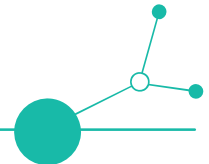


A2.1 Pilot action for SME internationalisation and commercialisation

D2.1.2 Onboarding and open call summary



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Abbreviations

ABBREVIATION	EXPLANATION
A	Activity
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
D	Deliverable
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
MRL	Maturity Readiness Level
SME	Small and medium sized enterprise
TRL	Technology Readiness Level
UX	User Experience
WP	Work package
PROJECT PARTNERS	
CUAS	Carinthia UAS -non-profit limited liability company
GAPR	Upper Silesian Accelerator for Commercial Enterprises Ltd. (Lead partner)
NSB	NSBPROJECT
PBN	Pannon Business Network Association
ProMIS	Local Health Authority 4 Veneto orientale
STERN	BioRegio STERN Management GmbH



1. Executive Summary

This deliverable provides a comprehensive summary of the RehAllianCE Open Call and the subsequent onboarding process of selected small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) for the transnational pilot action under *WP2 Functional models and solutions (A2.1 Pilot action enabling internationalization and accelerating commercialization for SMEs in MedTech sector)*.

The purpose of this activity was to test and evaluate the effectiveness of the validation and consulting services offered by the project partners (PBN, CUAS, NSB) and to identify potential improvements for future implementation with eight real world use cases. The Open Call was organised to give eight SMEs from the Interreg Central Europe programme area access to these services, thereby strengthening their innovation and commercialisation capacities in the field of rehabilitation technologies.

The Open Call was conducted in two phases:

- Phase I: 25 November 2024 - 14 February 2025
- Phase II: 3 - 16 March 2025

A total of 12 applications were received. After the evaluation and review process, eight SMEs were selected to participate in the transnational pilot action. All cooperation agreements were signed, ensuring timely onboarding and the start of service implementation.

The evaluation and decision-making process followed transparent and standardised procedures defined in the Manual for Evaluators provided within *D2.1.1 Open call preparation and service catalogue for rehabilitation solution developers*. Each application was assessed by the relevant service provider and reviewed by a project partner to ensure neutrality.

Communication activities accompanying the Open Call were implemented through the RehAllianCE project website(<https://www.interreg-central.eu/projects/rehalliance/>), LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/rehalliance-interreg-central-europe>), partner channels and Newsletter #1 (<https://www.interreg-central.eu/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/RehAllianCE-Newsletter-1-3.pdf>) , ensuring visibility. Using Teams, an online webinar *RehAllianCE Transnational Pilot Action | Open Call - Online Information Event* supported the outreach to potential applicants.

The Open Call process was successfully completed according to the WP2 schedule.



2. Introduction

The deliverable *D2.1.2 Onboarding and open call summary* documents the full implementation of the Open Call and onboarding process under WP2. It forms a key step in testing, validating and refining the services developed for SMEs working in rehabilitation technologies.

The activity's objective was twofold:

- To select and onboard SMEs through an Open Call process, enabling their participation in the transnational pilot action (A2.1)
- To test and evaluate the provided validation and consulting services under real conditions, collecting structured feedback from participating SMEs and service providers to identify strengths, challenges and necessary adaptations for further improvement. The detailed assessment and analysis of these results will be presented in the following deliverable *D2.1.3 Report on Transnational Pilot Action*.

This deliverable builds upon *D2.1.1 Open call preparation and service catalogue for rehabilitation solution Developers*, which established the procedural and operational framework for the Open Call. The present document summarises the implementation of the call, the selection and onboarding of SMEs.

The Open Call was jointly implemented by all project partners. SMEs selected through the process receive tailored validation and consulting support to advance the technological readiness and market access of their rehabilitation solutions.



3. Timeline

The Open Call for the RehAllianCE transnational pilot action was prepared, launched and implemented following a clear sequence of events, aligned with the official WP2 project time plan. The timeline covers all steps from the preparation of documents to the onboarding of SMEs and the start of service implementation (Figure 1).

Preparation (Jun 2024 - Feb 2025)

- Development of essential documents: *Manual for Applicants*, application forms, selection forms, *Manual for Evaluators*, *Cooperation Agreement* and GDPR agreement.
- Internal alignment among partners on procedures and evaluation criteria.
- 13 February 2025: Training for evaluators during monthly partner telco, following evaluation guidelines.

Open Call (Nov 2024 - Mar 2025)

- 25 November 2024: Official opening of the Open Call, promoted via RehAllianCE project website and the LinkedIn channel.
- 25 November 2024 - 14 February 2025: Application period Open Call (phase I)
- 14 February 2025 - 27. February 2025: Evaluation by service providers.
- 27 February 2025 - 06 March 2025: Review of evaluation.
- 27 February 2025: Decision to reopen the Open Call for remaining services.
- 03 March 2025 - 16 March 2025: Application period Open Call (phase II).
- 06 March 2025: Consensus Open Call (phase I) - first 6 SMEs selected.
- 16 March 2025 - 24 March 2025: Evaluation by service providers and review of evaluation.
- 25 March 2025: Consensus Open Call (phase II) - final 2 SMEs selected.

Communication & Support Measures

- 14 January 2025: Online Info Day for SMEs (32 participants).
- Continuous promotion via RehAllianCE project website, LinkedIn channel, newsletters and partner networks.

Onboarding (April 2025 - June 2025)

- Signing of *Cooperation Agreements* between selected SMEs and service providers (PBN, CUAS, NSB).

Service Implementation April 2025 - Ongoing)

- April - June 2025: Start of SME-provider collaboration.
- Implementation phase up to 9 months, including validation, consulting and feedback activities.

The timing of the Open Call and onboarding activities is aligned with the WP2 schedule. *D2.1.1 Open call preparation and service catalogue for rehabilitation solution developers* was submitted on time in April 2025 (end of period 2). The current deliverable, *D2.1.2 Onboarding and open call summary*, documents the complete Open Call process and SME onboarding, which were carried out as scheduled. The next deliverable, *D2.1.3 Report on transnational pilot action*, is due in April 2026 (end of period 4) and will summarise the outcomes of the provided services.



PROJECT TIME PLAN	P1	01.05.24 - 31.10.24					P2	01.11.24 - 30.04.25					P3	01.05.25 - 31.10.25					P4	01.11.25 - 30.04.26					P5	01.05.26 - 31.10.26				
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Evaluation of transnational pilot action																														

Figure 1: Timeline of the conducted activities within A2.1.



4. Open Call Structure

This section outlines the general structure and planned procedure of the RehAllianCE Open Call for the transnational pilot action.

4.1. Preparation

To ensure a transparent and standardised Open Call process, a comprehensive set of documents was prepared and agreed among partners (Table 1).

