



THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

HORIZON 2020

AI & Robotics for Healthcare

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- 11 years in the "Robotics & AI" Unit / DG CNECT
- 42 projects / 12 in healthcare
- 170M€

- *Some generalities on Robotics & Healthcare*
- *H2020 & some H2020 Projects*
- *Some outlook to the future, end of H2020, Horizon Europe & Digital Europe*

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Trends in AI and Robotics

AI can be:

- Purely in **software systems**, like automated trading systems or recommendation systems on shopping website
 - Embodied in **robots** with perception and locomotion capabilities
- Affordable robots
 - Adaptive robots

Constraints in Healthcare

- Population Aging
- Social security systems under stress
- Lack of qualified employable people: *"We don't have enough labour to manage everyone's health all the time with a doctor and a nurse."*

Trends in Healthcare

- Diagnosis and treatment from the **analysis of large health datasets (Big Data)**.
- **European health data space**: Standardisation and exchange of patient data across institutions and countries.
- **Citizen empowerment** and **person-centred healthcare**.
- Willingness to age in a healthy way (European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Aging).

AI & Robotics as part of the solution?

- **"Iron triangle"** with three interlocking factors - **access, affordability, and effectiveness** - require inevitable and often negative trade-offs.
 - Potential of AI & Robotics to **cut costs, improve treatment, and bolster accessibility** without degrading the other factors "a path to unlocking the iron triangle".
 - Transferring time-consuming human tasks to machines.
 - Enabling patients to self-service their care needs when possible.

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Horizon Europe & Digital Europe*



HORIZON 2020



Excellent Science (24.4 B €)

European Research Council
(13.1 B €)

Future and Emerging Technologies
(2.7 B €)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
(6.1 B €)

Research Infrastructures
(2.5 B €)

Industrial Leadership (17 B €)

LEIT = Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies

- ICT
- Nano, new materials
- Biotechnology
- Space

(13.5 B €)

Access to Risk Finance
(2.9 B €)

Innovation in SMEs
(0.6 B €)

Societal Challenges (29.7 B €)

Health
(7.5 B €)

Food
(3.9 B €)

Energy
(6 B €)

Transport
(6.3 B €)

Climate
(3 B €)

Inclusive Societies
(1.3 B €)

Security
(1.7 B €)

Spreading Excellence (0.8 B €)

Science for Society (0.5 B €)

EIT (2.7 B €)

JRC (1.9 B €)

Euratom (1.6 B €)

Relevant EU Funding Schemes

- H2020 LEIT: ICT Robotics
- H2020 Societal Challenges: Health
- H2020 PPP: Factories of the Future (FOF)
- H2020 ECSEL Joint Undertaking
- H2020 Marie Curie Actions
 - ETN European Training Network,
 - EID European Industrial Doctorate
 - RISE Research and Innovation Staff Exchange
- H2020 SME Instrument
- H2020 Fast Track to Innovation (FTI)
- Eurostars
- AAL Active Assisted Living Programme



AI POLICY:

1. [Communication on Artificial Intelligence for Europe.](#)

2. [Coordinated Plan on Artificial Intelligence \(COM\(2018\) 795 final\)](#)



