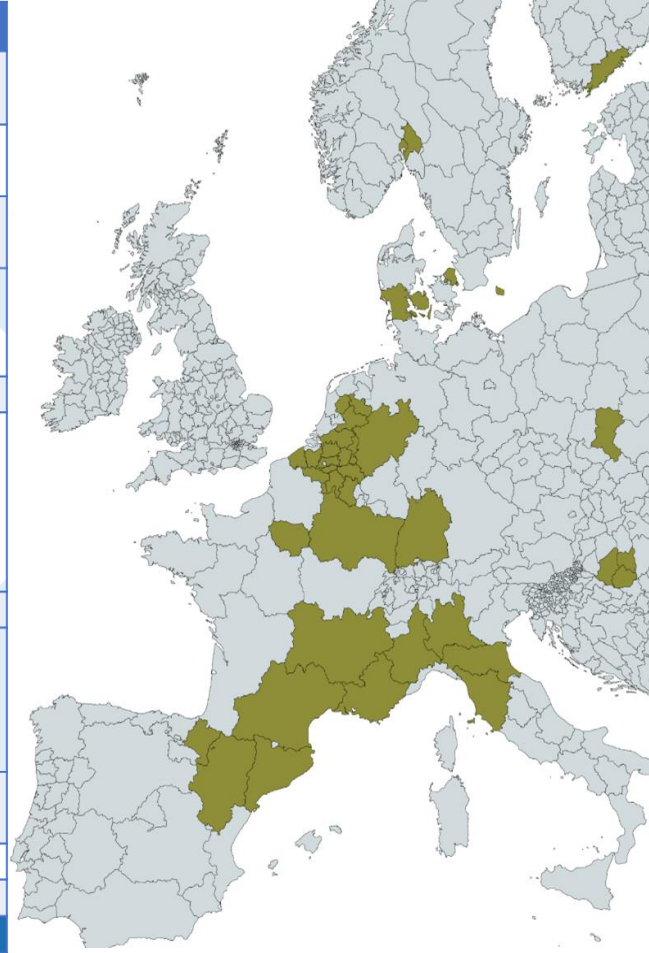


Presentation of MedTech partnership

Regions	Coun.
Flanders	BE
Wallonia	BE
Baden-Württemberg	DE
North-Rhine Westphalia	DE
Capital region of Denmark	DK
South Denmark region	DK
Catalonia	ES
Aragon	ES
Navarre	ES
Helsinki Region	FI
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	FR
Grand Est	FR
Paris region	FR
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	FR
<i>Occitanie</i>	FR
South Transdanubia	HU
Tuscany	IT
Piedmont	IT
Lombardy	IT
Emilia-Romagna	IT
Eastern Netherlands	NL
Southern Netherlands	NL
Oslo and Akershus	NO
Upper Silesia	PL

24+ regions from 11 countries



**3rd Steering Committee Meeting
12 April 2018, Rovaniemi, Lapland**

Regional commitment and governance issues

- **How regional authorities and other stakeholders are involved in the process so far?**

The partnership is made up of 30 regions, most of which come from the former "Nanomedecine" demo- case of Vanguard Initiative. It was also born from industrial initiative from RTOs via ESTHER : It is the mirror of the coordination that industrials make in Medtech-Europe, the research institutes in EARTO-ESTHER and the European Technology Platforms in NOBEL. Regions have gradually joined the consortium for a year via the contact on the S3 platform and some have integrated it following their participation in the INTERREG MedTech4Europe application. For the moment, 4 plenary meetings brought together all the regions with their clusters and their research center. It is not planned to integrate a political dimension into multiregional governance for the moment, as the exchanges remain highly technical.

- **How your work is linked to other policy initiatives and actions launched at regional or national level in your field in your countries?**

In Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, and as in other regions, the Health theme is present in the regional innovation strategy. Many regional projects are funded through regional, national and ERDF funds. The mapping carried out by the ReConfirm project made it possible to identify the main sub-themes that could be the subject of cooperation between the regions.

- **Have you already developed (or planning so) any formal agreement between your partners to reinforce governance and cooperation within your partnership**

Responding to the mapping was the only and only condition to be a member of the partnership as well as active participation in the meetings. No official document or written commitment has yet been requested from the regions.

