



Healthcare Infrastructure for a Web of Care



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We know that Europe's health and healthcare systems need to reinvent themselves. Most are struggling to cope with the challenges of volatile public finances, the pressures caused by increased incidence of chronic illness, an ageing population, rapidly developing medical and communications technologies and migration patterns which affect patient mix and staff availability. We know that change must come, but what to do?

In most countries, proposed solutions are currently focused on some form of integrated care, linking health and healthcare services with social care and programmes which promote well-being and prevention of ill health. The underlying rationale is that integrated care, supported by enabling technologies, will deliver better quality and, crucially, sustainably affordable care.

The aim is laudable, but where is the evidence to show that integrated care delivers results? And even if it does, are we sure that this will be enough to keep care systems afloat? Are we simply stitching together previously separate elements of health and social care, and hoping that with good will and enough effort a new kind of health and social care will emerge?

This year's [European Health Property Network \(EuHPN\)](#) workshop, to be held 23-25 November in Madrid, will look at some key examples of new models of care provision, alongside the accompanying changes that will take place in the healthcare built environment. But this event also aims to go further, beyond the existing models of integration, by looking at how care may be provided through a web of care which extends from the home, to spaces for work and leisure, and, of course, to newly imagined clinical environments. Through a mix of keynote addresses and case study presentations from a broad range of European countries, the workshop will examine:

- The rationale for the web of care, including service reform;
- How to plan for radical reconfiguration of healthcare infrastructure;
- Designs for a new generation of healthcare buildings;
- Health-promoting public spaces;
- Technologies which enable better care, in and out of health facilities;

- Implementing new care models and their supporting infrastructure.

See Also: [Simona Agger Ganassi, Chairman, EuHPN - European Health Property Network](#)

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This year's EuHPN programme includes several high-profile keynote speakers such as Dr Dorjan Marusic, ex-Minister of Health, Slovenia; Dr Elke Jabukowski, WHO Europe; Dr Antonio Durán, Director, ALLDMHEALTH; Professor Simona Agger, EuHPN Chair and ex-Evaluation of Investment Board Member of the Italian Ministry of Health; and Candace Imison, Director of Policy at the [Nuffield Trust](#), one of the UK's leading health and social care research institutes. Speakers will address the scope of reforms necessary to implement a 'web of care', and the practicalities of transformational change in health systems and the effects on healthcare infrastructure across Europe and in individual EU member states. The programme includes a wide range of case studies and projects, including evidence on Finland's new model for emergency care; speakers from Italy on the realities of cross-border care; 'value-based design', from the Centre for Healthcare Design at Chalmers Technical University (Sweden), healthcare architecture, strategic planning and evaluation projects from the Netherlands, Denmark, Poland, Norway, Sweden, Italy, England and Ireland, as well as a range of contributions from regions in Spain.

Who should attend and who will be speaking?

EuHPN workshops bring together professionals who work in health policy development, health system planning, healthcare architecture and design, health facility managers, senior managers and clinicians, healthcare capital asset experts and patient representatives. This broad range of participants ensures deep knowledge sharing and cross-fertilisation of ideas. Our participants are expected to be active, by contributing questions to speakers and taking part in audience debates.

Our speakers come from the same background as our audience members, balanced between policy, theory and practice. Many have been directly responsible, in senior positions, for the case studies and projects they describe. All are chosen because they offer expert analysis and a fresh, challenging perspective. The multi-disciplinary, multinational range of speakers will ensure that workshop participants gain insights into developments across the whole of Europe.

Please note that the working language of this event is English. For details on speakers, programme, registration procedures, fees and our media partner, Hospitencia, please go to: www.euhpn.eu.

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