Table 1: Prepared documents for the Open Call for the transnational pilot action.

DOCUMENT	PURPOSE	RESPONSIBLE PARTNER	REVIEW
<i>Manuals for Applicants</i>	Define terms and conditions of participation; describe available services.	STERN, CUAS, PBN, NSB	All partners
Application Forms	Tailored to each service provider (PBN, CUAS, NSB); required for submission.	STERN, CUAS, PBN, NSB	All partners
<i>Manual for Evaluators</i>	Provides evaluation rules, scoring system and selection guidance.	STERN, CUAS, PBN, NSB	All partners
Selection Forms	Used to check compulsory criteria and document service-specific scoring.	STERN, CUAS, PBN, NSB	All partners
<i>Cooperation Agreement</i>	Formal contract between SMEs and service providers defining scope and obligations.	STERN, GAPR	All partners
<i>GDPR Agreement</i>	Ensures compliance with EU data protection regulation (GDPR).	GAPR, STERN	All partners

4.2. Eligibility Criteria

All applicants had to meet a set of compulsory eligibility criteria (Table 2) to be considered for participation in the transnational pilot action. These criteria ensured that only qualified SMEs from the programme area, with a clear focus on rehabilitation technologies, entered the evaluation process. Only applications fulfilling all compulsory criteria were forwarded to the service-specific evaluation.

Table 2: Compulsory eligibility criteria for applicants.

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION
SME status	Applicant must qualify as an SME according to the EU definition (https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/sme-fundamentals/sme-definition_en).
Location	Registered in a region of the Interreg Central Europe programme area (https://www.interreg-central.eu/list-of-regions/).
Technological focus	Development of technology-driven rehabilitation products, services or solutions.
Commitment to active participation	Allocation of sufficient time and resources to engage in the pilot action.
Feedback obligation	Willingness to provide structured feedback after the service provision.
Compliance with rules and GDPR	Agreement with the Open Call rules of procedure and <i>GDPR Agreement</i> .



4.3. Service-Specific Criteria

In addition to the compulsory eligibility requirements, each service provider (PBN, CUAS, NSB) defined specific selection criteria (Table 3-Table 5). These ensured that applicants were well matched to the services offered and that the expected outcomes could be achieved.

Table 3: PBN - Validation service criteria for applicants. Minimum score required for selection: 18/25 points.

CRITERIA	POINTS	DESCRIPTION
Maturity level (Technology Readiness Level (TRL) $\geq$ 5)	0 - 1	Product must be validated in a relevant environment.
Commitment to active participation	0 - 4	SME must allocate resources and engage in testing.
Innovation and impact on ADLs	0 - 5	Contribution to Activities of Daily Living (ADLs).
User-centred design and usability	0 - 5	Focus on ease of use and involvement of end users.
Ethical standards, safety, compliance	0 - 5	Alignment with safety, ethical and regulatory standards.
Social impact / quality of life	0 - 5	Potential to improve independence and quality of life.

Table 4: CUAS - Validation service criteria for applicants. Minimum score required for selection: 18/25 points.

CRITERIA	POINTS	DESCRIPTION
Maturity level (TRL $\geq$ 5)	0 - 1	Product must be validated in a relevant environment.
Commitment to active participation	0 - 4	SME must allocate resources and engage in testing.
Innovation and impact (health/ Information and Communication Technology (ICT)/ robotics)	0 - 5	Relevance, innovation, cost and market potential.
Social impact	0 - 5	Contribution to quality of life, functionality, well-being.
User-centric approach, safety, ethics	0 - 5	Focus on usability, safety and ethical compliance.
Scientific validity	0 - 5	Evidence-based design and validation.

Table 5: NSB - Consulting service criteria for applicants. Minimum score required for selection: 16/22 points.

CRITERIA	POINTS	DESCRIPTION
Maturity phase (TRL 8)	0 - 2	Technology must be market-ready.
Manufacturing phase (Manufacturing Readiness Level (MRL) $\geq$ 6)	0 - 4	Sufficient manufacturing maturity.
Integration phase (Integration Readiness Phase (IRL) $\geq$ 8)	0 - 2	Ability to integrate into real market environments.
Commitment to active participation	0 - 2	SME must allocate time and resources.
Clinical feasibility (rehabilitation context)	0 - 5	At least one positive reference in rehabilitation.
Social impact	0 - 5	Improvement of quality of life and functionality for patients.
Match with NSB framework / needs	0 - 2	Alignment with technology-rehabilitation market needs.



4.4. Application Procedure

The application procedure defined how SMEs could submit their proposals to participate in the transnational pilot. The process ensured transparency and consistency across all partner regions.

- **Submission of applications:** SMEs were required to complete the service-specific application form and submit it to the official email address (rehalliance-submission@bioregio-stern.de). The Open Call was conducted in two phases:
 - **Phase I:** 25 November 2024 - 14 February 2025
 - **Phase II** (re-opening for remaining services): 3 - 16 March 2025
- **Confirmation of receipt:** Applicants received an automatic confirmation upon submission, followed by an official confirmation from the Open Call coordinator (STERN) within five working days.
- **Eligibility check:** STERN verified whether all compulsory criteria were met. Applications not fulfilling the basic requirements were rejected at this stage.
- **Forwarding to service providers:** All eligible applications were forwarded to the relevant service provider (PBN, CUAS or NSB) for the next stage of evaluation.

4.5. Evaluation and Decision-Making

The evaluation and decision-making process followed a transparent, multi-step procedure defined in the *Manual for Evaluators*. The aim was to ensure consistency, fairness and traceability in the selection of SMEs.

4.5.1. Evaluation Procedure

The evaluation was conducted in three stages:

Stage 1: Eligibility check:

STERN verified all applications for compliance with the compulsory eligibility criteria, including SME status, registration within the Interreg Central Europe programme area, technological focus on rehabilitation and acceptance of GDPR and feedback obligations. Applications not meeting these criteria were excluded from further consideration.

Stage 2: Service-specific evaluation:

Eligible applications were forwarded to the respective service providers (PBN, CUAS, NSB) for detailed assessment based on their predefined criteria. Each service provider used the official selection forms and scoring systems described in the *Manual for Evaluators*.

- For validation services (PBN, CUAS), a minimum score of 18 out of 25 points was required.
- For consulting services (NSB), a minimum score of 16 out of 22 points was required.

Stage 3: Evaluation review:

Initially, the *Manual for Evaluators* did not include a review process. However, after the first evaluation round, the partners decided to introduce an additional review step to further ensure neutrality and transparency. Each evaluation was therefore reviewed by a project partner not originating from the same country as the evaluated SME. This measure was implemented before opening the Open Call II (3 - 16 March 2025) but applied to all evaluations from both Open Calls. All scores were documented in the official selection forms, reviewed and signed by both the evaluator and the independent reviewer.