A STRATEGY FOR EUROPE TO LEAD THE WAY

**Boost
technological
and industrial
capacity & AI
uptake**

**Prepare for
socio-
economic
changes**

**Ensure an
appropriate
ethical & legal
framework**

AI FOR GOOD AND FOR ALL



2018-2020: €1.5 billion in = 70%+ of annual investment



**R&D and
excellence
centers**



**AI-on-
demand
platform**



**Digital
Innovation
Hubs**



**Industrial data
platforms**

**Goal beyond 2020: Increasing investments from
€4-5 billion / year today to €20 billion / year**

Maximising benefits from AI



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Economic impact



Contribution to societal challenges



Healthcare



Energy
efficiency



Road safety



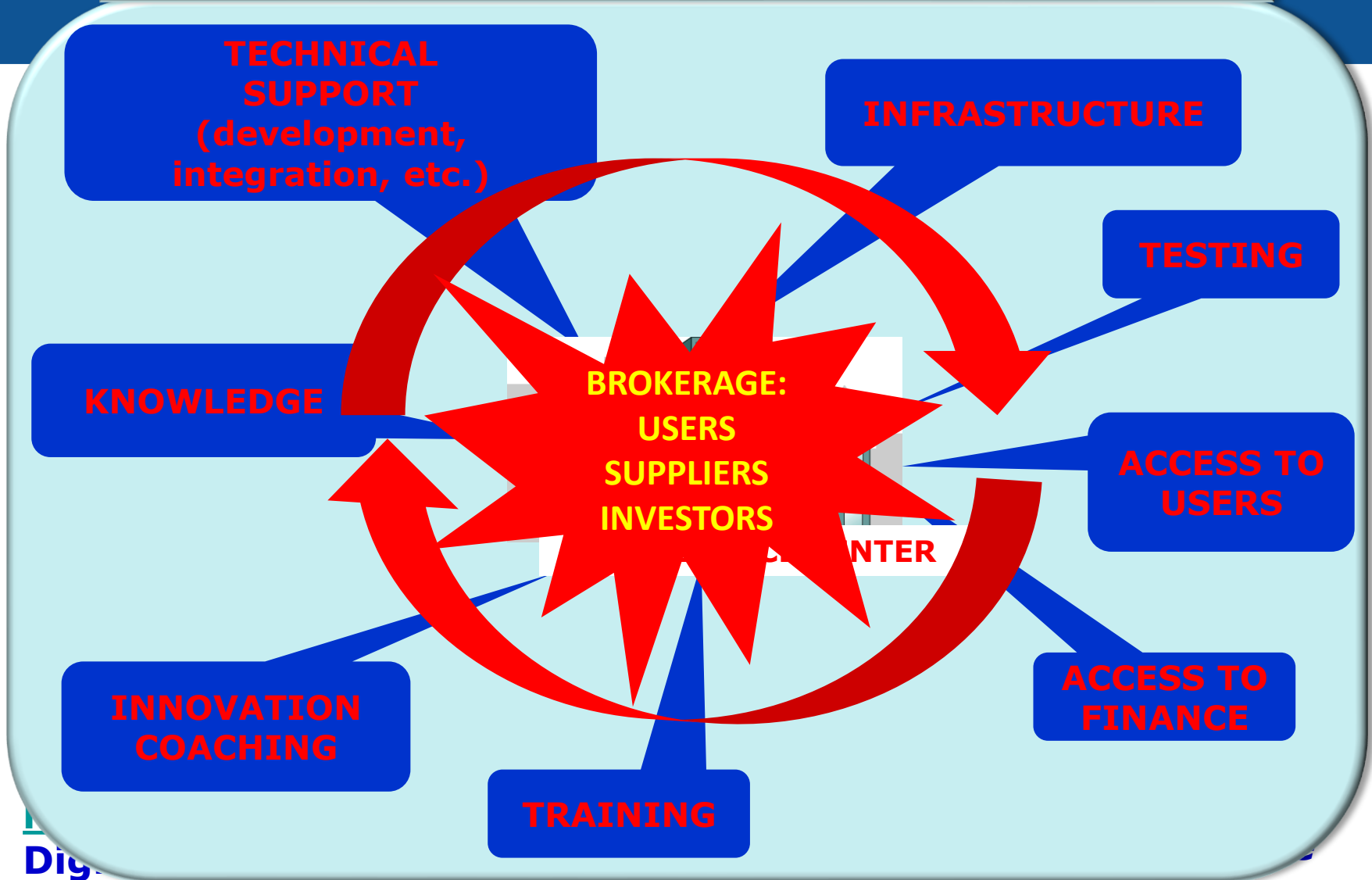
Cybersecurity

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The AI-on-demand-platform AI4EU - <http://ai4eu.org/>

- Provide central access point to AI resources in Europe**
- Will have a Pilot Experiment in Healthcare to provide examples of how to use this platform for innovations with AI.**

DIGITAL INNOVATION HUB: INGREDIENTS



Digital Innovation Hub
in Healthcare Robotics

of digital innovations and
competences



DIGITAL INNOVATION HUB: ACTORS



Academia



Entrepreneurs



Incubators



COMPETENCE CENTER SHARED PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE & SUPPORT

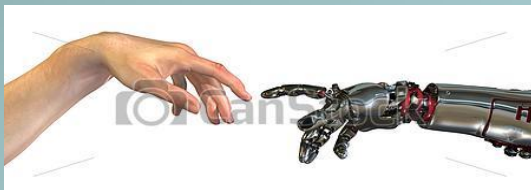
Techno centric: rto, excellence centre...
- User centric: testing facilities in specific area (factory, hospital, farm, urban area, test-house ...)



Industry



Government



**Users Community:
SMEs, citizens,
local economic actors...**



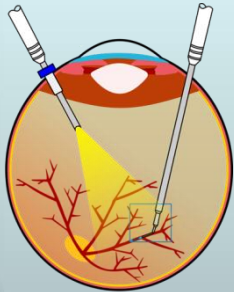
Investors



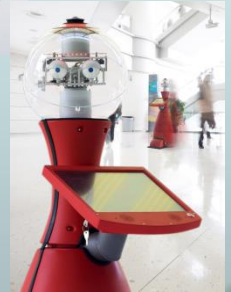
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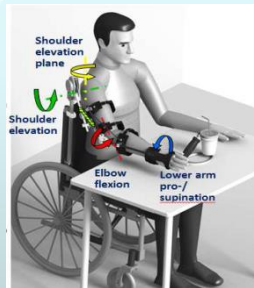
Operating room (~26M€)



Support in Hospitals (~4M€)



Robotics



Exoskeleton & Rehabilitation (~40M€)

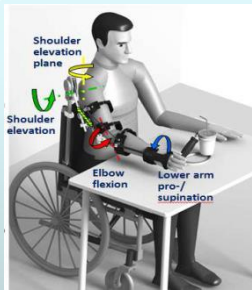


Support at Home (Assistive living) (~10M€)

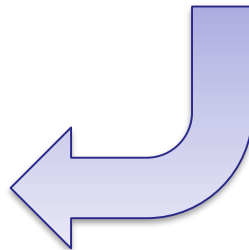


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Robotics



**Exoskeleton &
Rehabilitation
(~40M€)**





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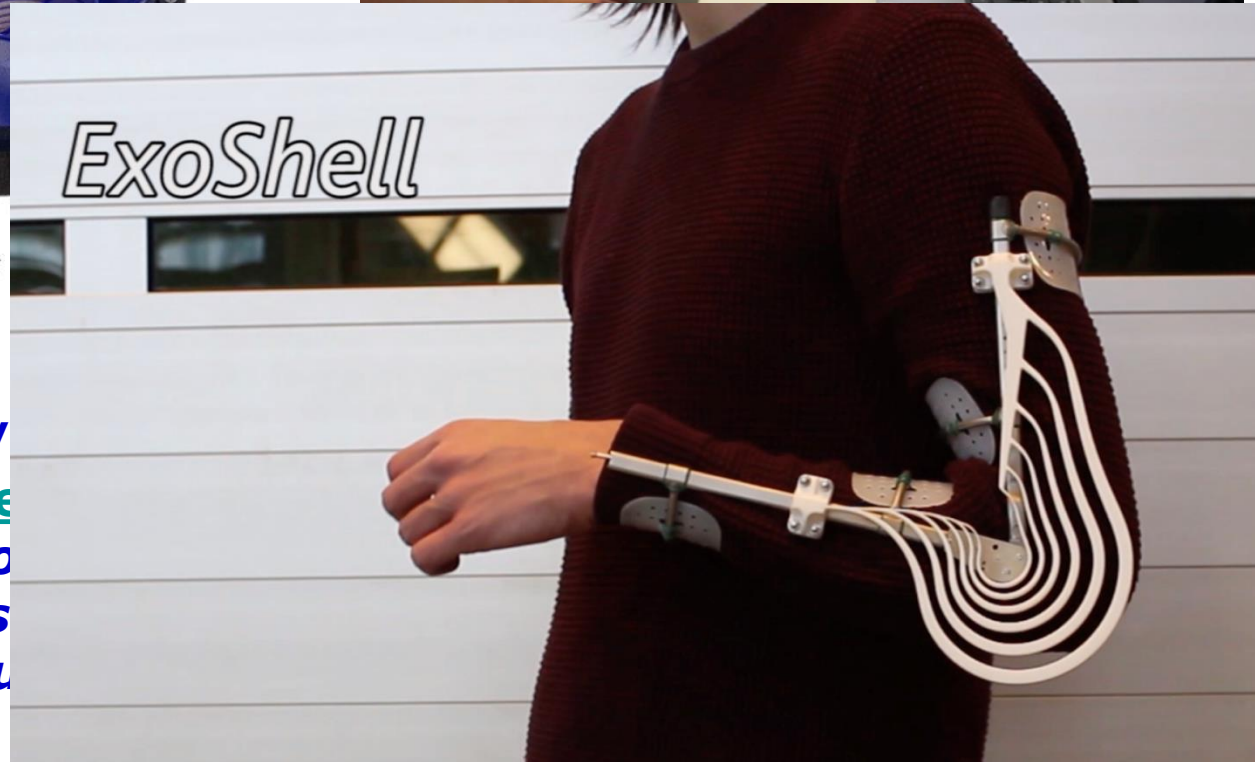
advancing exoskeleton, prosthetic,
and haptic technologies

