

EIT Health – An update for West Midlands (January 2017)

Dear colleagues,

Happy new year!

We are now entering a new year of EIT Health operations and I'm delighted to say that West Midlands is well represented in the 2017 Business Plan (see below). As you are aware, EIT Health runs on an annual planning cycle and the call for proposals for inclusion in the 2018 Business Plan has now been issued with a deadline of 12th April 2017 (details below). We have had considerable success so far so we encourage you apply.

We look forward to working with you in 2017

Paddie Murphy and Karen Morrey

Activities for 2017

The 2017 EIT Health Business Plan was approved by EIT¹ in early December 2016 and a contribution of €33.2M to support 50+ activities in 2017 was confirmed. Whilst this represents a 60% increase on the budget for 2016, it is significantly less than the €42M requested and a lot of activities have been reduced or cut. One victim of this is the Share to Care which was led by IBM and in which WM had a major role which is a real pity.

However, both of the innovation projects that started in 2016 led by WM partners - GRACE AGE (led by Aston University) and JIGSAW E (led by Keele University)- have been extended into 2017 and congratulations to Chris and Krysia on that achievement. In addition the MiniQ project in which Keele University is a partner will also continue into 2017.

Two new projects will be starting very soon:

- City Net, led by Coventry University delivering events and festivals for citizens to encourage greater participation in their own health and well-being. We are interested in running events not only in Coventry but in other centres in the region. The contact for this is Kam Kaur (ab8970@coventry.ac.uk)
- Pre D, in which WMAHSN is participating on behalf of the region which is looking at using social/health impact bonds particularly in relation to the early diagnosis and management of diabetes. The contact is Lucy Chatwin at WMAHSN (lucy.chatwin@wmahsn.org)

Sinead Ouillon represented the region at the EIT Health Innovation Summit in Barcelona at the end of November and commented on how many projects had WM partners and indeed how many emerging projects are seeking WM partner. This is a significant achievement and we are delighted that so many are willing to participate and hope that it will continue to be so in 2017.

¹ European Institute of Innovation and Technology

Call for proposals for the 2018 Business plan

Unlike previous years, all of the Pillars – Innovation, Education and Accelerator – are calling for proposal at the same time which is very helpful as there was a lot of confusion before. The call for proposals is attached (apologies that it is 50 pages but there is a useful summary on page 5), the deadline is *12 April 2017*.

Projects will need partners from at least two CLCs and those who are considering or preparing proposals can find partners for them at the Matchmaking Event, running 1-3 February in Uppsala. Detailed data in the registration site allows participants to outline the plans they want to discuss, and the kind of partners they are looking for, so they can set up meaningful connections and schedule fruitful meetings well before the event. Paddie and Karen are planning to attend and would like to take ideas from WM partners with them – please use that template (overleaf and attached) to describe your idea and the type of collaborators you are seeking and send it to us by 30th January 2017. The more detail we have, the better job we can do finding partners for you. If you would like to attend the event, please let us know and we will forward the registration information – we are choosing to ignore the limit on numbers that was imposed for the Innovation Summit and about which we have complained!

To note:

- In a recent presentation by Sylvie Bove, CEO of EIT Health a paucity of projects looking at wellbeing, disease prevention and workplace interventions was highlighted. Given our region's strengths, it may be worth considering some projects in these areas.
- Paddie is particularly keen to work up a project on citizens as knowledge brokers and innovation champions which will address the somewhat superficial engagement with citizens to date. This is only an emerging idea so she would welcome input from partners around the region.

The new *Wild Card Innovation Projects* will have a separate call in early 2017 but will be subject to the same deadline (12/4/17). We do not yet know the subject areas covered but will advise you as soon as we know.

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All EIT Health activities are run on a platform called Plaza; you will need to register to access information and submit proposals. It's not the friendliest of systems but not bad once you get going. It may not let you register if you don't have a wmahsn.org email address (it's an effect of WMAHSN being the named core partner) but we have found a way around it. Please let Paddie or Karen know if you wish to register and we will advise our (very helpful) contact in Munich to expect registrations with different domains and she will arrange access.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Paddie or Karen (paddie.murphy@wmahsn.org / karen.morrey@wmahsn.org)

Project Summary to identify projects for the 2018 EIT Health Business Plan

- Please do not exceed two pages
- Please bear in mind that this summary will be used to identify partners for the project on your behalf so it should be clear and understandable to non-specialists
- This funding is not for research, it should be used to add scale and promote adoption of good practice internationally
- Please do not include any confidential information

(Working) Title:										
Proposed by:	(Institution) via WMAHSN (as core partner)									
Contact details:	Name									
	Email									
	Phone									
What type of project is this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education - for entrepreneurs, students, health and care professionals, citizens • Innovation – “By Ideas” i.e. supplier driven (max 12months and 500€)or “By Design” i.e. needs driven (max 24 months and £1M€) • Acceleration - business creation and development 									
Summary:	Max 500 words <i>considering scale of the problem across Europe, why this is relevant and timely to scale to EU level, what difference this will make to the European citizen?</i>									
Which EIT Health Priorities (bold) & Business Objectives does this project address? Highlight all that apply										
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Impact:	What will the impact of the project be? <i>E.g. who will be affected, how many people will benefit, how will it affect service delivery, are there any policy implications? How will you ensure that impact is realised? Max 200 words.</i>									
Partners: <i>Projects need to have partners</i>	Do you already have any partners who are members of EIT?									

from at least two CLCs	What type of partners/expertise are you seeking in EIT Health? <i>E.g. technology providers, healthcare providers, policy makers, regulators, commissioners/payers etc.</i>
Other:	E.g. funds raised to date