4.5.2. Decision-Making Process

The final selection decisions were taken jointly by the Selection Committee, consisting of at least one representative from each project partner. The committee met twice via teleconference:

- 6 March 2025: first Selection Committee, reviewing applications submitted during Open Call I (25 November 2024 - 14 February 2025).
- 25 March 2025: second Selection Committee, reviewing additional applications submitted during Open Call II (3 - 16 March 2025).

During Open Call I (25 November 2024 - 14 February 2025), not all available services could be allocated due to an insufficient number of eligible applications. Therefore, the partners decided to reopen the call for the remaining services. This decision was agreed during a dedicated coordination meeting on 27 February 2025, where all partners confirmed that the reopened call would only cover unallocated services and would remain restricted to SMEs located within the Interreg Central Europe programme area.

All applications were discussed based on their scores and qualitative assessments. Oversubscription was resolved by prioritising the highest-ranking applications. In the case of identical scores, tie-breaking rules were applied: innovation and impact for validation services and clinical feasibility for consulting services.

4.5.3. Application Evaluation

A total of 12 applications were received across both Open Calls (Figure 2).

- Open Call I (25 November 2024 - 14 February 2025): 10 applications.
- Open Call II (3 - 16 March 2025): 2 additional applications.



Figure 2: Geographic distribution of the applicants. Selected SMEs are depicted in white. Rejected SMEs are depicted in red. One application from outside the Interreg Central Europe programme area is not included within this picture.



Table 6 - Table 8 present an overview of all applications received for each service provider, including the evaluation scores and final selection results.

For the CUAS validation service, only one application was received during the Open Call I (25 November 2024 - 14 February 2025), leaving one service place unallocated. The second applicant, already known through prior partner contacts and expected to apply, was unable to complete the submission in time for the first call. The company subsequently applied within the Open Call II (3 - 16 March 2025) period, submitted all documents according to the official procedure and fully met the defined eligibility and selection criteria. Both available service places were therefore successfully allocated following the second evaluation round.

Table 6: Overview of applicants for the CUAS validation service. Two service places available. Eligibility check by STERN. Evaluation by CUAS. Minimum score: 18/25.

PROJECT ID	#OPEN CALL	NAME	LOCATION	SCORE	REVIEWER	RESULT
REHA-CUAS001	I	DIGITALREHAB SRL	Italy	22	NSB/ STERN	Selected
REHA-CUAS002	II	ilogs smartwear GmbH	Austria	20	STERN	Selected

For the PBN validation service, three applications were submitted during the Open Call I (25 November 2024 - 14 February 2025), competing for one available service place. All applications demonstrated high quality and relevance to the pilot objectives. The final selection was based on the official scoring and ranking system. All evaluators and reviewers confirmed the assigned scores and agreed on the final decision. The PBN service was not reopened in the second call, as the available place had already been allocated.

Table 7: Overview of applicants for the PBN validation service. One service place available. Eligibility check by STERN. Evaluation by PBN. Minimum score: 18/25.

PROJECT ID	#OPEN CALL	NAME	LOCATION	SCORE	REVIEWER	RESULT
REHA-PBN001	I	GAMETHERAPY s.r.o.	Slovakia	23	NSB	Yes
REHA-PBN002	I	PHU TECHNOMEX Sp. Z o.o.	Poland	22	STERN	Rejected - Applicant ranking
REHA-PBN003	I	Spirocco Ltd.	Hungary	21	CUAS	Rejected - Applicant ranking

For the NSB consulting service, six applications were received in the Open Call I (25 November 2024 - 14 February 2025). One application did not meet the compulsory eligibility criteria, as the SME was located outside the Interreg Central Europe programme area. Another application did not reach the minimum required score according to the service-specific evaluation criteria and was therefore not eligible for selection. The remaining service was reopened for the second call, during which one additional application was received. This application met all eligibility and service-specific criteria and was selected for participation in the transnational pilot.



Table 8: Overview of applicants for the NSB consulting service. Five service places available. Eligibility check by STERN. Evaluation by NSB. Minimum score: 16/22.

PROJECT ID	#OPEN CALL	NAME	LOCATION	SCORE	REVIEWER	RESULT
REHA-NSB005	I	Pro-PLUS S.A.	Poland	22	STERN	Selected
REHA-NSB002	I	imaginary srl	Italy	20	GAPR	Selected
REHA-NSB004	I	Gabel Tech S.r.l.	Italy	17	PBN	Selected
REHA-NSB006	I	Morecognition srl	Italy	16	GAPR	Selected
REHA-NSB007	II	ACTIMI	Germany	16	GAPR	Selected
REHA-NSB003	I	MEEVA Srl Società Benefit	Italy	13	CUAS	Rejected - Threshold not reached
REHA-NSB001	I	Medere s.r.l.	Italy	-	N/A	Rejected - Outside of Interreg Central Europe programme area

Eight SMEs were selected for participation in the transnational pilot action. Rejected applications either (a) did not meet the compulsory eligibility criteria (e.g. outside Interreg Central Europe programme area), (b) failed to reach the minimum threshold or (c) were ranked below the top-scoring eligible SMEs.

The number of received applications reflected the highly specific focus of the Open Call, which targeted rehabilitation technologies and specialised service offers. Several factors contributed to this outcome.

- The services offered were highly specific, targeting rehabilitation technologies with strict technical and maturity requirements (e.g. TRL, MRL, IRL levels) and based on dedicated validation infrastructures such as User Experience (UX) labs and smart senior environments. This specificity naturally resulted in higher interest in certain services while limiting the number of SMEs eligible for others.
- There was significant interest from companies outside the Interreg Central Europe programme area, including organisations from regions such as Aachen (Germany) and Estonia, as well as from companies exceeding the SME size definition. These applicants were informed about their ineligibility and advised not to submit applications.
- The timing of the first call, at the beginning of the year, proved challenging for some SMEs due to internal workload and planning cycles.
- Many MedTech and ICT SMEs operate in broader health technology domains and do not primarily identify their products as rehabilitation technologies, leading to self-exclusion from the call.

To ensure full allocation of the available services, the call was reopened for one validation and one consulting service only which could not be allocated within the first round of application. This targeted approach successfully secured all remaining beneficiaries and ensured the implementation of the planned service activities. As part of the information campaign, a webinar was organised by the project consortium, attracting several dozen participants interested in the Open Call and its services.

