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IMPROVING CONNECTIVITY WITH REMOTE AREAS

FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES

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HEALTHWARE stands for "Standard and Interoperable satellite solution to deploy HEALTH care services over Wide AREa". It is an Integrated Project co-financed by the European Commission and coordinated by Alcatel Alenia Space.

The HEALTHWARE project aims to validate and promote the usage of a light and cost effective satellite technology (DVB-RCS) in geographic areas encountering difficulties with terrestrial telecommunication networks and missing the necessary high transmission rates for running interactive applications based on videoconferencing, like collaborative staff meeting, tele-expertise, teleconsultation, training, as well as exchange of high volumes of data.

HEALTHWARE will demonstrate the added value of a satellite platform in 4 promising Telemedicine applications - Services at home, Second opinion, Medical training, Teleconsultation - with a view to deliver better healthcare services, initially for the 3 healthcare domains stated viz. Cardiology, Oncology, Chronic Respiratory Diseases.

In this respect, the HEALTHWARE consortium contributes to bridge the medical digital divide in the Member States and enforces the European Union cohesion policy.



The HEALTHWARE consortium invites you to join the first Healthware workshop which will focus on:

- The potential benefits of Telemedicine applications, in remote areas in particular
- The conditions for deploying in the field a light and cost effective satellite technology
- The project achievement so far, with user feedback.

This workshop will be the occasion also to launch a "User and Citizen Open Group" which will be in charge of feedback and evaluation of the project to be inline with the users and citizens requirements.

The workshop takes place in Luxembourg in the context of Med-e-Tel, the International Trade Event and Conference for eHealth, Telemedicine and Health ICT (see attached map).

The expected audience to this workshop are regional, national and European health care authorities representatives of patients and citizen, health professionals and their administration, homecare agencies, manufacturers and suppliers ...

Number of participants will be limited to allow for round table discussions and customized demonstrations.

Do not hesitate therefore to register as soon as the registration desk is open.

For further questions, please contact:

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