated information about best practices in the healthcare sector that have been collected and conducted worldwide. It includes a dashboard with different services for stakeholders from the healthcare system and patients. Additionally, five use cases from different disease areas in different partner countries will be analysed and published on the IMPROVE platform. The Institute for Economic Research in Ljubljana will lead a use case study about ophthalmology, which is a specialised field of medicine that focuses on the health of the eye. Besides, four other partners from Slovenia – Better, the Eye Hospital - University Medical Centre Ljubljana, the Celje General Hospital, and the Valdoltra Orthopaedic Hospital, as well as F. Hoffmann-La Roche will contribute to different case studies.

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