Despite the limited number of applications, the final selection ensured a balanced representation of service types and regional diversity. The evaluation results were validated in two decision meetings and confirmed



by all partners through signed consensus statements (Annex A). The evaluation process was concluded on 28 March 2025. All applicants were formally informed by STERN: selected SMEs received confirmation and onboarding instructions, while non-selected applicants were provided with written feedback including their evaluation scores.

4.6. Cooperation Agreements

Following the selection process, all eight SMEs approved for participation in the transnational pilot action signed a cooperation agreement with their respective service provider. The agreements formalised the participation of each SME in the pilot. STERN monitored the completion of all agreements and ensured that all selected SMEs were formally onboarded before the start of the service implementation.

5. Communication and Dissemination

Targeted communication measures and systematic dissemination activities were implemented. For the dissemination of the Open Call, the official [RehAllianCE project website](https://www.interreg-central.eu/projects/rehalliance/) (<https://www.interreg-central.eu/projects/rehalliance/>), and the LinkedIn channel (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/rehalliance-interreg-central-europe>), served as the primary communication platforms. The Open Call announcement was also featured and shared through the first RehAllianCE Newsletter #1 (Figure 3). In addition, the partner organisations' websites and personal communication channels, including LinkedIn profiles and newsletters, were actively used to extend the outreach within their respective regional and professional networks.

To further inform potential applicants, an online webinar was organised, providing an overview of the Open Call objectives, eligibility criteria and the application process. The webinar was held on 14 January 2025. A total of 32 participants from various regions attended the session. A recording of the webinar (<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/aa981bb3-555a-4889-9b1c-793c25955702@bf3a3c70-4c23-4e5c-8522-99f1b1d6b46b?vod&attendeeld=d6432a88-ccb4-4f9a-a470-e53220f990f0>) was published on the RehAllianCE website to allow later access for interested stakeholders.

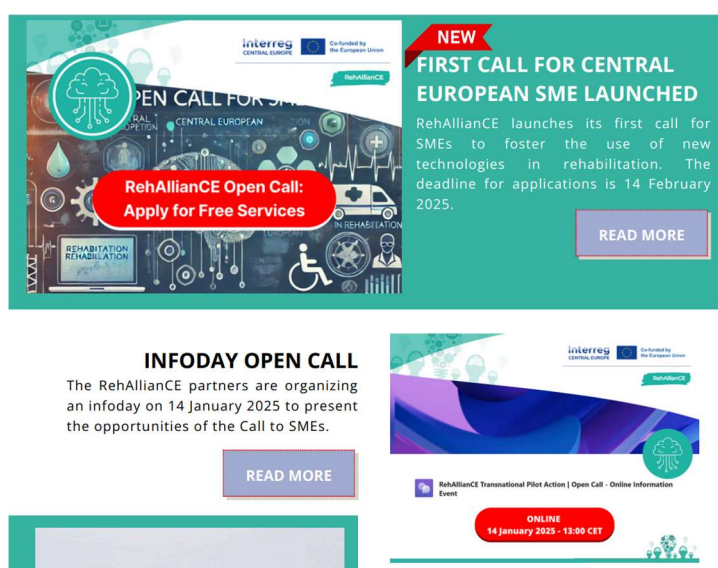


Figure 3: Screenshot of the RehAllianCE #1 newsletter.



5.1. Key Performance Indicators

The communication activities within WP2 are guided by a common set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) defined for all pilot actions. These indicators cover outreach to SMEs, research institutions, end users and innovation networks in the rehabilitation and health technology sectors. For Activity A2.1, the communication efforts primarily focused on the first KPI, which aims to inform SMEs from the areas of health, rehabilitation, robotics and ICT about emerging capacities, available services and the results of the pilot. This objective directly supported the dissemination of the Open Call and the onboarding of selected SMEs.

The remaining KPIs, addressing research organisations, end users and living-lab networks, are primarily covered within the regional pilot actions under A2.2 and will therefore be reported in the corresponding deliverables. Consequently, this section focuses on the communication and dissemination activities related to SME engagement under A2.1.

Through these coordinated efforts, more than 140 SMEs across all partner regions were reached, exceeding the initial communication target of +100. The outreach activities effectively increased SME awareness of new rehabilitation technologies, available support services and pilot opportunities within RehAllianCE,

5.2. RehAllianCE Website

The Open Call was announced and continuously promoted via the official RehAllianCE project website (Table 9). All supporting documents, including the *Manual for Applicants* and application forms were made available online. Within the news section, several posts were published to highlight the launch, deadlines and webinar.

Table 9: Communication activities on the RehAllianCE project website.

DATE	TOPIC
25.11.2025	Calling All Innovative SMEs in Rehabilitation!
24.01.2025	Infoday on RehAllianCE open call! REGISTER NOW!
28.02.2025	RE-OPENING: The RehAllianCE Calling All Innovative SMEs in Rehabilitation!
07.03.2025	RehAllianCE announces the first selected SMEs!
02.05.2025	RehAllianCE announces the SMEs selected from the call!



5.3. LinkedIn

The RehAllianCE LinkedIn page served as the primary social media channel. Posts were published to announce the Open Call launch, promote the webinar, remind applicants of the submission deadlines and communicate the results of the selection process (Figure 4). Table 10 lists all LinkedIn posts related to the Open Call, including those shared through the official RehAllianCE account as well as posts published by partner organisations via their own channels to increase outreach within their respective networks. Whenever possible, partner contributions were also reposted through the official RehAllianCE page.

