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Horizon Europe and framework programmes

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- Funds research projects across the EU and in partner countries
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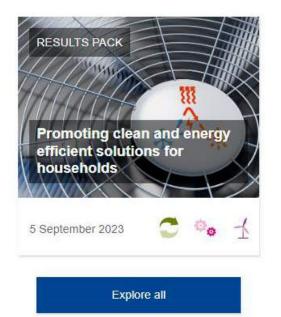
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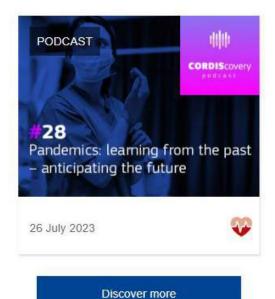
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Stratification of Rheumatoid Arthritis: CompuTational models to personalise mAnagement strategies for difFlcult-to-Treat disease

Fact Sheet

Objective

Difficult-to-treat rheumatoid arthritis (D2T RA) is an area of huge unmet medical need with major socio-economic consequences for patients and society. Contributing factors have been identified including co-morbidities, drug-related, biological and behavioral factors. However, identifying these patients with specific underlying and overlapping problems, or patients at risk, is a big challenge in practice.

Currently, treatment decisions are random and not sufficiently patient tailored nor data-driven. Therefore, the STRATA-FIT consortium sets out to develop and validate computational models to identify and stratify D2T RA patients into clinically relevant phenotypes using real world clinical data. We will also measure biomarkers of inflammation to further characterise these phenotypes.

Subsequently, we will execute a pilot study with a clinical decision aid based on our models to assess the effectiveness of personalised treatment strategies.

In parallel we will develop a computational model to identify early RA patients at risk of developing D2T RA. By doing so, not only will we provide better treatment for patients with D2T RA, but also work towards its prevention in early RA patients. STRATA-FIT will establish a unique European Learning Healthcare System, using a privacy-proof, state-of-the-art federated learning infrastructure in which patients with, or at risk of D2T RA are identified, stratified and treated in a personalised manner.

STRATA-FIT builds on previous work by consortium partners, who initiated and lead the European Task Force on developing points to consider for managing D2T RA. It brings together clinical experts, patient research partners and clinical-, biological-, data- and computer-scientists to tackle this major clinical challenge. When successful, STRATA-FIT will lead to more (cost-) effective D2T RA care and will greatly improve the quality of life of D2T RA patients while lowering the burden of D2T RA on Europe's health care systems and society.

STRATA-FIT Grant agreement ID: 101080243 DOI 10.3030/101080243 🗹 Start date End date 1 May 2023 30 April 2029 Funded under Health Total cost € 6 099 650 **EU contribution** € 6 099 650 Coordinated by UNIVERSITAIR MEDISCH CENTRUM UTRECHT Netherlands

Project Information

Fields of science

Keywords

Difficult-to-treat rheumatoid arthritis		Federated Learning		European Learning Health Care System	
real-world data	decision aid	stratification	machir	ne learning	clinical prediction modelling

Programme(s)

HORIZON.2.1 - Health (MAIN PROGRAMME)

HORIZON.2.1.5 - Tools, Technologies and Digital Solutions for Health and Care, including personalised medicine

Topic(s)

HORIZON-HLTH-2022-TOOL-12-01-two-stage - Computational models for new patient stratification strategies