Paretic hand



Robotic Sixth Finger

ExoShell



SoftPro

H2020 call-2 (2015)

7.4 M€ (12 partners /

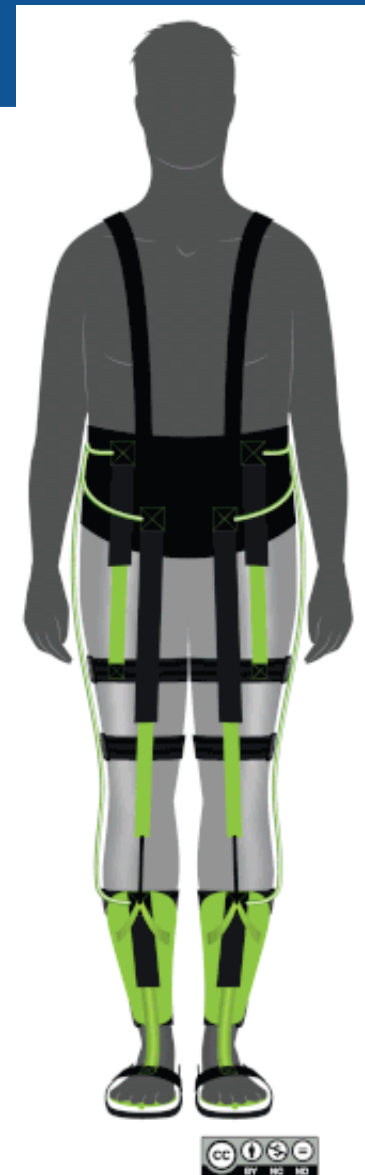
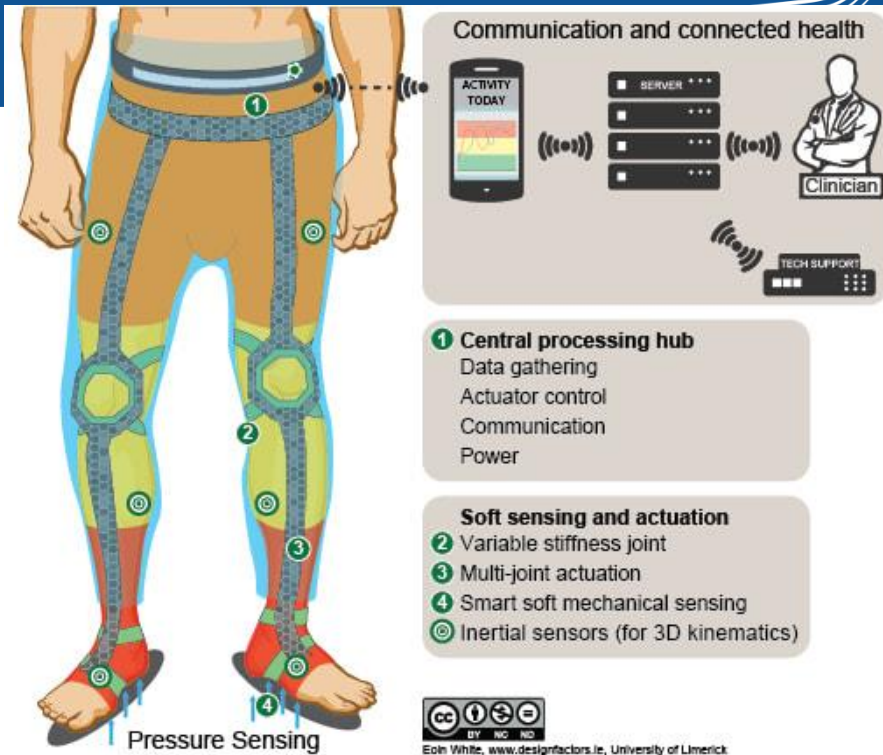
<http://www.softpro.eu>

Soft robotics technology

new prostheses, exoskeletons

assistive devices for upper limb

rehabilitation



XoSoft

H2020 call-2 (2015)

3.7 M€

<https://www.xoSoft.eu/>

Soft modular biomimetic exoskeleton to assist people with mobility impairments



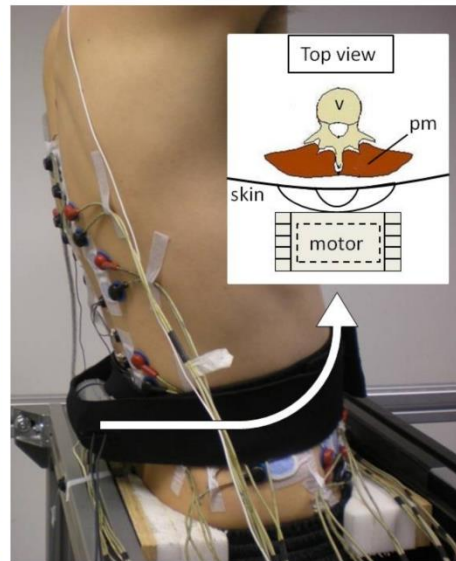
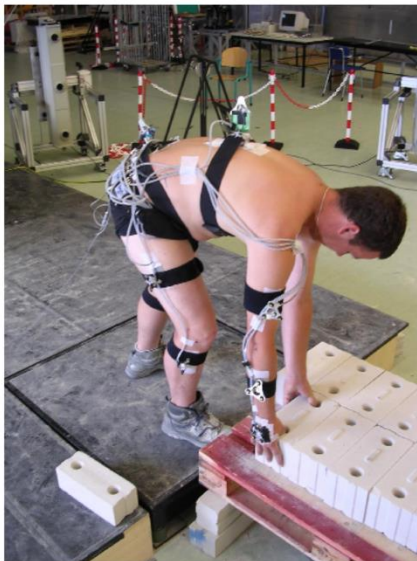
SPEXOR

H2020 call-2 (2015)