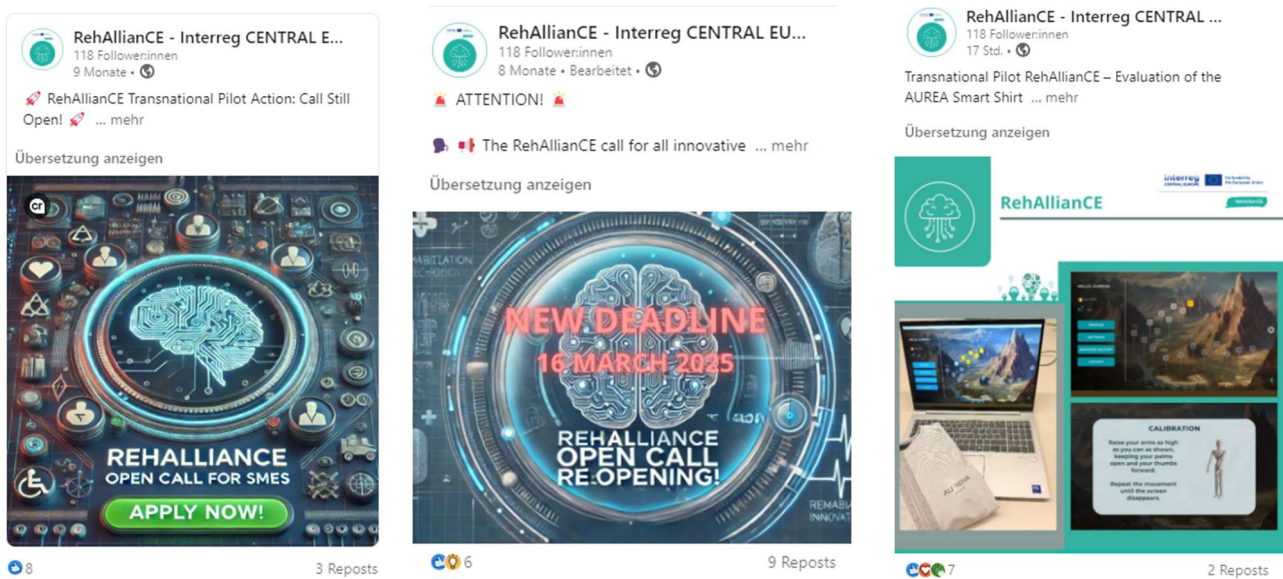


Figure 4: Screenshot of three RehAllianCE LinkedIn posts highlighting the transnational pilot activities.

Figure 5 illustrates the posting activity and engagement levels related to the Open Call across the official RehAllianCE LinkedIn page and partner-owned channels (light bars). A temporary decline in activity can be observed during the winter holiday period (mid-December - early January), followed by a clear rise in engagement around the Info Day and the announcement of selected SMEs. Overall, the data show continuous communication efforts and increased visibility. For the most recent posts, LinkedIn engagement statistics were not yet available at the time of document preparation.

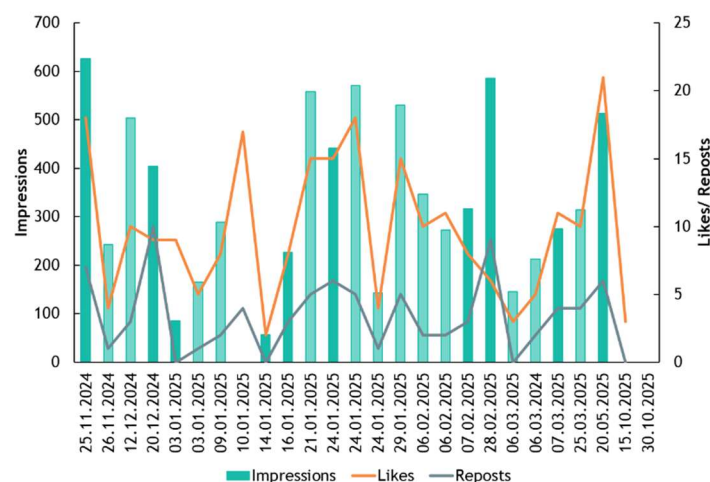


Figure 5: Engagement statistics of LinkedIn posts related to the Open Call. Posts from partner-owned channels are shown as light bars, while posts from the RehAllianCE LinkedIn account are represented by dark bars. Data for the most recent posts were not yet available at the time of document preparation.



Table 10: Communication activities on LinkedIn related to the transnational pilot actions.

DATE	TOPIC	CHANNEL OWNER
25.11.2024	Calling All Innovative SMEs in Rehabilitation! RehAllianCE Open Call: Your Innovation Breakthrough!	RehAllianCE
26.11.2024	Calling All Innovative SMEs in Rehabilitation! RehAllianCE Open Call: Your Innovation Breakthrough!	STERN
12.12.2024	INFO-WEBINAR für den Open Call von RehAllianCE	STERN
20.12.2024	Join the RehAllianCE Infoday!!	RehAllianCE
03.01.2025	We would like to remind you that in a few days' time the Join the RehAllianCE Infoday!	RehAllianCE
09.01.2025	Opportunità per le PMI del settore MedTech!	NSB
09.01.2025	Reminder: INFO-WEBINAR zum Open Call von #RehAllianCE	STERN
10.01.2025	Opportunity for European SMEs in Rehabilitation Technology!	Clara Bauer (CUAS)
14.01.2025	Today at 13.00 CET, join us for the first RehAllianCE infoday.	RehAllianCE
16.01.2025	Thank you all for your great participation!	RehAllianCE
21.01.2025	#OpenCall Alert! Join the #RehAllianCE Transnational Pilot Action!	STERN
24.01.2025	RehAllianCE Transnational Pilot Action: Call Still Open!	RehAllianCE
24.01.2025	Opportunity for European SMEs in Rehabilitation Technology!	STERN
24.01.2025	Opportunity for European SMEs in Rehabilitation Technology!	NSB
29.01.2025	Call for Applications: Consulting for Market Success with NSB!	STERN
06.02.2025	Letzte Gelegenheit: Bewerbungsaufwurf für RehAllianCE Open Call	STERN
06.02.2025	Last opportunity: Call for applications for RehAllianCE Open Call	NSB
07.02.2025	Attention! Last week to participate in the RehAllianCE call!	RehAllianCE
28.02.2025	ATTENTION! The RehAllianCE call for all innovative companies in the field of rehabilitation is reopening!	RehAllianCE
06.03.2025	Für alle innovativen Unternehmen im Bereich Rehabilitation wird der RehAllianCE-Call wieder geöffnet!	STERN
06.03.2025	ATTENTION! The RehAllianCE - Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Open Call is Reopening!	NSB
07.03.2025	RehAllianCE: Announced the first SMEs selected in the call!	RehAllianCE
25.03.2025	RehAllianCE-Projekt startet transnationale Pilotstudie mit acht ausgewählten KMU	STERN
20.05.2025	RehAllianCE announces the 8 SMEs selected from its Open Call!	RehAllianCE
15.10.2025	Who ? would like to test the AuReha Smart Shirt ?	CUAS
30.10.2025	Transnational Pilot RehAllianCE - Evaluation of the AUREA Smart Shirt	RehAllianCE



5.4. Additional Communication Channels

In addition to project-owned channels, dissemination also took place through partner websites, regional newsletters and cluster networks (Table 11). Partners actively shared Open Call announcements, links to application materials and updates on the selection process to reach SMEs within their regional ecosystems.

Table 11: Additional communication on project partner-owned channels.