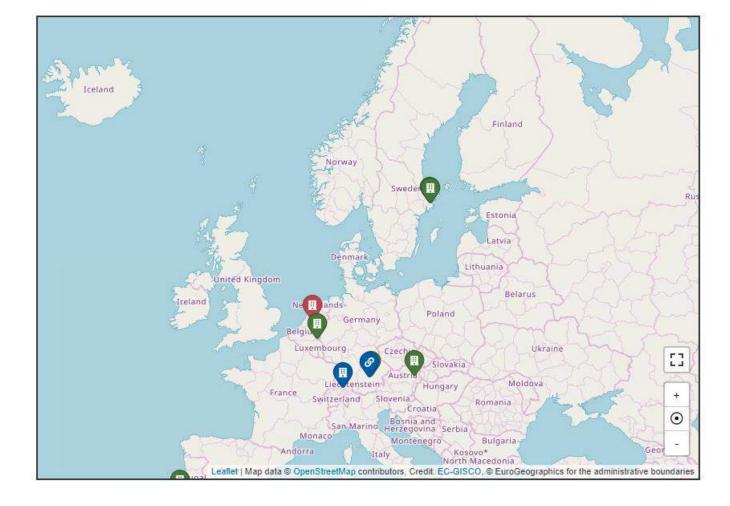
Call for proposal

HORIZON-HLTH-2022-TOOL-12-two-stage

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Funding Scheme

HORIZON-RIA - HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions



Coordinator



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MULTIFUNCTIONAL MICROFLUIDIC PATCH FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES DIAGNOSIS

Fact Sheet

EUROPE

Objective

In vitro diagnostic (IVD) technologies have revolutionized healthcare, yet remain confined to the laboratories. As witnessed during the COVID-19 pandemic, this traditional centralized approach was not sufficient to prevent and manage viral outbreak because it massively failed to deliver quick and cost-effective diagnosis. The ongoing pandemic further emphasizes the growing need to urgently bring lab-guality diagnosis to the hands of end users (i.e. point-of-care, POC). Despite high expectations from Lab-on-Chip technologies, they failed so far to disrupt the IVD market due to their complexity of integration/operation, high cost, off-chip sample preparation, poor scalability, to mention only a few. The FORTIFIEDx consortium aims to revolutionize the POC IVD field by making use of novel multifunctional biocompatible polymers and their (micro)structuring with mass fabrication technology to develop for the first time a true sample-to-result POC test. We will develop a FORTIFIEDx microfluidic-based patch capable of both biofluids (self-)sampling via hollow microneedles and immediate analysis of this sample on the very same patch in a completely self-powered manner. Two unmet clinical needs, posing epidemic/pandemic treats to both the developed and developing world, are selected: (1) sexually transmitted diseases, in particular simultaneous diagnosis of HIV and Syphilis, to enable timely diagnosis of patients not always able to reach centralized settings due to stigma or financial difficulties and (2) viral haemorrhagic fever, in particular Ebola and Lassa viruses, to battle their highly contagious and deadly outbreaks. To tackle this challenging aim, the interdisciplinary and experienced FORTIFIEDx consortium (2 universities, 5 research institutes and 2 SMEs from 6 countries) will combine insights from material science, engineering and microfabrication, microfluidic technology development, bioassay development, clinical validation and life cycle assessment.

Project Information

FORTIFIEDX

Grant agreement ID: 101092049

DOI 10.3030/101092049

Start date 1 August 2023 End date 31 July 2027

Funded under Digital, Industry and Space

Total cost € 4 986 073,83

EU contribution € 4 986 070,00

Coordinated by KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN

Keywords

multifunctional biocompatible vitrimers roll-to-roll fabrication microfluidics						
hollow microneedles	self-sampling patch	in vitro diagnostics	point of care testing			
infectious disease diagnosis						

Programme(s)

HORIZON.2.4 - Digital, Industry and Space (MAIN PROGRAMME

HORIZON.2.4.9 - Low-Carbon and Clean Industries

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Topic(s)

HORIZON-CL4-2022-RESILIENCE-01-13 - Smart and multifunctional biomaterials for health innovations (RIA)

