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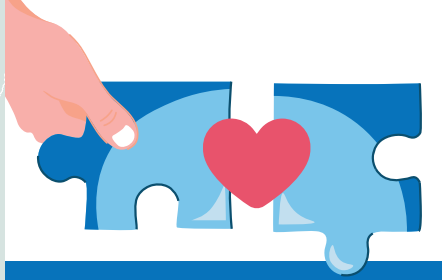
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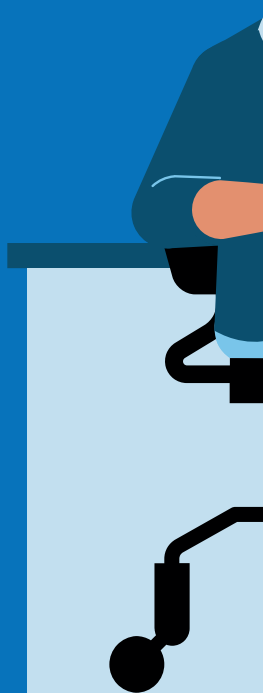
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THE CHALLENGE

LEFT BEHIND: WHEN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DON'T REACH EVERYONE

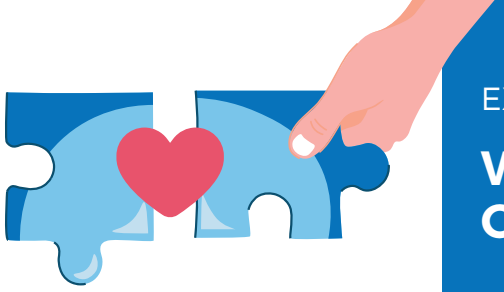
In many rural and peripheral areas across Central Europe, health and social services exist - but too many people can't access them.

The reasons are familiar: fragmented information, limited digital skills, poor transport connections, and a growing older population increasingly at risk of isolation.

In Labin (Croatia), Beltinci (Slovenia), and the Santa Bona district of Treviso (Italy), these challenges are acute. Ageing populations, depopulation, and scattered services create a cycle of underuse and unmet needs - not because services are absent, but because the pathways to reach them are unclear, disconnected, or daunting.

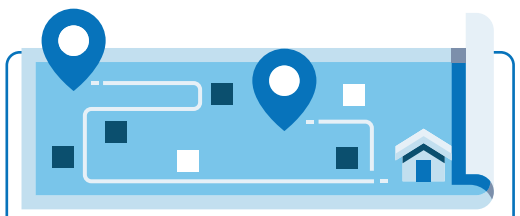
THE PROJECT

WHAT IS SOSPHERE?



SOSPHERE is a transnational cooperation project co-funded by the Interreg Central Europe Programme bringing together local authorities, care providers, and citizens across Italy, Slovenia, and Croatia to tackle one shared challenge: making health and social services truly accessible to those who need them the most.

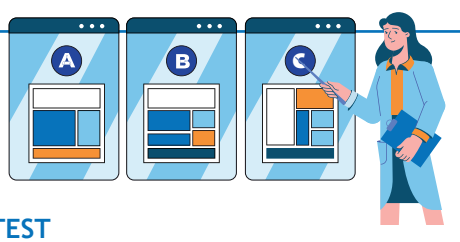
Over 24 months, SOSPHERE will:



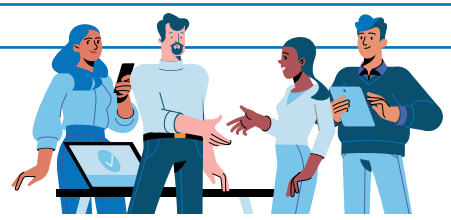
MAP
What's already there? We assess existing services and citizens' needs across each pilot area



CO-DESIGN
One-stop-shops: accessible local hubs for clear, trustworthy guidance on health and social services



TEST
Bringing the model to life across three communities, each adapting it to their local conditions



BUILD
A shared toolkit and strategy, designed to be replicated in other rural and lagging areas

The project is grounded in a bottom-up approach: **citizens, service providers, and public authorities work together to shape solutions** - not the other way around.

EXPECTED RESULTS

WHAT WILL CHANGE?

By the end of the project, SOSPHERE expects to deliver:

One-stop-shops piloted in Labin, Beltinci and Treviso (Santa Bona), providing residents with a single, easy point of access to information on health and social services.

A joint strategy for replicating the one-stop-shop model in other rural and lagging areas across Central Europe.

A practical toolkit for public authorities and service providers to improve access to services, designed collaboratively with citizens.

A transnational working group to keep the exchange going beyond the project's lifetime - connecting local authorities and service providers committed to leaving no community behind.