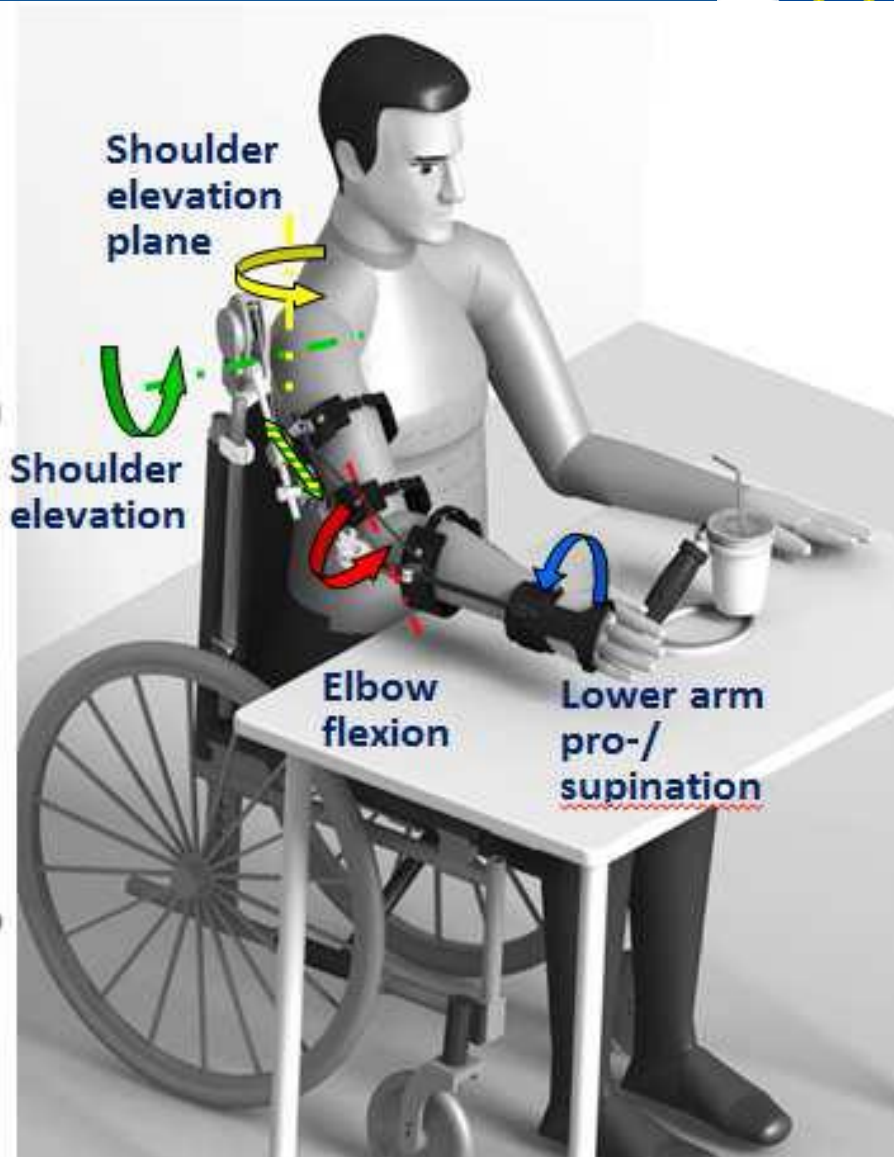
4.0 M€

<http://www.spexor.eu/>

**Spinal exoskeletal robot
for low back pain
prevention and
vocational reintegration**



***Low-back pain is the
leading cause of worker
absenteeism after the
common cold, accounting
for 15% of sick leaves
and hundreds of millions
of lost work days
annually.***



RETRAINER

H2020 call-1 (2014)

2.8 M€

<http://www.retrainer.eu/>

*Wide clinical validation
of robotics
technologies for upper-
limb rehabilitation*

CYBERLEGS Plus Plus

H2020 call-3 (2016)

4.3 M€

<http://www.cyberlegs.eu/>

CYBERnetic LowEr-Limb

CoGnitive Ortho-prosthesis

Validate the technical and economic viability of the powered robotic ortho-prosthesis developed within the framework of the FP7-ICT-CYBERLEGS



MY LEG

SMART AND INTUITIVE OSSEOINTEGRATED TRANSFERMORAL PROSTHESIS EMBODYING ADVANCED DYNAMIC BEHAVIORS

MyLeg

H2020 call-7 (2017)

4.0 M€

Osseointegrated Implant

to enhance human-prosthesis interaction, perception, and motion capabilities

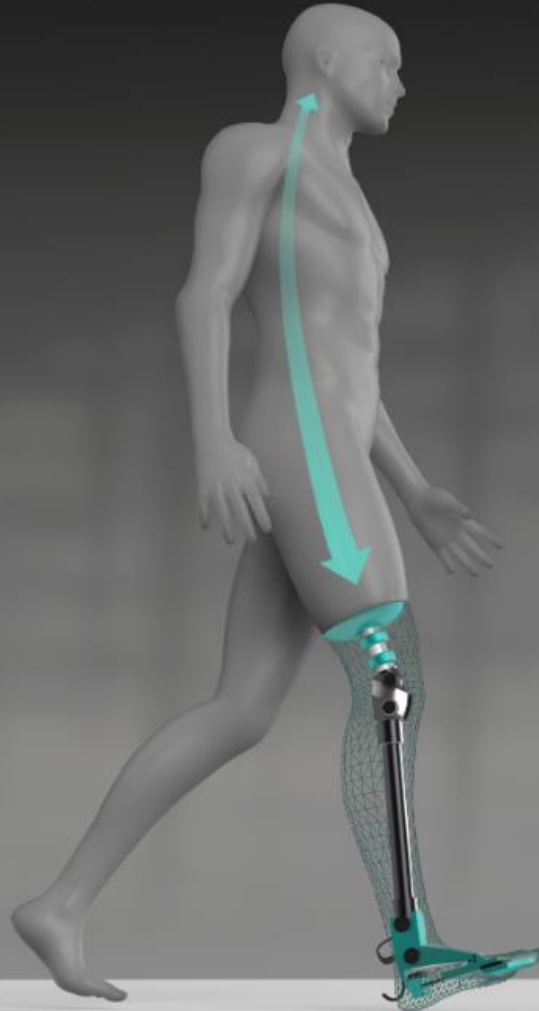
Implantable Myoelectric Sensors on Targeted Reinnervated Muscles

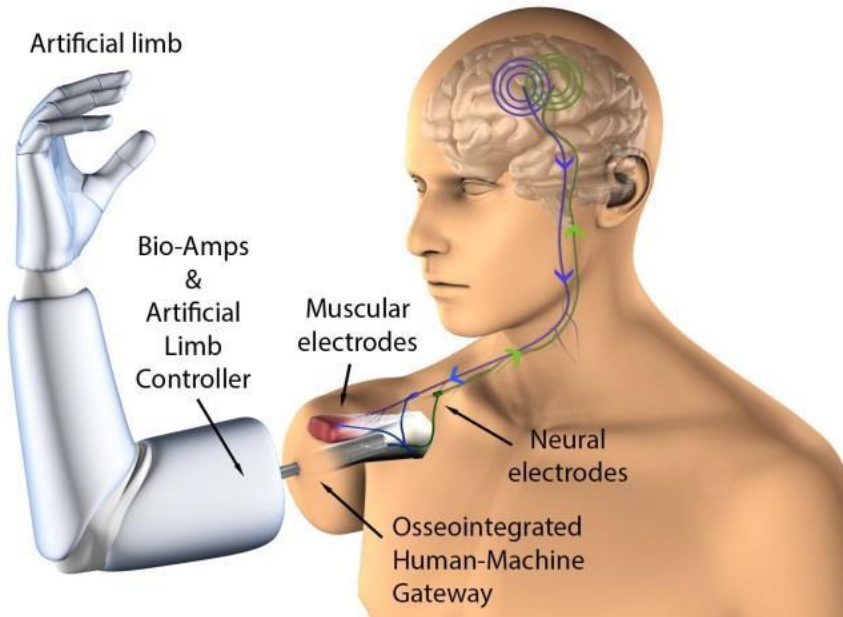
to provide an intuitive control and to extend the user's cognitive capabilities