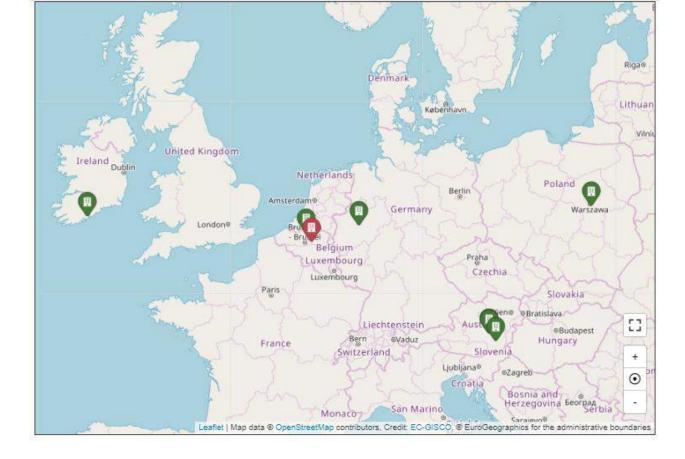
Call for proposal

HORIZON-CL4-2022-RESILIENCE-01

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Funding Scheme

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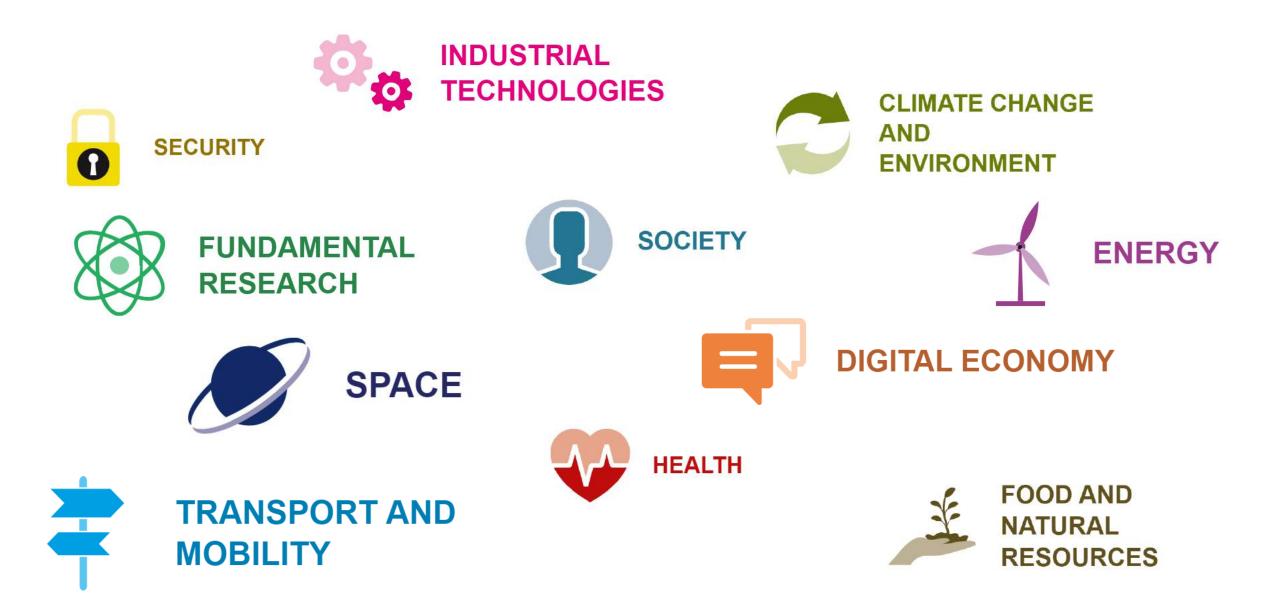
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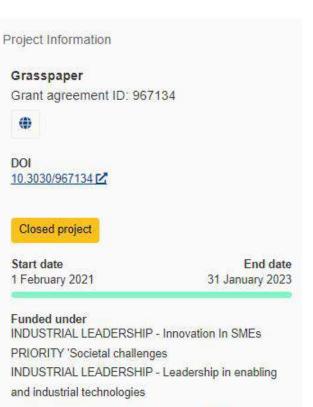
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Grasspaper to make Europe's paper industry more sustainable

The European paper industry uses vast amounts of wood pulp each year, so a new approach using paper made from grass fibres could bring huge environmental benefits.







Total cost € 2 141 250,00

EU contribution € 1 498 875,00



Despite much of the world moving online, <u>paper</u> is still in high demand. About 400 million tons of paper are produced worldwide each year.