Analytical work and support services

- **How regions and other intermediates have contributed to the mapping activities so far – what can be done better by the support services ?**

The regional authorities and their stakeholders have come into direct contact with the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region and InnoTSD by completing a form. This mapping was then presented in plenary meeting and completed in a second version.

- **What are the main areas for interregional cooperation and investments you identified so far?**

Among the assistance, partners insisted on the opportunity conferred by compliance priorities for Connected Health (precision & predictive medicine, medical & personal data management, remote monitoring & teleassistance), Biomaterials and implants (advanced therapies & biomaterials, smart implants, InVitro diagnosis) and Medical devices (robotics & computer assisted medical intervention, advanced manufacturing). Supporting regional industrial stakeholders in the enforcement of these regulations is pivotal for the development of innovations at EU level

- **How do you expect to encourage the participation of clusters and industry in your work in the next period?**

As MedTech partnership aims at creating business-oriented interregional partnerships, the involvement of regional industrials is an essential step for ensuring the priorities selected are in line with the strategies set by business stakeholders. A workshop involving MedTech Partnership SMEs would enable identify their needs for collaboration in the fields tackled.

Investment projects –Types of instrument

- **How far your partnership is actually regarding the identification of ideas for investment projects ?**

We aim to identify 2 to 3 projects for interregional cooperation actions setting out a roadmap to potential co-investments. Group discussions helped identify the 3 main domains of potential collaboration between regions that could be explored around concrete value chain ideas. While the partnership leader(s) will set the framework for defining such collaborations, certain regional stakeholders involved in the partnership could help validate the priorities and provide their 'know-how' for building concrete cooperation activities.

- **What type of financial instruments you would consider as the most appropriate to get more investments in your area?**

Discussions over the format of potential projects developed under the Medical Partnership framework and potential co-investment possibilities led to discussing the different EU schemes for co-investments, such as:

- COSME / European Strategic Cluster Partnerships for Smart Specialisation Investments
- INNOSUP (call for 2018 now open Stage one due in April 2018)
- DG GROW Industrial Modernisation programme new mechanisms (e.g. European Investment Bank new regional funding opportunities)
- INTERREG funding (Interreg Europe MedTech4Europe, or Interreg B for example CEE, Baltic, Alpine Space...)
- New interregional innovation funding formats developed under the collaborations set between the different DGs (DG REGIO/GROW and potentially DG RTD MoU with JRC over S3 developments)

Medtech4Europe project objectives

Optimizing the implementation of public policies in favor of the RDI facilities and infrastructures in the medtech sector by benefiting from experiences and success stories of European partners to :

- Strengthen the innovation ecosystem of the medtech sector: finding policy solutions to create better and stronger organised innovation ecosystem, increasing better collaboration and understanding of methods / processes within partnership around RDI infrastructures, enhancing accessibility of RDI facilities
- Develop business models of RDI facilities giving better access to SMEs of the sector, including reflection on short / long terms fundings
- Create synergies by identifying complementarity strong domains in each region

Partnership: 8 European regions **including 3 of the 4ME** (AuRA as Coordinator + BW and Lombardy)

Duration : 30 months for phase 1 co-financed by IE + 24 months for phase 2 financed by ERDF / Regional funds

Medtech4Europe Partnership

Partners	Country	Region	Contact
Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Region	FR	Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes	Laurence Minne
Province of Limburg	NL	Southern Netherlands	
South Transdanubian Regional Innovation Agency (STRIA)	HU	Southern Transdanubia	
The Capital Region of Denmark	DK	Capital Region of DK	
Upper Silesian agency for entrepreneurship and development	PL	Upper Silesia	
Helsinki Uusimaa Regional Council	FI	Helsinki Uusimaa	
Cluster Technologies for Living Environment Techforlife	IT	Lombardy	Cristina De Capitani / Alessia Federiconi
Steinbeis Innovation GmbH	DE	Baden-Württemberg	Daniela Chiran / Robert Gohla
CEA (Advisory partner)	FR	Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes	

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