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A Look Back at the EU RTD Programme FP-6(Part 2)

Our previous issue (HITM Vol. 3, Issue 3) provided a summary of 26 healthcare IT projects under the Sixth Framework Programme for Research (FP-6) which ran from 2001-06. We classified them into three categories used by the current Seventh Programme (FP-7): ICT and ageing, IT architecture and infrastructure, and bioinformatics and robotics. The second-part of our analysis looks at the remaining 28 FP-6 healthcare IT projects, which fall under two other FP-7 groupings.

The two groups described below, along with project numbers and EU funding are: advanced ICT for patient safety (22 projects, 102.04 million Euros) and personal health systems (6 projects, 12.19 million Euros).

Personal Health Systems:

The 6 project consortia consisted of two UK-led ones and four headed by institutions and companies from Belgium, the Czech Republic, Italy and Spain. EU support ranged from 1.7-2.3 million Euros per project.

Advanced ICT for Patient Safety:

The 22 projects had consortia led by organisations in the UK (6 projects), followed by Italy (5) and France (3). Philips Germany led the largest funded project (16 million Euros) to develop intelligent systems for the prevention and monitoring of cardiovascular diseases. Other major projects (10-12 million Euros) consisted of a British (University of Newcastle)-led consortium developing smart integrated bio diagnostic systems, a French-led consortium focused on clinico-genomic cancer trials and an Italian-led consortium developing a "personalised information platform for life and health services".

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