PARNTER	CHANNEL	DATE	CONTENT FOCUS
STERN	Newsletter	12.12.2024	News about the launch of the Open Call
STERN	Newsletter	13.01.2025	News about the launch of the Open Call
STERN	Website	25.11.2025	Webinar promotion
STERN	Website	25.11.2025	News about PBN services within transnational pilot action
STERN	Website	25.11.2025	News about CUAS services within transnational pilot action
STERN	Website	25.11.2025	News about NSB services within transnational pilot action
NSB	Website	13.01.2025	News about the launch of the Open Call and Info webinar
ProMIS	Website	25.11.2024	News about the launch of the Open Call
ProMIS	Website	19.12.2024	News about the Infoday session for the Open Call
ProMIS [□]	Website [□]	06.03.2025 [□]	News about the reopening of the Open Call [□]
ProMIS	Website	02.05.2025	News about the 8 selected SMEs
PBN	Website	26.11.2024	News about the launch of the Open Call
PBN	Facebook	26.11.2024	Promoting the launch of the Open Call
PBN	Facebook	13.01.2025	Promoting the launch of the Open Call and the info seminar
PBN	Global Health Connector (formerly ECHAlliance)	14.01.2025	News about the launch of the Open Call and the info seminar
CUAS	Website	01.10.2025	News about participation opportunities for testers



6. Conclusion and next steps

The implementation of the RehAllianCE Open Call under Activity A2.1 was successfully completed according to schedule and objectives defined within WP2. In total, eight SMEs were selected and onboarded for the transnational pilot action. The Open Call procedure ensured fairness, quality and traceability in all decisions. The cooperation agreements signed in April 2025 established the formal basis for further steps.

The pilot phase now serves to test the practical relevance and effectiveness of the offered services under real conditions. Participating SMEs and service providers will jointly evaluate validation procedures, consulting methods and user-centred testing environments. Their structured feedback will identify strengths and potential areas for improvement of the service catalogue, contributing directly to the refinement of transnational support mechanisms for SMEs in the rehabilitation and MedTech sectors.

Communication and dissemination measures, implemented through the through the RehAllianCE project website, LinkedIn, Newsletter #1 and partner networks, ensured visibility. The experience gained highlights the importance of early and coordinated outreach within highly specialised target groups.

The next deliverable, *D2.1.3 Report on transnational pilot action*, will present the consolidated results of the pilot implementation, including detailed SME feedback, assessment of service performance and recommendations for scaling and long-term integration into the RehAllianCE framework.

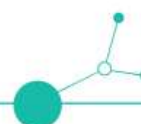


A. Annex: Consensus Document

The signed consensus document is provided below. *Annex III – Selection forms of applications for the transnational pilot action* of this document has been omitted, as it contains applicants' personal and contact data that are not intended for publication within this document.

A2.1 Transnational Pilot action - SME selection

Open Call



Version 1
03 2025





A2.1 SME SELECTION

The selection process of all applications for the transnational pilot action within A2.1 is based on the guidelines within [RehAllianCE Manual for Evaluators fv1.1.pdf](#).

This document summarizes the decisions and additional measures within the Open Call procedure for the selection of SME for the transnational pilot action.

Scoring:

The scoring is done by means of a selection form (see *Related documents to manage the Open Call*). The selection forms of all applicants are attached (Annex III).

Decision body:

The RehAllianCE partners meet in a 'selection committee', by means of a teleconference.

A. Additional measures for the selection process

Open Call re-opening and additional measures

During the first Open Call not all services could be allocated since not enough applications were submitted. Therefore, after the end of the first Open Call from 25.11.2024 - 14.02.2025 the further course of action was clarified and additional decisions concerning all project partners were taken.

Table 1 Meeting details.

Meeting	Information
Date/ time	February 27, 2025; 10:30 - 11:05
Minutes	Meeting was documented using read app.read.ai (Report Link).
Documents	N/A
Participants	Dr. Klara Altintoprak, Aleksandra Szczerbak-Ruta, Sara Canella, Izabella Czeremcha, Cetiv Maja, Oberzaucher Johannes, Olivia Magosch, Dr. Margot Jehle, Eliza Tóth, Katherine Cadillo

Objective

Based on preliminary evaluation of the applications obtained during the Open Call from the 25.11.2024 - 14.02.2025 the project partners must decide on the following aspects:

- Course of action for the allocation of the open services
- Potential extension of the Interreg CE program area for the transnational pilot
- Additional review of the applicant evaluation

Course of action for the allocation of the open services

All services possible will be allocated to the applications which meet the selection criteria. For the remaining services the Open Call will be re-opened on the 03.03.2025 - 16.03.2025. The allocated services



from the first Open Call will not be reevaluated within the applications from the second Open Call. Applicants can only apply for the remaining services not allocated within the first Open Call.

Rejected applicants from the first Open Call are allowed to resubmit an application for a different still open service.

Potential extension of the Interreg CE programm area for the transnational pilot

Based on the feedback from the JS Aleksandra Szczerbak-Ruta obtained (Annex I), the project partners decided to not extend the area for the transnational pilot action. All applicants must be located within the CE Interreg programm area.

B. Open Call I selection decision

Results status of the evaluated Open Call I

Applications obtained from the 25.11.2024 - 14.02.2025 were considered in the evaluation. In Table 2 the results of the application evaluation are summarized. In the first step, the applications were assessed by the respective service providers who carries out the service with the applicants. In the second step, each evaluation was reviewed by a partner different from the service provider. Evaluation of the application will be signed by the evaluator and reviewer and provided to the applicant upon announcement of the selected SMEs by STERN.

Application REHA-NSB001 is located in Via Monasterace, 43 00118 - Roma which is not included within the CE Interreg program area. Therefore, the application does not meet the compulsory criteria of the transnational pilot action and was not further considered within the evaluation process.

Application REHA-NSB003 does not reach the threshold for the service specific criteria. Therefore, this service cannot be considered for the transnational pilot action.

The selected SME for the PBN service was obtained based on the ranking system of the service-specific criteria. For application REHA-PBN002 more detailed explanation of the point allocation for the category *Innovation and Impact on ADLs* was requested by the reviewer especially in comparison to REHA-PBN001. The provided explanations are sufficient for the reviewer to agree with the evaluation of the application (Annex II).



Table 2 Summary of the applications for the transnational pilot action within the Open Call from 23.11.2024 – 14.02.2015.