Wood pulp from trees accounts for around half of this, consuming about 40 % of the global industrial wood harvest. This can contribute to deforestation, harming biodiversity, releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and disrupting ecosystems. New solutions are needed.

The EU-funded Grasspaper project has created a new raw material for the European paper industry, a paper made from grass fibres. Grasspaper's innovative new mechanical process is compatible with standard paper production equipment, and grasspaper products could not only help reduce the impact on trees but also act as a replacement for single-use plastics – bringing further environmental benefits.

"The CO2 emissions from our production process are close to zero," says Michael Schatzschneider, director of sales at Creapaper 2 and Grasspaper project coordinator.

A new paper paradigm

Grasspaper is created from a blend of grass fibres and recycled paper, a production that requires significantly less water and energy than traditional wood pulp-based paper manufacturing.

The fibres can be sourced from a variety of fast-growing, renewable grass species, which do not require extensive land use or contribute to deforestation.

The Grasspaper project developed a new patented mechanical process for creating the new raw material.

"The hay goes through a process of cutting, grinding and cleaning by air, and the pulp is then compressed for transport," Schatzschneider explains.

"All that is needed to produce grasspaper is electricity, and we use around 150 KWh to produce one ton of grasspaper. Our electricity provider is EON and the electricity comes from a European renewable mix," he adds.

The product leaving the paper mill – either 'Grasspaper' or 'Grass carton board' – can be converted into packaging or other consumer goods that are normally made from paper. This ranges from tissue (toilet paper, kitchen rolls and napkins) to solid carton board, widely used in packaging.

Bringing the technology to commercial markets

Through the Grasspaper project, the team developed the manufacturing process further and took steps to bring it closer to the market.

First they assembled and optimised the prototype facility. Once the prototype was ready, they ran a series of tests with European paper mills to trial the new manufacturing system. Feedback from these tests let the team optimise paper specifications. Finally, the team produced different grasspaper showcases and products, and initiated the commercialisation phase.

"Paper and packaging are simple everyday products, but the supply chains are highly complex," Schatzschneider explains. This involves harvesting, pulping, papermaking, converting all this into products or packaging and selling to customers. "Our goal was to become a part of this complex supply chain in a minimally invasive way," he notes.

A greener paper

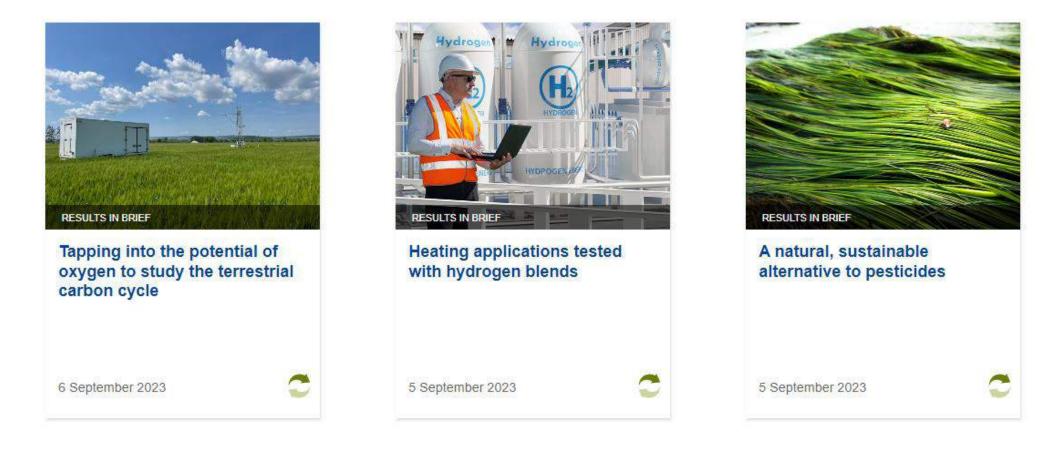
Schatzschneider says the EU funding helped them organise and structure the project, financing operations, letting them create the prototype and therefore securing new investors.