Variable Stiffness Actuators & Novel Composite Materials

to achieve energy efficiency, dependability, and adaptability to different tasks

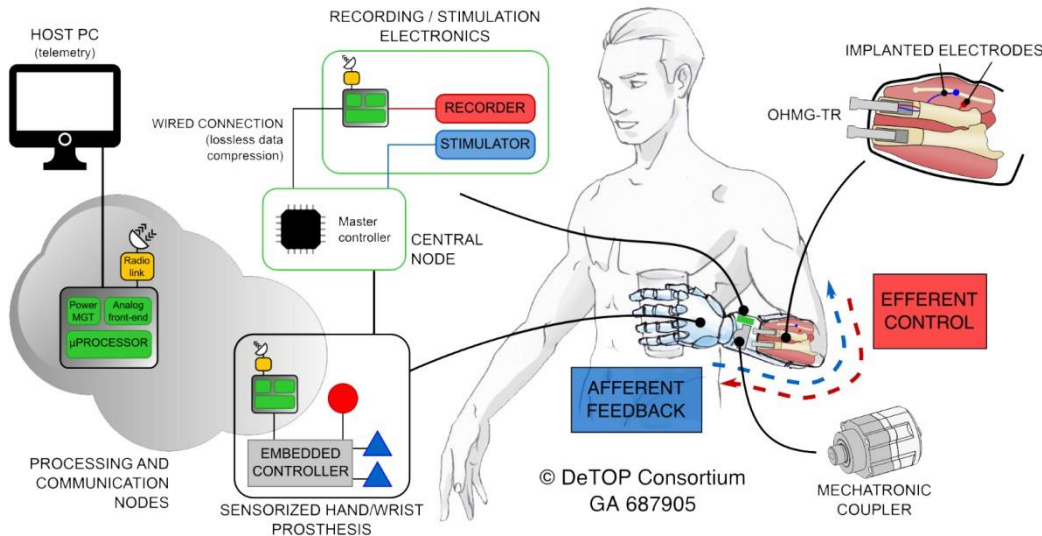
www.myleg.eu





- **DeTOP**
H2020 call-2 (2015)
4.3 M€
<http://www.detop-project.eu/>
Dexterous Transradial Osseointegrated Prosthesis with neural control and sensory feedback

Recovery of hand function after amputation beyond the myoelectric prostheses controlled via superficial electrodes which do not provide sensory feedback and have poor functionality and controllability





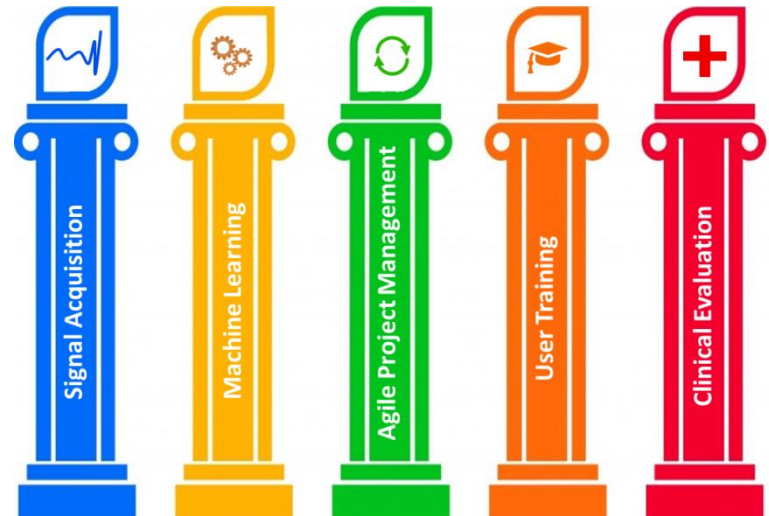
INPUT

H2020 call-2 (2015)

2.7 M€

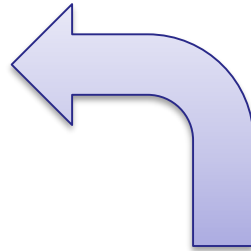
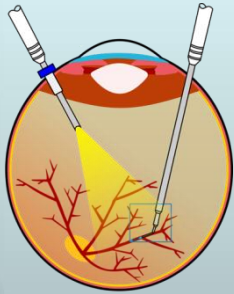
<http://www.input-h2020.eu/>

Intuitive Natural Prosthesis Utilization

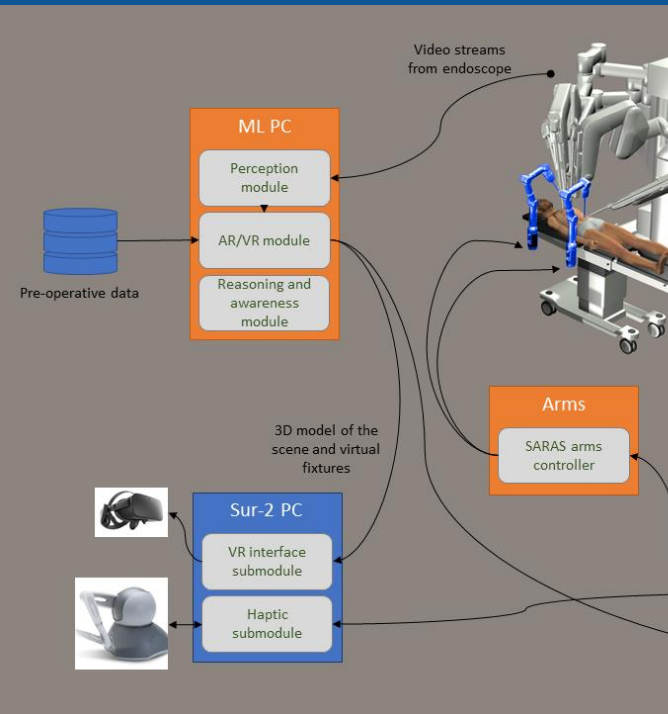


Make the control of complex upper limb prostheses simple, natural and to be used on a daily basis by amputees effortlessly after donning - "don and play".