Projekt ID	Name of SME	Location	Threshold reached	Score	Evaluator	Reviewer	Review result	Transnational Pilot Action
REHA-CUAS001	DIGITALREHAB SRL	Italy	Yes	22	CUAS	NSB/ STERN	Agreed	Yes
REHA-NSB005	Pro-PLUS S.A.	Poland	Yes	22	NSB	STERN	Agreed	Yes
REHA-NSB002	imaginary srl	Italy	Yes	20	NSB	GAPR	Agreed	Yes
REHA-NSB004	Gabel Tech S.r.l.	Italy	Yes	17	NSB	PBN	Agreed	Yes
REHA-NSB006	Morecognition srl	Italy	Yes	16	NSB	GAPR	Agreed	Yes
REHA-NSB003	MEEVA Srl Società Benefit	Italy	No	13	NSB	CUAS	Agreed	No-threshold ^b
REHA-NSB001	Medere s.r.l.	Italy	-	-	NSB	N/A	Agreed	No-compulsory criteria ^a
REHA-PBN001	GAMETHERAPY s.r.o.	Slovakia	Yes	23	PBN	NSB	Agreed	Yes
REHA-PBN002	PHU TECHNOMEX Sp. z o. o.	Poland	Yes	22	PBN	STERN	Agreed	No-Ranking ^c
REHA-PBN003	Spirocco Ltd.	Hungary	Yes	21	PBN	CUAS	Agreed	No-Ranking ^c

^aNo-compulsory criteria: rejection of the application based on not reaching the compulsory criteria (no SME/ not located in the CE Interreg program area)

^bNo-threshold: rejection of the application due to not reached threshold value (NSB = 16 out of 22; CUAS = 18 out of 25; PBN = 18 out of 25) in the service specific criteria

^cNo-ranking: not selected for the pilot action due to the ranking system of the service-specific selection criteria



Selection committee Open Call I

Table 3 Meeting details- first selection committee.

Projekt ID	
Date/ time	March 06, 2025; 09:00 - 10:00
Meeting minutes	RehAllianCE 06.03.2025 telco MINUTES.docx
Documents	Results OpenCall 20250306.pptx
Participants	Eliza Tóth, Klara Altintoprak, Olivia Magosch, Dr. Margot Jehle, Sara Canella, Katherina Cadillo, Fabio Abbrescia, Marta Maniero, Maja Cetec, Izabela Czeremcha, Alicja Michalik, Aleksandra Szczerbak-Ruta

Objective

Based on the evaluation of the applications obtained during the Open Call from the 25.11.2024 - 14.02.2025 the project partners agreed on the selected SMEs. The remaining services will be allocated during the Open Call II (03.03.2025 - 16.03.2025)

Decision and course of action for the allocation of the open services

All services possible will be allocated to the applications which meet the selection criteria according to Table 2. For the remaining services the Open Call will be re-opened on the 03.03.2025 - 16.03.2025. The allocated services from the first Open Call will not be reevaluated within the applications from the second Open Call. Applicants can only apply for the remaining services.

C. Open Call II selection decision

Results status of the evaluated Open Call II

Applications obtained from the 03.03.2025 - 16.03.2025 were considered in the evaluation process. In Table 4 results of the application evaluation are summarized. The results of the first Open Call are included in the overview but are greyed out since they are not reevaluated.

In the second Open Call, the deadline published on the website—Sunday at 5:00 pm—had been retained from the previous round, where the final submission day was a Friday. All project partners agreed that the intended deadline had in fact been midnight (11:59 pm) and that the communication of 5:00 pm was a mistake. A deadline set at 5:00 pm on a Sunday is prone to cause confusion among applicants, as it is commonly assumed that weekend deadlines extend until the end of the day. Nevertheless, applications submitted before the officially communicated deadline would have been given priority in the evaluation process. Applications submitted after 5:00 pm but before midnight were still considered, given the exceptional circumstances and the absence of competing submissions within the communicated timeframe.



Table 4 Summary of the applications for the transnational pilot action. Applications from both Open Calls are listed (Open Call I: 25.11.2024 – 14.02.2015; Open Call II: 03.03.2025 – 16.03.2025). Applications from the Open Call I are marked in grey.

Projekt ID	Name of SME	Location	Threshold reached	Score	Evaluator	Reviewer	Review result	Transnational Pilot Action
REHA-CUAS001	DIGITALREHAB SRL	Italy	Yes	22	CUAS	NSB/ STERN	Agreed	Yes
REHA-CUAS002	ilogs smartwear GmbH	Austria	Yes	20	CUAS	STERN	Agreed	Yes
REHA-NSB005	Pro-PLUS S.A.	Poland	Yes	22	NSB	STERN	Agreed	Yes
REHA-NSB002	imaginary srl	Italy	Yes	20	NSB	GAPR	Agreed	Yes
REHA-NSB004	Gabel Tech S.r.l.	Italy	Yes	17	NSB	PBN	Agreed	Yes
REHA-NSB006	Morecognition srl	Italy	Yes	16	NSB	GAPR	Agreed	Yes
REHA-NSB007	ACTIMI	Germany	Yes	16	NSB	GAPR	Agreed	Yes
REHA-NSB003	MEEVA Srl Società Benefit	Italy	No	13	NSB	CUAS	Agreed	No-threshold ^b
REHA-NSB001	Medere s.r.l.	Italy	-	-	NSB	N/A	Agreed	No-compulsory criteria ^a
REHA-PBN001	GAMETHERAPY s.r.o.	Slovakia	Yes	23	PBN	NSB	Agreed	Yes
REHA-PBN002	PHU TECHNOMEX Sp. z o. o.	Poland	Yes	22	PBN	STERN	Agreed	No-Ranking ^c
REHA-PBN003	Spirocco Ltd.	Hungary	Yes	21	PBN	CUAS	Agreed	No-Ranking ^c

^aNo-compulsory criteria: rejection of the application based on not reaching the compulsory criteria (no SME / not located in the CE Interreg program area)

^bNo-threshold: rejection of the application due to not reached threshold value (NSB = 16/24; CUAS/PBN = 18/25) in the service specific criteria

^cNo-ranking: not selected for the pilot action due to the ranking system of the service-specific selection criteria



Selection committee Open Call II

Table 5 Meeting details – second selection committee.

Projekt ID	
Date/ time	March 25, 2025; 09:00 - 10:00
Meeting minutes	RehAllianCE 25.03.2025 telco MINUTES.docx
Documents	Results OpenCall 20250325.pptx
Participants	Eliza Tóth, Klara Altintoprak, Olivia Magosch, Dr. Margot Jehle, Sara Canella, Katherina Cadillo, Fabio Abbrescia, Maja Cetic, Izabela Czeremcha, Alicja Michalik, Aleksandra Szczerbak-Ruta, Lara Tank

Objective

Based on the evaluation of the applications obtained during the Open Call from the 03.03.2025 - 16.03.2025 the project partners agreed on the selected SMEs.

Decision and course of action

During the second Open Call only two applications were obtained, one for each remaining service. Both applications fulfilled the general requirements, reached the service-specific selection criteria and were selected for the transnational pilot action (Table 4).



D. Agreement of the selected SME

Signature - member of the 'Selection Committee'

I hereby acknowledge the RehAllianCE transnational pilot plant evaluation process described above and the conclusion reached in the consensus meeting regarding the selected SMEs.

Upper Silesian Accelerator for Commercial Enterprises Ltd.

