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Horizon Europe
Health



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CONTACT

Organisation	Provincial Mental Health Hospital named after Dr. Józef Bednarz in Świecie Polish name: Wojewódzki Szpital Zdrowia Psychicznego im. dr. Józefa Bednarza w Świeciu	Department	Research, Development and Innovation Unit / Clinical Research and Mental Health Services
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Organisation type

Research organisation type	☐ Research Organisation	Is your company a Small and Medium Sized Enterprise (SME*)?	☐ YES ☒ NO
	☐ University		
	☐ Company	Number of employees:	520 employees
	☒ Other (public specialised psychiatric hospital / healthcare provider with clinical research and innovation capacity)		

Your enterprise is an SME if:

- it is engaged in **economic activity**
- it has **less than 250 employees**
- it has either an **annual turnover not exceeding €50M**, or an **balance sheet total not exceeding €43M**
- it is **autonomous**

For the definition of SMEs, look at: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_en

Short introduction of key areas of institute's research:

The Provincial Mental Health Hospital in Świecie is one of the largest specialised psychiatric healthcare providers in northern Poland, with approximately 480 beds, 16 inpatient departments and around 520 employees. The hospital delivers inpatient and outpatient care for adults and older patients with mood disorders, psychotic disorders, addictions, cognitive disorders, treatment-resistant mental illnesses and long-term mental health needs. The institution combines clinical expertise with growing research and innovation capacity. Its relevant areas for this Horizon Europe topic include adult and older-age psychiatry, psycho-oncology-oriented mental health support, psychological assessment, patient-reported outcomes, health-related quality of life, cognitive functioning, caregiver burden, psychosocial support, rehabilitation of mental well-being, and implementation of supportive care interventions in real-life healthcare settings. The hospital has documented experience in interventional psychiatric clinical trials conducted in Świecie, including studies in treatment-resistant depression, major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. Internal capacity mapping among staff demonstrated a strong multidisciplinary base for international research projects, including psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, psychotherapists, researchers and healthcare managers, with declared access to patient populations, psychological testing resources, clinical datasets and specialised diagnostic tools. The hospital has recently established a Research, Development and Innovation Unit. Current innovation concepts include NeuroHarmony, a multisensory supportive care platform combining music therapy, light therapy, deep infrared therapy, relaxation protocols and virtual reality, and MINDSCAPE, a nature-based and immersive therapeutic programme designed to support mental well-being, sleep, stress reduction and quality of life.

Former participation in an FP European project?

☐ YES ☒ NO

Project title / Acronym:

Not applicable. The hospital has experience in clinical trials and EU-funded regional healthcare investments, but no previous FP/Horizon Europe project was indicated in the source materials.

Activities performed:

Not applicable for FP/Horizon Europe. Relevant transferable experience includes clinical research operations, patient recruitment and care, psychometric assessment, data collection, AE/SAE awareness, eCRF/eTMF-related expertise and multidisciplinary healthcare implementation.

Expertise / Commitment offered

Description of your expertise:

The hospital offers a strong and complementary partner profile for HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07: Improve the Quality of Life of older cancer patients. Its main contribution would be in mental health, quality of life, psychosocial support and implementation of innovative supportive care interventions for cancer patients aged 65+. The hospital can contribute to the assessment of depression, anxiety, sleep disturbances, loneliness, social isolation, cognitive complaints, emotional well-being, caregiver burden and health-related quality of life. It can support the definition and collection of patient-reported outcomes and quality-of-life endpoints together with patients, caregivers and clinicians. A distinctive contribution is the development and clinical adaptation of NeuroHarmony as a holistic, age-sensitive supportive care intervention combining music therapy, light therapy, deep infrared therapy, relaxation and VR-based therapeutic experiences. The intervention could be tested in pragmatic clinical or effectiveness-implementation designs to evaluate effects on

cancer-related fatigue, stress, sleep quality, anxiety, depression, cognitive comfort and overall quality of life. The hospital can also contribute to MINDSCAPE, a nature-based and immersive rehabilitation concept using forest-based therapy, virtual therapeutic walks and nature exposure for stress reduction, sleep improvement and emotional well-being. These concepts match the call's emphasis on mental health services, cognitive and social support, rehabilitation, digital literacy, family and caregiver needs, and real-life implementation. Operationally, the hospital can act as a clinical implementation site, co-lead a work package on Mental Health, Quality of Life and Supportive Care, participate in protocol design, patient and caregiver engagement, psychological and neuropsychological assessment, data collection, validation of digital monitoring tools, dissemination and training for healthcare professionals.

Keywords specifying your expertise:

older cancer patients; mental health; psycho-oncology; quality of life; patient-reported outcomes; supportive care; psychiatry; psychology; geriatric mental health; depression; anxiety; sleep disturbances; loneliness; social support; caregiver burden; cognitive functioning; neuropsychological assessment; rehabilitation; digital health; VR therapy; music therapy; light therapy; NeuroHarmony; MINDSCAPE; real-world implementation; pragmatic clinical trials; health literacy; SSH expertise

Commitment offered:

☒ Research ☒ Demonstration ☒ Training
☒ Technology ☒ Dissemination ☒ Other: clinical implementation site, patient and caregiver engagement, PRO/QoL endpoint assessment, psychosocial intervention validation

Interested in participation in project types:

☒ Research & Innovation Action	☐ Innovation Action	☐ EIC Pathfinder
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Work Programme research areas: indicate your interest

Health; EU Cancer Mission; quality of life of cancer patients; mental health and supportive care; digital health and patient-centred care

Call topic(s):

HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07 - Improve the Quality of Life of older cancer patients

Do you have other partners for this topic (which partners/country)?

Potential regional partners to be confirmed: Oncology Centre in Bydgoszcz as clinical oncology partner; Kazimierz Wielki University for psychology and social sciences; Bydgoszcz University of Science and Technology for AI, data science and digital health; Academy of Music in Bydgoszcz for music therapy expertise; cancer patient organisations for co-creation, patient engagement and evaluation of user needs.

Profile of partner sought

Role

☒ technology development	☒ research	☒ training
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	☒ dissemination	☒ demonstration	☒ other: clinical oncology, geriatric oncology, patient organisations, health economics, implementation science, European coordination
Country /region	☒ Any- EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries. Particular interest in partners with access to older cancer patient cohorts, geriatric oncology pathways, survivorship programmes and real-world healthcare implementation settings.		
Expertise required	The hospital seeks a multidisciplinary consortium or coordinator working on older cancer patients, quality of life and supportive care. Desired partners include oncology centres and hospitals with access to cancer patients aged 65+, geriatricians, oncologists, psychologists, nurses, rehabilitation specialists, behavioural and social scientists, digital health developers, data scientists, health economists, implementation science experts, patient and caregiver organisations, and public authorities or healthcare system stakeholders. The ideal consortium should be interested in co-developing, testing and scaling age-sensitive interventions in real-life settings, including pragmatic clinical trials or hybrid effectiveness-implementation designs. Partners should be committed to patient and caregiver involvement, open science, patient-reported outcome measurement, EHDS-compatible metadata practices and dissemination through EU Cancer Mission networks.		

I agree with the publication of my contact data: ☒ YES ☐ NO