Operating room (~26M€)



Robotics



SARAS

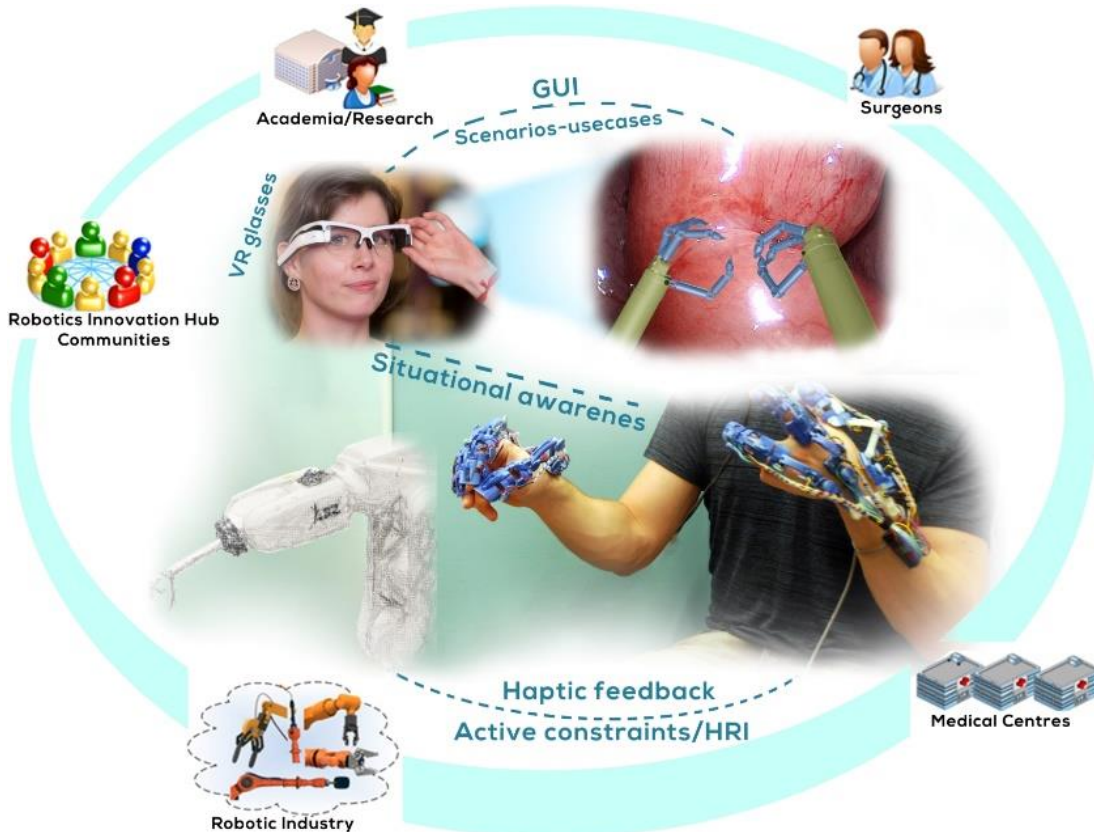
H2020 call-4 (2017)

4.2 M€

<https://saras-project.eu/>

Smart Autonomous Robotic Assistant Surgeon

Next-generation of surgical robotic systems that will allow a single surgeon to execute Robotic Minimally Invasive Surgery (R-MIS) without the need of an expert assistant surgeon



SMARTsurg

H2020 call-3 (2016)

4.0 M€

<http://www.smartsurg-project.eu>

**Smart weAvable
Robotic Teleoperated
Surgery**

***Developing a novel
robotic platform for
assisting the surgeon
in complex minimally-
invasive surgical
operations***



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In vivo
Diagnostics

Steerable
Needle

Intraoperative
Imaging and GUI

Haptic Device

3-D Ultrasound
Transducer

Shape Sensing
Hardware

Fine Positioning
System



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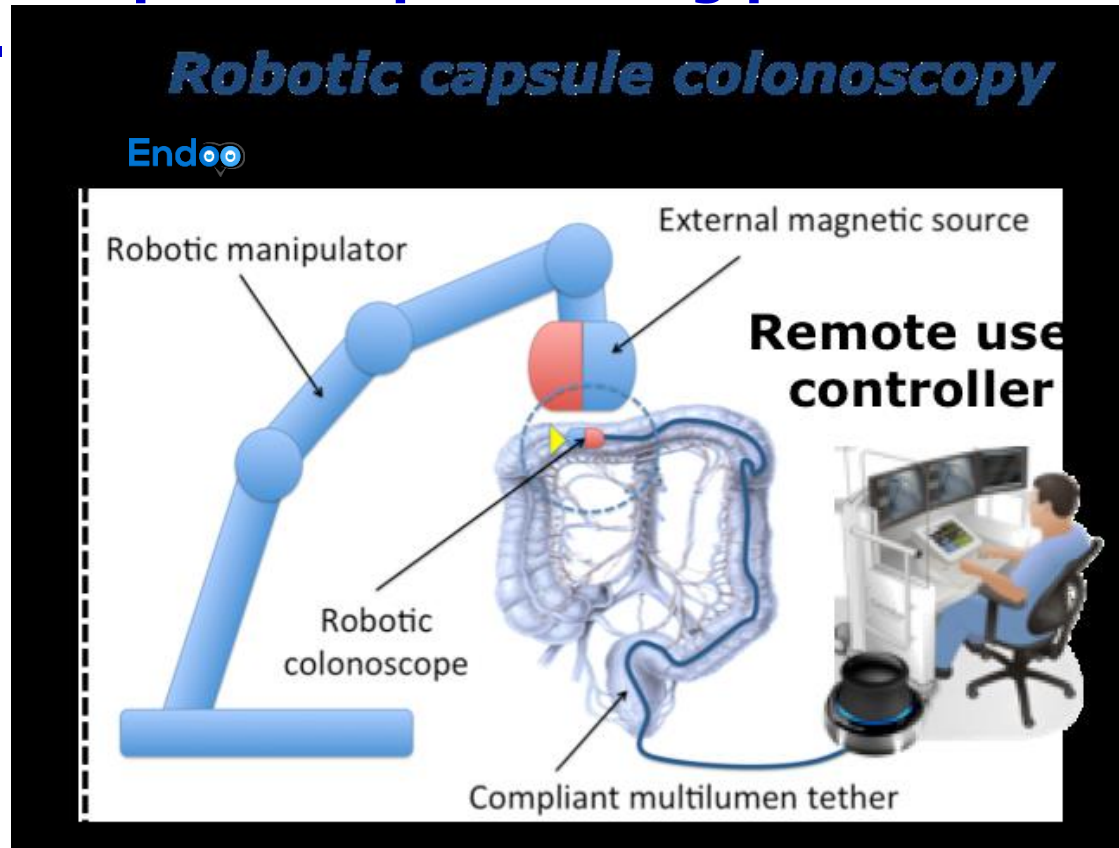
H2020 call-2 (2015)