Name of the partner

Aleksandra Szczerbak-Ruta

Name of the member of the 'Selection Committee'

28.03.2025

Date

Aleksandra Szczerbak-Ruta

Signature (and stamp if available)

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Signature - member of the 'Selection Committee'

I hereby acknowledge the RehAllianCE transnational pilot plant evaluation process described above and the conclusion reached in the consensus meeting regarding the selected SMEs.

Pannon Business Network Association

Name of the partner

Eliza Tóth, Balázs Barta

Name of the member of the 'Selection Committee'

31.03.2025

Date

Signature (and stamp if available)





Signature - member of the 'Selection Committee'

I hereby acknowledge the RehAllianCE transnational pilot plant evaluation process described above and the conclusion reached in the consensus meeting regarding the selected SMEs.

Carinthia UAS -non-profit limited liability company

Name of the partner

Johannes Oberzaucher

Name of the member of the 'Selection Committee'

31.03.2015

Date

Signature (and stamp if available)



Signature - member of the 'Selection Committee'

I hereby acknowledge the RehAllianCE transnational pilot plant evaluation process described above and the conclusion reached in the consensus meeting regarding the selected SMEs.

BioRegio STERN Management GmbH

Name of the partner

Dr. Klara Altintoprak, Dr. Margot Jehle, Olivia Magosch

Name of the member of the 'Selection Committee'

28.03.2025

Date

Signature (and stamp if available)



RehAllianCE



RehAllianCE

Signature - member of the 'Selection Committee'

I hereby acknowledge the RehAllianCE transnational pilot plant evaluation process described above and the conclusion reached in the consensus meeting regarding the selected SMEs.

NSBPROJECT

Name of the partner

Sara Canella

Name of the member of the 'Selection Committee'

28.03.2025

Date



Signature (and stamp if available)



Signature - member of the 'Selection Committee'

I hereby acknowledge the RehAllianCE transnational pilot plant evaluation process described above and the conclusion reached in the consensus meeting regarding the selected SMEs.

Local Health Authority 4 Veneto Orientale / ProMIS - Programma Mattone Internazionale Salute

Name of the partner

Fabio Abbrescia, Marta Maniero

Name of the member of the 'Selection Committee'

31/03/2025

Date

Signature (and stamp if available)



E. Annex

Annex II: Feedback of the joint secretary about the extension of the application area for the transnational pilot action

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Betreff: RE: RehAllianCE: A2.1 Transnational pilot action - open call status

Dear Oliva,

The JS answer below:

„Thank you for informing me about this issue.

The main concern with this inclusion of SMEs from outside the CE area is not primarily of financial but thematical nature as your overall project goal is "Strengthening innovation capacities of SMEs [to] boost regional economies". Moreover, the application form specifies that only CE SMEs are eligible, SMEs are the central focus of Work Package 2 and the project in general is funded under SO1.2 which specifically focusses on central Europe.

In order to include SMEs from outside the CE area you would need to justify therefore how this is in line with the application form and the Interreg CE Programme Document (iP) and how their inclusion would not affect the overall project implementation. Please provide me with such an explanation until the 11 March and consider possible risk mitigation measures.

In terms of finances: Since the activity is state aid relevant the SMEs would need to be from another EU country. If this is not the case, the costs for this activity would not be considered as eligible.

I hope my answer clarified your request and please consider the consequences for the entire project within your partnership.

I will be on holidays for two weeks but in case of any urgent questions you can also refer in the mean time to my colleague Angelika Van ES (in CC).

Best regards from Vienna,

Clara "

To be honest I would prefer to re-open the call only for the CE SMEs, knowing how much discussion with JS, opening of this procedure can bring us....
However I'm open for your suggestions. Maybe we can have a short telco regarding this? I'm available tomorrow any time between 9:30 AM and 2 pm.

Aleksandra



Annex II: Result status of the evaluated Open Call I

For application REHA-PBN002 more detailed explanation of the point allocation for the category *Innovation and Impact on ADLs* was requested by the reviewer especially in comparison to REHA-PBN001. Request and answer are listed in the email conversation below. The provided explanations are sufficient for the reviewer to agree with the evaluation of the application.

Olivia Magosch

Von: Eliza Tóth <eliza.toth@pbn.hu>
Gesendet: Montag, 3. März 2025 14:08
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Betreff: RE: RehAllianCE: A2.1 Transnational pilot action - open call status
Kategorien: RehAllianCE

Dear All,

Regarding the applications of PBN, I would like to respond to the uncertainties raised by the following:

- Both PBN-001 and PBN-002 are very similar, comprehensive and detailed applications and well above threshold.
- The TRL level should not be the deciding factor, as the criterion was to reach at least TRL5 level and both were given the maximum 1 point. If we consider this criteria such a decisive factor, the evaluation should have been different from options 0 or 1.
- We also gave the same points for them (4-4 out of 5) for the *Innovation and Impact on ADLs* category.
- The only difference is in the *User-Centred Design and Usability* category, as we think that there is a difference between using VR and AR technologies. The use of VR often leads to motion sickness due to movement within the virtual space, whereas in the case of AR, movement occurs in the real world, making it less likely to cause discomfort, especially for elderly users.

Of course, it is fine by us to have a third, neutral opinion on the applications.

Best regards,

Eliza Tóth
Project Manager



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Dear all,

As of today, the Open Call has officially entered its second round. If you know of any interested companies, please feel free to share the information and spread the word within your networks.

Thank you to everyone who has already reviewed and cross-checked the evaluations of the application. So far, almost all responsible for the cross-check agree with the evaluations and only two assessments from one partner are still outstanding.

Regarding one evaluation, we have some uncertainties with the assessment of the PBN-002 application. Specifically, we would like to ask for further clarification on the *Innovation and Impact on ADLs* category from PBN (@Eliza Tóth) and maybe also ask for a third, neutral opinion from NSB (@Sara Canella?) (no conflict of interest with the applicant's country of origin).
From our perspective:

- In the *Innovation and Impact on ADLs* category, we find it difficult to fully understand the reasoning behind the point deduction, as the descriptions in the application appear quite comprehensive and detailed.
- When comparing this application to PBN-001, we would assess its market potential as stronger, considering that PBN-002 has a significantly higher TRL level.
- Since the evaluation in the *Innovation and Impact on ADLs* category directly influences the allocation of the service, we believe it would be beneficial to obtain an additional neutral opinion to ensure a fair and well-founded decision.

Would it be possible to discuss an official consensus during Thursday's telco in order to officially document the final decision? This would still allow enough time afterward to inform the two companies that were not selected and give them the opportunity to reapply for the remaining services.

Looking forward to your feedback.

Olivia Magosch | Projektmanagement

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