



# Developing Labs to Facilitate Home Care Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Danube Region



## **ABOUT THE D-CARE LABS**

D-Care Labs project aimed at establishing specialised macroregional D-Care Lab innovation structures to enable social service providers, product developers and social start-ups to design and implement better and innovative home care services and products for elderly persons, people with disabilities and children with special needs.

The story of the D-Care Labs goes all the way to 2020, when the partnership of 26 organisations from 10 countries started on their mission of creating innovative home care solutions. The partnership began working together and, in 2.5 years, successfully made an impact and a contribution to shaping a social Europe from the bottom up.



### **FACTS & FIGURES**

26 partners and ASPs
10 EUSDR countries
9 regional labs

43 new products/services

**Budget: € 2,515,895.12 ERDF: € 2,079,076.46** 

IPA: € 334.833.33

ENI-MD: € 101,985.3



During the project, more than 230 social entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs tested the 9 pilot regional D-Care Lab programs and developed 43 new services or products in the field of home care.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**



Establishment of and pilot test of 9 regional D-Care Labs, with 57 new home care innovations in the pilot phase



250 trained social entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs in the test phase



Sustainability of D-Care Labs after project end (incl. ecosystem of social investment, regional partnerships)



Established an interregional community of lab practitioners



Policy development through analyses of needs for changes, interregional learnings and policy dialogues

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