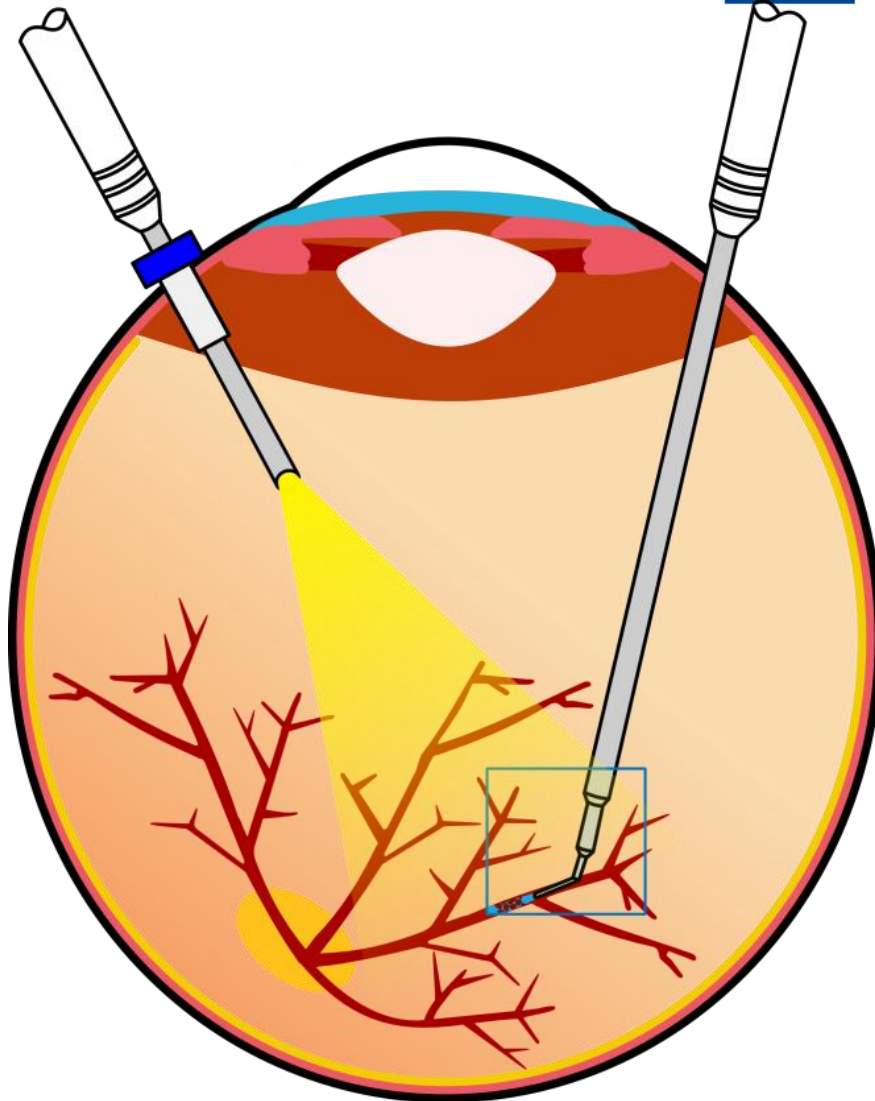
2.7 M€

<http://www.endoo-project.eu/>

Soft-tethered colonoscope capable of performing painless diagnosis and treatment.

Colorectal cancer is one of the major causes of mortality but survival rate dramatically increase in case of early diagnosis.





EurEyeCase

H2020 call-1 (2014)

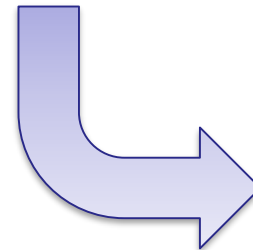
2.6 M€

**[https://www.eureyeca
se.eu](https://www.eureyeca.se.eu)**

**Use Case for European
Robotics in
Ophthalmologic Micro-
Surgery**

***Going beyond human
skills to treat
vitreoretinal diseases***

Robotics



**Support at
Home**
(Assistive living)
(~10M€)



MoveCare

H2020 call-3 (2015-2020)
5.9 M€

<http://www.movecare-project.eu>

Multiple-Actors
Empathic Caregiver
the Elder

Integrates an exoskeleton, a robotic platform, a smart home, a domotic system, smart objects, a virtual caregiver, an activity center, a community and socialization center, to provide assistance, active living, transparent monitoring, and socialization to the elder at home.



Virtual Caregiver embodied in a Service Robot



CORE LAYER



SERVICE LAYER

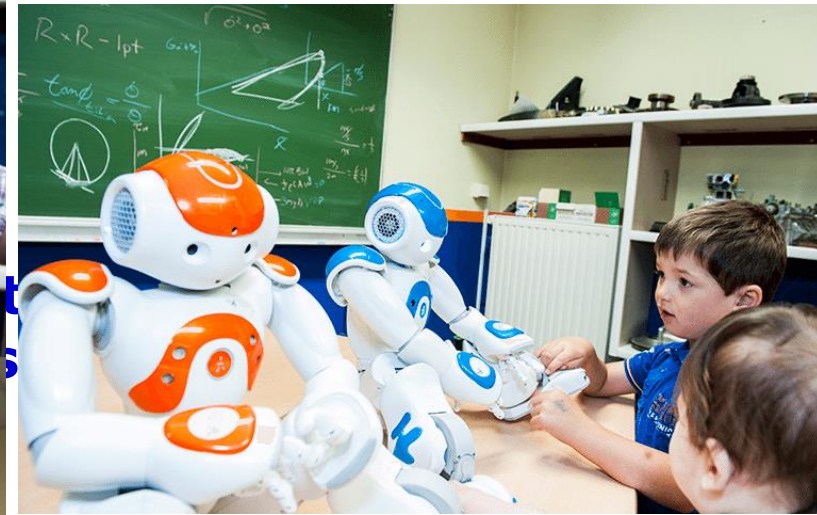
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Robotics

Support in
Hospitals
(~4M€)







STRANDS

FP7 call-9 (2012)

