



February 2016

CEO Update

Dear EIT Health Partners,

I hope every one of you had a healthy and successful start into the New Year. We definitely started well at EIT Health, and have already been very busy putting our actions planned for 2016 into practice and paving the way for the 2017 activities. There are a lot of events coming up, which I would like to encourage you to join. I would also like to take the opportunity to warmly welcome all new partners who joined our network recently. It is great to see that EIT Health is growing continuously and that we are connecting with each other more closely.

Virtual Partner Assembly on 29 February

One of our next important dates is the virtual Partner Assembly (PA), which will be held online on 29 February 2016, 17:30 – 18:30 (CET). During this PA, we will vote on the By-Laws and complete our own legal set-up. Partners will receive the complete invitation soon.

Activities moving towards execution

In 2015, we focused on developing a first portfolio that is now moving into execution. I know that teams within Innovation Projects, Campus and Accelerator are working hard to get ready to start. I am also proud that some activities have already begun. The templates for the Project Grant Agreement are available for you to use to prepare the legal base for your projects. Please see the info box on the next page for the link to the file share room where you can find key documents.

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Sylvie Bove
CEO EIT Health e.V.

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Starting the development of our 2017 Business Plan

While we move into operation, we are already preparing the process to further develop our portfolio. We are guided by the question “how can we develop our portfolio of projects and activities to ensure we reach our goals and identify projects with a transformational innovation potential?” We are very excited to work with you on this.

We further decided to improve our innovation process compared to last year. It will offer you more possibilities for direct involvement:

Firstly, we have added a step within the call for **Innovation by Design** projects. On 8 March, we will invite all partners to join an ideation day. Dialogues will be arranged around different topics with the aim of developing breakthrough ideas that will engage the partnership and generate a pipeline of transformational projects. These can then be part of the call that opens on 1 April. More detailed information about the process, place and criteria for this ideation day will be sent out shortly.

The Supervisory Board (SB) agreed on four focus areas around which we will organise dialogues: early intervention/prevention; workplace intervention & occupational health; home care & care home, as well as integrated care for chronic disease. The SB was very much engaged in this development and the outcome from the ideation day will be presented and discussed at the SB meeting on 30 March before launching the call.

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Interim FileShare and Calendar:

Please visit the [EIT Health interim file share](#) to obtain key documents.

Please visit the [EIT Health interim calendar](#).

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The call for **Innovation by Ideas** projects was already launched on 1 February. You may propose innovative projects addressing our societal challenges and business objectives. We are looking forward to your input.

Last but not least, **Campus** and **Accelerator** are also preparing to expand their portfolio in 2017. While we will scale the current segments, we will also call for proposals on how to expand our portfolio and look for completely new ideas.

Call for Innovation projects 2017

Date of publication (by Ideas):	1 February 2016
Date of publication (by Design):	1 April 2016
Submission deadline:	16 May 2016 (4pm CET)
External evaluation:	17 May – 17 June 2016
Hearings:	29 June – 1 July and 11 – 15 July 2016

Call for Accelerator projects 2017

Date of publication:	Pre-call 1 February; call 1 April 2016
Submission deadline:	16 May 2016
External review period:	23 May – 10 June 2016
Hearings:	13 – 17 June 2016

Call for Campus activities 2017

Date of publication:	1 March 2016
Submission deadline:	16 May 2016
External review period:	June 2016

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I am happy to announce that Ursula will join our team and will take over her new position as of 15 February 2016. Until then, please contact Kresten Dørup in case of questions: kredor@sund.ku.dk

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CLC & InnoStars Ticker

+++ Belgium-Netherlands: The CLC will be organizing the matchmaking event for Innovation by Ideas Projects on 24-25 February, which is open to all partners of EIT Health. At the same time, the CLC will celebrate its official opening. **+++ Germany:** Prof. Jürgen Schüttler is replacing Kurt Höller in the Supervisory Board of the German CLC, while Dr Simone Reiprich will be the new contact person for Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg. In January, Christine Neumann joined the CLC as new Communications Manager. **+++ Scandinavia:** Anita Häggström has reinforced the team as assistant. On 18 January, a strategy meeting was held outlining the vision, strategy and key priorities of the Scandinavian CLC. **+++ Spain:** On 25 January, an Innovation workshop took place with all CLC partners in Barcelona to share experiences and to define the strategy for next year. Dr Ramon Farré (UB) was confirmed as CLC Education Director and Esther Oriol as Communications Coordinator. The selection process for the CLC Innovation Director is ongoing. On 29 February, a Spanish Partner Assembly will take place in Barcelona, hosted by UB. **+++ UK-Ireland:** On 21 December 2015, the legal entity EIT Health UK-Ireland was officially founded. The CLC is proud to welcome IBM and Pfizer as new core partners. Dr Kathy McGroody-Goetz of IBM was appointed second UK-Ireland representative to the Supervisory Board of EIT Health e.V. **+++ InnoStars:** The Management Team is now complete: Balázs Fürjes was appointed Director, and Attila Hajba CFO. Jorge Figueira from University of Coimbra is responsible for Campus and Accelerator, while Mikolaj Gurdala from Medical University of Lodz is the InnoStars Innovation Director. Peter Nagy takes over project management and communication. The InnoStars is actively negotiating with possible new partners from Poland, Hungary, Italy and Croatia in order to complete and strengthen the knowledge triangle in every region. Semmelweis University in Budapest organised a very successful information day to foster cooperation with local partners, innovators, start-ups and talents.

Upcoming events:

- On 11-12 February, UPM will host the [EIT Health Living Labs Meeting](#) in Madrid.
- On 19 February, the **Accelerator Core Group Meeting** will be held by the Spanish CLC.
- On 22-23 February, the **EIT Health Campus Graduate Hub Workshop** will take place in Paris to build the four EIT Health Masters and PhD programs.
- On 24-25 February, the international EIT Health [Innovation by Ideas matchmaking event](#) will take place in Rotterdam.
- On 1 March, the [Business Angel Congress](#) will take place in Düsseldorf, Germany, with an EIT Health slot.
- On 8 March, the **ideation event for Innovation by Design** projects will take place in Leuven.
- On 14-15 April, the Lodz region will host the **Innovation by Design matchmaking event** in Warsaw.

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I am very much looking forward to seeing our first projects and activities make a real impact. By investing in innovative products and services, by offering premium educational programs, and by supporting some of Europe's best entrepreneurial talents and creative minds, we will contribute decisively to improving the European healthcare landscape.

Best wishes,
Sylvie Bove
CEO EIT Health e.V.

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