

TECHSOCIALCARE PARTNERS MEET IN CLUJ-NAPOCA FOR THE SECOND INTERREGIONAL EVENT

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On 17-18 February 2026, partners of the TechSocialcare Project gathered in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, for the project's 2nd Interregional Event, hosted by the Local Action Group Napoca Porolissum. The two-day meeting brought together representatives from partner regions across Europe to exchange knowledge, share good practices, and strengthen cooperation in the field of technology-enabled social and healthcare services.



The TechSocialcare project, funded through the Interreg Europe Programme, aims to improve regional policies by promoting technical standards for assistive technologies in social and healthcare services. By fostering collaboration between public authorities, research institutions, and social service providers, the project supports the development of more efficient, interoperable, and user-centered technological solutions for care systems across Europe.



Knowledge exchange and policy discussions

The event officially opened with welcoming remarks from Cătălin Baba, representative of Babeş-Bolyai University, and Ada Deac, Project Manager at the Local Action Group Napoca Porolissum.

The first day focused on interregional learning and policy exchange. Project partners presented a range of good practices related to the use of assistive technologies and digital solutions in social and healthcare services. These presentations showcased innovative approaches implemented in different European regions and highlighted their potential for transfer and adaptation.

Partners also delivered presentations on their policy instrument analyses, outlining the regional strategies and policy frameworks targeted by the project. These discussions provided valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities faced by different regions when integrating technological solutions into social and healthcare systems.

The day concluded with a collaborative workshop session, where participants worked together to explore common challenges, identify opportunities for policy improvement, and discuss how the project can support the development of better regional frameworks for assistive technologies.

Research insights and study visits

The second day of the event highlighted research and practical examples of innovative care services in the Cluj region.

Participants attended a presentation by Ionuț Anghel from the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, who introduced two research initiatives: TransCare Project and engAGE Project. The TransCare project focuses on developing new care pathways that support the transition of patients from hospitals to home environments through artificial intelligence, digital assistance, and data-driven healthcare solutions, improving continuity of care and supporting independent living. Meanwhile, the engAGE project explores innovative approaches for addressing cognitive decline among older adults through theatre-based therapies, artificial intelligence, and social robotics, aiming to enhance social inclusion, communication, and overall quality of life for seniors.



Both initiatives demonstrate how technology, research, and social innovation can contribute to more inclusive and effective care systems – an objective closely aligned with the goals of the TechSocialcare project.

The programme continued with two study visits offering participants the opportunity to explore local social and healthcare services:



1. Senior Day Center, a community-based facility providing social support, activities, and services that promote active and healthy ageing for older citizens.

Website:

<https://dasmclujnapoca.ro/en/2015/12/centrul-de-zi-pt-varstnici-nr-1/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/CentruldeZi pentru Seniorinr1/>

2. Domnica Terapie - Kinetotherapy Facility, a specialized rehabilitation center offering physiotherapy and recovery services through modern therapeutic approaches

Website:

<https://domnica-terapie.ro/>

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/DomnicaTerapie/?locale=ro_RO



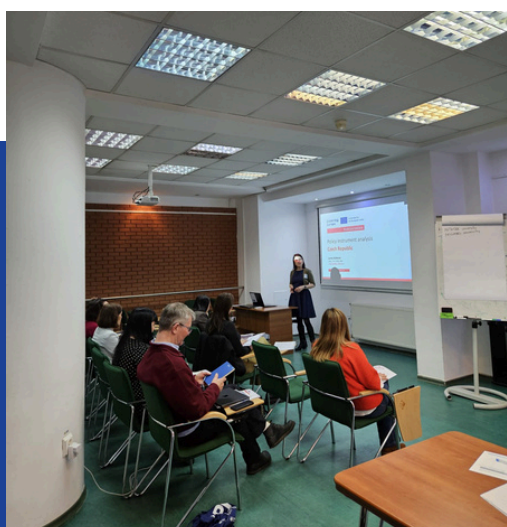
Both visits provided valuable insights into innovative service delivery models and practical approaches to supporting elderly care and rehabilitation, reinforcing the importance of integrating technology and personalized services within social care systems.



Strengthening cooperation for smarter care systems

The Cluj meeting represented an important milestone in the implementation of the TechSocialcare project. By bringing together regional authorities, researchers, and practitioners, the event strengthened interregional collaboration and policy learning aimed at improving social and healthcare services across Europe.

Through continued exchange of knowledge, identification of good practices, and collaborative policy development, TechSocialcare partners are working together to create more resilient, technology-enabled care ecosystems that respond to the evolving needs of ageing societies.



For more information about the event and its outcomes, please visit:

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/techsocialcare#>