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PRESS RELEASE

Horizon 2020 project, PiPPi, launches webinar series on innovation procurement in health care

First event to focus on procurement and COVID-19

Save-the-date

Thursday 21 January 2021, 11am – 12pm CET

1st PiPPi Webinar

Procurement for Covid-19: Valuable lessons learned

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(Stockholm/Vienna, 15-12-2020) One year ago, the SARS-CoV-2 virus emerged, that since then has distorted economies and healthcare systems worldwide. In most countries, the first and second wave of infections and cases of Covid-19 have posed enormous challenges, not only for epidemiological models, test capacities, public health policies and clinical treatment, but also for rapid and effective procurement of medical equipment.

During the crisis all actors have learned valuable lessons. Experience and research results gained in the first wave have provided insights that can be deployed for prevention and to fight the second. At the same time new challenges occur, also in the field of healthcare procurement. For example, the procurement of patient monitoring and allocation software, improved (rapid) tests and vaccines.

After a short introduction of the PiPPi-project, speakers involved in the procurement of medical equipment and technology for university hospitals in Europe will share their experiences. They will look back at the turmoil of the first months of the crisis, present their lessons learned and look forward to the challenges ahead. After their presentations there will be time for Q and A's.

This webinar is the first in a series organized by the Platform for Innovation of Procurement and Procurement of Innovation (PiPPi).

PiPPi aims to capture unmet needs of university hospitals and to identify opportunities for innovation in digital health and care services. In order to do so PiPPi, is building a Community of Practice that involves all critical stakeholders: patients, medical professionals, researchers, policymakers, innovators, entrepreneurs and industrial representatives.

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