8.2 M€

Long-Term Scenarios

<http://strands.acin.tuwien.ac.at/>

Robots able to run for months in dynamic human environments

➤ *Home for elderly people*





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FP7 call-9 (2012)
3.3 M€



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End of H2020 - Robotics

- **ICT-09-2019-2020: Robotics in Application Area**
- ICT-10-2019-2020: Robotics Core Technology**
- DT-ICT-12-2020: The smart hospital of the future**
Large scale pilot of technology in Hospital/ Home care
environnement
(to be published second half 2019)

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities>



End of H2020 - Health

- **SCI-DTH-03-2018:** Adaptive smart working and living environments supporting active and healthy ageing
- **SCI-DTH-01-2019:** Big data and Artificial Intelligence for **monitoring health** status and quality of life **after the cancer treatment**
- **SCI-DTH-05-2019:** Large scale implementation of digital innovation for **health and care in an ageing society**
- **SCI-DTH-11-2019:** Large Scale pilots of **personalised & outcome based integrated care**
- **DT-TDS-01-2019:** **Smart and healthy living at home**
- **SC1-DTH-04-2020:** International cooperation in digital solutions and robotics for independent living
- **SC1-DTH-02-2020:** Personalised early risk prediction, prevention and intervention, RIA
- **SC1-BHC-06-2020:** Digital diagnostics – developing tools for clinical decisions integrating in vitro and in vivo diagnostics
- **Active and Assisted Living Programme** - http://www.aal-europe.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/AAL_Call-2018_29March.pdf

Beyond H2020 : 2021-2027

- ❑ **Horizon Europe**, *follow up of H2020*
- ❑ **Digital Europe & Connecting Europe Facility**
NEW: Capacity and Deployment
- ❑ **European Social Fund & European Globalisation Adjustment Fund**
- ❑ **European Regional Development Fund**
- ❑ **InvestEU**

- ❖ **COST Program**
- ❖ **National Funding**
- ❖ **Regional Funding**

Investing in the future: **Digital Europe** Programme

**Interoperability &
Digital transformation**
1.3 € billion

**€ 9.2 billion
in total**

**Advanced
digital skills**
0.7 € billion

**Cybersecurity
& trust**
2 € billion



**High performance
computing**
2.7 € billion

**Artificial
intelligence**
2.5 € billion

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#DigitalEurope

Investing in the future: **Digital Europe Programme**

€2.5 billion for **Artificial intelligence**

Bring the power of the AI to
**businesses & public
administrations**

Strengthen **testing
and experimentation**
facilities across the EU



Facilitate safe **access
and storage** of data
and algorithms



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Thank you!

Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH) ?

*Commissioner Oettinger:
"My objective is to have at least one world class **digital innovation hub** in every region in Europe."*

Objective:

Ensure that every business in Europe, whatever its sector of activity, wherever located and whatever its size, can take full advantage of digital innovations and competences

Access to digital technologies and expertise within "working distance" for any industry in Europe, especially SMEs, mid-caps, non-tech

- Regions and local authorities have a key role to play*
- EU funding: at least 500 million € in the next 5 years*

**THE HUB = CENTER OF A NETWORK
EXPLOIT COMPLEMENTARITIES
(LOCAL AND EUROPEAN)**





**COLLABORATION AND NETWORKING BETWEEN CENTRES
→ ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR EXPERTISE, COMPLEMENTARITY & SPECIALISATION**

COMBINED FUNDING: PRIVATE & PUBLIC



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EARTO – HEALTHCARE
27 JUNE 2017

PRIVATE



National, regional,
local Funding



EU Regional funding

PUBLIC



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→ PUBLIC SECTOR SHARING RISK WITH INDUSTRY IN INNOVATION

Digital Innovation Hubs: Towards organic Growth



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Member States & regions:

build-up/strengthening of national and regional structures of digital innovation hubs

- particular attention to **SMEs**
- Ensure companies can **access** advanced technologies and enhance their **digital competences**
- **€100 million per year (EU)** of support to the hubs and **10 times more from the Member States and regions**

Commission:

- Set up a pan-European network of Digital Innovation Hubs
- Support activities *such as cross-border experiments, catalogue and assistance in the creation of hubs*



Opportunities offered by DIH-HERO

There will be calls to engage with SMEs and healthcare providers to create technology transfer experiments and demonstrators that have the potential to stimulate uptake and to showcase excellence in healthcare robotics. This include a three-step funding approach:

- 1) Stimulation of cross-border cooperation by travel vouchers for SMEs,*
- 2) Funding of experiments that enable transfer of technology to the robotic solutions for the healthcare domain and*
- 3) Funding of the development of technology demonstrators in healthcare application domains.*

The main application domains targeted are: diagnostics, clinical intervention, rehabilitation, patient-support, and healthcare professional support.

At least 50% of the DIH-HERO budget will be distributed to SMEs using such mechanisms.

Digital Europe Programme

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:321918fd-6af4-11e8-9483-01aa75ed71a1.0003.03/DOC_2&format=PDF

“Co-investment with Member States in **world class reference sites for experimentation and testing in real setting** focusing on the applications of AI in essential sectors such as **health**, earth/environment monitoring, mobility, security, manufacturing or finance, as well as in other areas of public interest. The sites should be open to all actors across Europe and connected to the Network of Digital Innovation Hubs. They should be equipped with large computing and data handling facilities as well as latest AI technologies including emerging areas such as neuromorphic computing, deep learning and robotics. »



TRANSPORT

Electromobility

*Automated road transport / Traffic / Mobility / Freight and logistics /
Automated trains / Security for personal vehicles / autonomous
Maritime Ecosystem*

5G / 5G & mobility

HEALTHCARE

Digital health innovations

Home-based digital services for the elderly

Biobanks

INFRASTRUCTURES / UTILITIES / PUBLIC SERVICES

Smart energy

Smart cities

Road maintenance and asset management

Earth Observation data processing

INDUSTRY

Industry 4.0 - manufacturing and production

Components

TECHNOLOGIES

Hardware for AI (= components?)

APPLICATION AREAS

Healthcare (smart hospital, etc.)

Smart mobility (connected and autonomous driving /logistics) & Autonomous shipping

Energy

Manufacturing / Industrial production

Security / Safety

Smart cities

Agrifood

Finance

MS INPUTS

TECHNOLOGIES

- *AI, data/image/text and language processing, 5G, robotics, components*

APPLICATION AREAS

- *Health (incl. elderly)*
- *Mobility / automotive / Aviation, Trains, Vessels*
- *Great global and social challenges, such as the climate change*
- *Energy*
- *Circular economy*
- *Cleantech*
- *Bio economy*
- *Manufacturing*
- *ICT*
- *Cybersecurity/Security*
- *Space applications*
- *Smart cities*
- *Road maintenance and asset mgt.*
- *Earth Observation*