

Case studies from previous TSI projects

Austria

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Background – Motivation

- **Challenge:** Ensure high-quality health care for all, that is efficient and fiscally sustainable
- There is a **need** for (structural) **reforms** in the health sector
- Important to make the case for **public investments in health** and **better access existing funding opportunities**
- Wide range of support instruments at **EU level** that can support reforms, but
 - these usually have a **focus other than health** and
 - the funding landscape and application process are often **very complex**

Background – TSI Project

Resources Hub for Sustainable Investing in Health

Strengthen health systems by increasing health systems' sustainability and fostering innovative health system transformation

Workstream 1

Strengthen capacity of public authorities to make the case for public investment in health

Workstream 2

Strengthen capacity of public authorities to better access and make use of EU resources for health

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Pilot: Greening of health care facilities

Greening of health care facilities

- **Climate change** is a major challenge with implications for the environment, our societies and health
- In Austria, **health care** services account for **7% of the national CO₂ footprint**
- Austria was already targeting climate-related challenges with a range of initiatives but **further actions** were needed

Pilot Case: Health Resource Hub – Goals

- **Main goal:** Make health care facilities greener & more energy efficient
- **Link national projects** focusing on reduction of CO₂ emissions of the health sector, particularly in the area of hospital infrastructure – through the Resource Hub – with **EU funds**, that financially support them becoming „greener“

Pilot Case: Health Resource Hub – Projects

- Austrian healthcare organizations were invited to submit brief summaries of innovative **green projects** that are in an **advanced stage** of development
- The **three most promising projects** were selected in consultation with experts based on an analysis of EU funding opportunities for sustainable, green healthcare investments
- The organizations, three health care providers, were then supported in working with experts to **prepare their projects** for submission to receive funding under the European LIFE program

Pilot Case: Health Resource Hub – Projects



Project „Health Education Goes Green“

Transformation of a university of applied sciences for health professions towards a broadly based ESG approach, from resource-efficient, large-scale refurbishments to embedding the teaching of a sustainable mindset in the curriculum and campus life



Project “Psychiatric Ward Bruck an der Mur”

New construction of a psychiatric ward using innovative green building technology, such as wood-hybrid construction, and putting particular emphasis on the specific needs of psychiatric patients, employees and the surrounding nature



Lessons Learnt

- **Overview of funding opportunities and requirements** is needed
- **Networking and exchange** is crucial
- Applying for EU funds is **time-** and **resource-intensive**
- EU programme regulations promote **long-term, strategic, holistic thinking**
- **EU and national funding** need to be considered simultaneously

Thank you for your attention!