"Grasspaper is simple way of saving CO2 emissions and helping to reduce the stress on forests every day," adds Schatzschneider. "Reforestation is one of the most efficient ways to achieve our ambitious climate goals."

Keywords

Grasspaper, grass, paper, climate, forests, paradigm, products

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Crowdsourced tools sniff out the location of nasty odours

Combining smart technology with odour monitoring techniques and a lot of nostrils, D-NOSES pushes the under-regulated blight of odour pollution up the environmental and policy agendas.

Frequent exposure to odours, at home or at work, can cause a range of ailments, including: headaches, lack of concentration, stress, insomnia and respiratory problems. "After noise, odours are the second most complained about environmental pollutant globally. However, most techniques to measure odours don't adequately account for their impact on



citizens. This whole area is under-regulated," says D-NOSES (Distributed Network for Odour Sensing, Empowerment and Sustainability) project coordinator Rosa Arias, previously from the Ibercivis Foundation, the project host, now founder and CEO of Science for Change (website in Spanish).

The EU-supported citizen science D-NOSES project improved a specially designed app to crowdsource realtime geopositioned odour data, augmented by the experiences of those affected.

The nose proves to be a highly effective sensor! The project tested its methodology in 10 pilots across eight European countries, alongside Chile and Uganda for wider perspectives. Some of the pilots' results have already been published, such as those for Italy, Greece and Chile.

In Spain, OdourCollect recently won the prestigious Prismas (website in Spanish) award for science outreach.

Mapping tools

The project followed University College London's Extreme Citizen Science approach, which prioritises bottorn-up practices, with an awareness of local needs, to help ensure citizen participation and inclusivity during all research phases.

The strategies to engage members of the public were adapted for each pilot, with ethnographic research followed by targeted activities in museums and festivals, alongside appearances in local media. Once engaged, participants took part in sensory walks and odour trainings, alongside data analysis workshops.

At the heart of D-NOSES was the OdourCollect app, built on an earlier iteration created by the MYGEOSS project and designed to enable affected communities to map odour pollution and advocate change. During the 10 pilots, participants suggested improvements to the app's functionality, such as mapping pleasant smells in addition to unpleasant ones.

The flagship Barcelona pilot focused on the Forum area of the city which had endured the impact of waste and wastewater treatment facilities for over 20 years. Users were trained to recognise different smells including waste, sewage, sludge and biogas, and map them. This data was then linked to industrial operations using the app's historical analysis. Over 600 observations were reported over a 12-month period, involving 86 participants.

In total the project collated over 10 000 odour observations worldwide, from over 1 200 citizens.

"Thanks to our engagement model's gender perspective, 70 % of observations were collected by women," adds Arias. "Overall our pilots validated our methodology, with the Barcelona and Italian pilots aligning with the results of traditional odour studies. The nose proves to be a highly effective sensor!"

Influencing policy

The D-NOSES event, 'Revisiting Odour Pollution in Europe', hosted online by Greek MEP Maria Spyraki, resulted in the inclusion of odour pollution and citizen science in the EU Action Plan 'Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil'.

The team also hope that their green paper will prompt discussion about a comprehensive European odour policy, and lead to a white paper.

Another outcome has been the International Odour Observatory, an interactive online resource where users input and consult data crowdsourced globally. Advocacy of policy changes was also undertaken locally during the pilots, as well as more generally with an advocacy toolkit, policy briefs and the strategic roadmap for governance.

The team are currently standardising their methodology in Spain, while also working on a municipal model to guide odour regulation. "Our objective is that citizen data is used as evidence by authorities, to prompt action," concludes Arias. "Crucially, our methodology can be replicated in other contexts and/or applied to other socio-environmental issues."

PROJECT

D-NOSES - Distributed Network for Odour Sensing, Empowerment and Sustainability

COORDINATED BY Ibercivis Foundation in Spain

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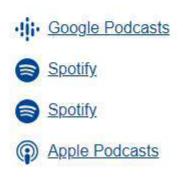


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