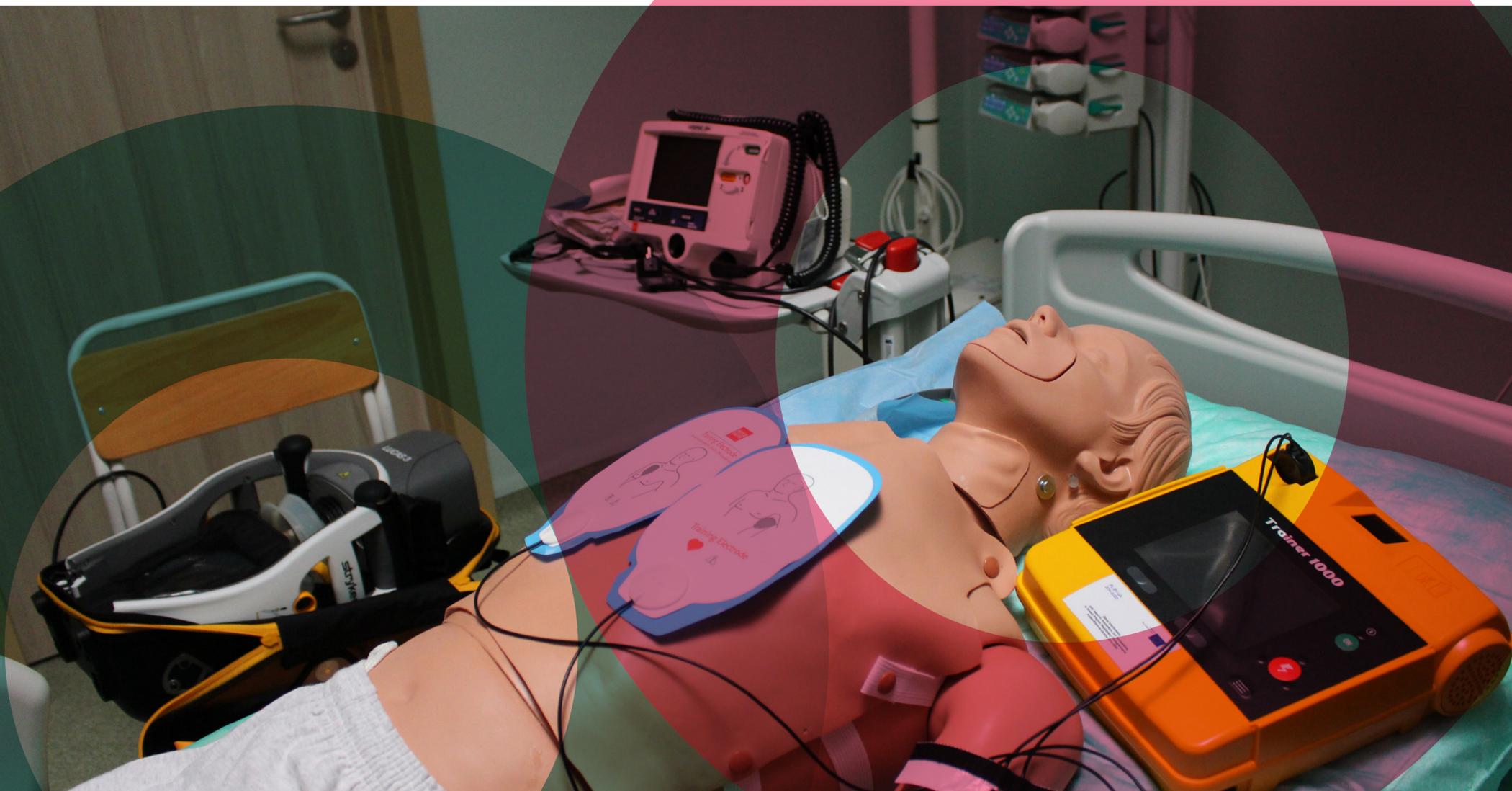


# RESCUE

*“The RESCUE project proves that when we work together no obstacle is impossible to face!”*



## DESCRIPTION

The RESCUE project was created to address common challenges faced by hospitals in the Poland-Belarus-Ukraine cross-border region. The lack of equipment and up-to-date medical knowledge, as well as low understanding of health-related issues among communities meant that assistance in crisis situations was often provided too late for people living in Tomaszów Lubelski and Hrubieszów, Poland, Żabinka, Belarus and the Sokal, Ukraine. Throughout the RESCUE project, hospitals and district councils worked together to improve the standards of emergency care offered in this cross-border region, using project funding to buy new ambulances, specialist medical equipment and arrange training for workers. This put the region in a much better shape to respond to regular medical challenges as well as the pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic, giving comfort and safety to the region's residents in uncertain times.

## GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Lubelskie Voivodeship (Poland); Brest Oblast (Belarus); Lviv Oblast (Ukraine).

## PROGRAMME

Poland-Belarus-Ukraine ENI CBC

## TOTAL BUDGET EU FUNDING

€ 1,721,560.30 € 1,433,596.22

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*“The speed with which the FILA project pivoted to respond to COVID-19 shows that in hard times cooperation strengthens us.”*



## DESCRIPTION

The FILA project was originally intended to foster innovation within agro-food and SMEs in Italy, Albania and Montenegro, but it was nimble enough to adapt its offering when the COVID-19 crisis hit. At a time when essential medical equipment was in short supply, project partners at the FILA lab managed by IEC Tehnopolis, Montenegro quickly repurposed their 3D printer to produce HEPA filter masks, visors and essential parts of ventilators to be used by public health workers and patients in critical care. It was a fine demonstration of cooperation and solidarity across borders.

## GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Italy (Puglia Region), Albania, Montenegro.

## PROGRAMME

Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro.

## TOTAL BUDGET

€ 1,044,547.80

## EU FUNDING

€ 887,865.63

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# YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

*“Our partners were efficient and spontaneous, enabling them to collaborate and adapt to the challenging circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.”*



## DESCRIPTION

Although the two hospitals in Zimnicea, Romania and Svishtov, Bulgaria are separated by national borders and the Danube River, they shared many common challenges. Located in small towns, each hospital experienced a shortage of funding and medical staff and the local population tended to seek quality healthcare in other larger cities. The Your Health Matters! project facilitated collaboration between the two institutions, modernisation of facilities and the active exchange of best practice across the border. This development work was put to the ultimate test in the project's final year when the pandemic hit. But three years of successful collaboration had readied medical workers to deal with the challenges together; Zimnicea Hospital even stepped up to support Romanian hospitals when they struggled to care for overwhelming numbers of COVID-19 patients.

## GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Teleorman County (Romania), Veliko Tarnovo District (Bulgaria).

## PROGRAMME

INTERREG V-A ROMANIA-BULGARIA.

## TOTAL BUDGET      EU FUNDING

€ 1,475,894.96      € 1,254,510.72

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# TEX-MED ALLIANCES



*“We’ve created a consortium of textiles professionals across many backgrounds, working together smoothly over many years. We know the strengths of every partner and we complement each other.”*

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## DESCRIPTION

Strong relationships formed between Mediterranean, North African and Middle Eastern textiles companies funded by the TEX-MED Alliances project allowed partners to respond quickly to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The demand for protective equipment while lockdowns disrupted textiles supply chains had created the perfect storm – but this professional consortium was well-placed to understand how each partner could respond. As such, TEX-MED Alliances partners created a database of 150 textiles companies able to reliably produce masks, protective gloves and gowns for medical workers. Financial grants were awarded to eight initiatives for their emergency response, including the development of environmentally-friendly non-woven fabrics, the production of elastic parts for masks, medical caps and bibs and washable, recyclable masks, gowns and gloves.

## GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

- Cataluña (Spain), Toscana (Italy), Kentriki Makedonia (Greece), Ben Arous (Tunisia), Monastir (Tunisia), Al Iskandanyah (Egypt), Amman (Jordan), Palestine.

## PROGRAMME

Mediterranean Sea Basin ENI CBC.

## TOTAL BUDGET

€ 2,822,733.83

## EU FUNDING

€ 2,540,460.45



Programme website



Project website



*“We have witnessed the extraordinary power of technology and collaboration in the face of medical supply shortages.”*



## DESCRIPTION

With levels of protective medical equipment running low in spring 2020, several research centres and a 3D printing lab in the Balkan-Mediterranean region collaborated to keep medical workers safe in the early weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic. Working fast and from home, the team, which was supported by INNOPLATFORM at the Center for Knowledge Management, North Macedonia, redesigned 3D prototypes for a visor and modified N95 medical mask. The equipment was made using polylactic acid, a renewable plant-based plastic made from cornstarch, sugar cane, and potato starch. In just five days the team had assembled reusable protective equipment which were donated to healthcare workers in the Infectious Diseases Clinic, Skopje in a time of great need.

## GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Skopje (Republic of North Macedonia), Patra, Thessaloniki (Greece), Burgas (Bulgaria), Limassol (Cyprus), Tirana (Albania).

## PROGRAMME

INTERREG V-A Balkan-Mediterranean.

## TOTAL BUDGET EU FUNDING

€ 715,486.65	€ 608,163.65
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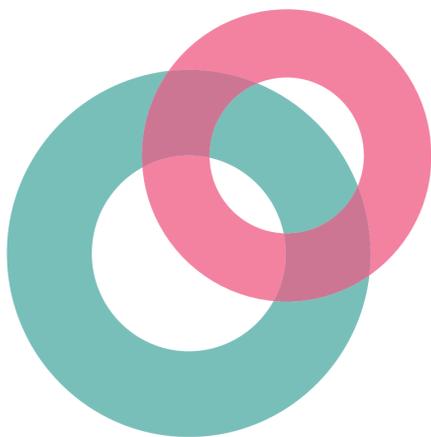
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*“We’re so proud that this technology has made such a positive impact in Sicilian and Maltese hospitals during the pandemic. It will significantly improve the quality of safe medical care nurses can provide to patients in infectious units.”*



## DESCRIPTION

The development of an innovative piece of medical equipment enabling nurses to monitor patients’ vital statistics remotely proved especially timely when the pandemic arrived. The console, created in collaboration by partners in Sicily and Malta, uses a system of biosensors to send patients’ vital signs wirelessly to a nurse station, making real-time information about heart and breathing rates, blood pressure, body temperature and more easy to access. This invaluable technology arrived in Malta in January 2020, just before reported cases in Europe rapidly increased and is being used by staff at San Marco Hospital in Catania, the Mater Dei Hospital in Malta and the University of Catania. Once successfully tested, it will be ready for use in infectious diseases units, meaning nursing staff can closely monitor patients in isolation units from a safe distance.

## GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Malta, Sicily region (Italy).

## PROGRAMME

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## TOTAL BUDGET

€ 1,722,524.00

## EU FUNDING

€ 1,464,145.00

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