

TSI Project 'EU Health Hub – Investing in resilient health systems'

First cluster meeting between Spain and Italy & Capacity Building Workshop for EU instruments

Introduction and presentation of the multi-country TSI project: Impetus, challenges and expectations of the Italian and Spanish TSI projects

ES-IT Cluster meeting & Capacity Building Workshop, 29.-30.01.2026

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Impetus, challenges and expectations of the Spanish TSI project

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IMPETUS

- Improve the strategic use of substantial EU funding opportunities for Health.
- Leverage best practices and developing the potential of the Health Policy Manager System (GPS) and the European Funds Committee of the Inter-territorial Health Council
- Institutionalize a coordination platform (Spanish Health Investment Hub), seeking a 'one-stop shop' model

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Arm 1: Support for planning and managing EU Funds in Spain to achieve national and territorial health goals

ES 1.1 A consolidated proposal and plan for formalizing a way of working

1. Workshop to support understanding of EU funds that support health system strengthening
2. Mapping of existing use of EU funds –at EU level and across Spain, includes gap analysis and priorities being pursued
3. Network of focal points across Spain to review and support prioritization of key features of the plan vis a vis strategic plan of GPS
4. Consensus building between GPS priorities and Health Funds support
5. **Plan and methodology for Spain, using international case studies to match EU funding opportunities with health and long-term care policy priorities at national and regional level**

ES 1.2 Toolkit and capacity development

1. Toolkit /catalogue
2. Training of the trainer to familiarize 1-2 regions on new plan so as to finalize and **scale up the plan**

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Arm 2: Developing a single system for patient classification

ES 1.3 *Developing a patient classification system for equitable allocation of nursing staff*

1. *Creation of working groups to focus on collecting and assessing tools in each area (PHC LTC Hospital)*
2. *Spanish baseline assessment to identify different systems for minimum data sets available across Spain*
3. *Consensus building on system relevant values vis a vis 5 pillars*
4. ***Datathon***
5. ***A single system for safe nursing staff allocation***

ES 1.4 Piloting of the classification system

1. Design and development of pilot
2. Training of pilot regions and sites
3. Supporting piloting phase
4. Analyzing feedback from pilot phase
5. Developing recommendations for **scale up and adjustments**

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Timeline and Milestones: Spain

June '25 Project Kick-off

- Fact finding mission
- Initial workshop on EU funds for Health
- Launch of working groups for Classification system

September '25 Evidence reviews and result sharing

- Presentation of initial mapping of EU funds being used in Spain
- Presentation of initial mapping of classification systems

January '26 Product Development

- Catalogue development
- DATATHON

January '27 Final project conference

November '25

Consensus building

- Workshops for ES 1.1: priority setting for funds and Spanish Hub plan
- Workshops for ES 1.3: minimum values

Capacity building for effective implementation & Piloting

- Training of the Trainers on Spanish Hub Plan of Governance and use of Toolkit
- Training pilot sites with new classification system

June '26

Design and implementation of an initial assessment in the project

METHODOLOGY

Survey

8 sections:

- Identification of stakeholders
- Composition of teams dedicated to EU funds
- Knowledge of the different funding tools
- Challenges in the different phases of the process
- Alignment of priorities with the general planning of the Ministry of Health
- Assessment of planning and monitoring tools
- Assessment of coordination with the Ministry of Health
- Good practices and lessons learned identified

31 responses

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METHODOLOGY

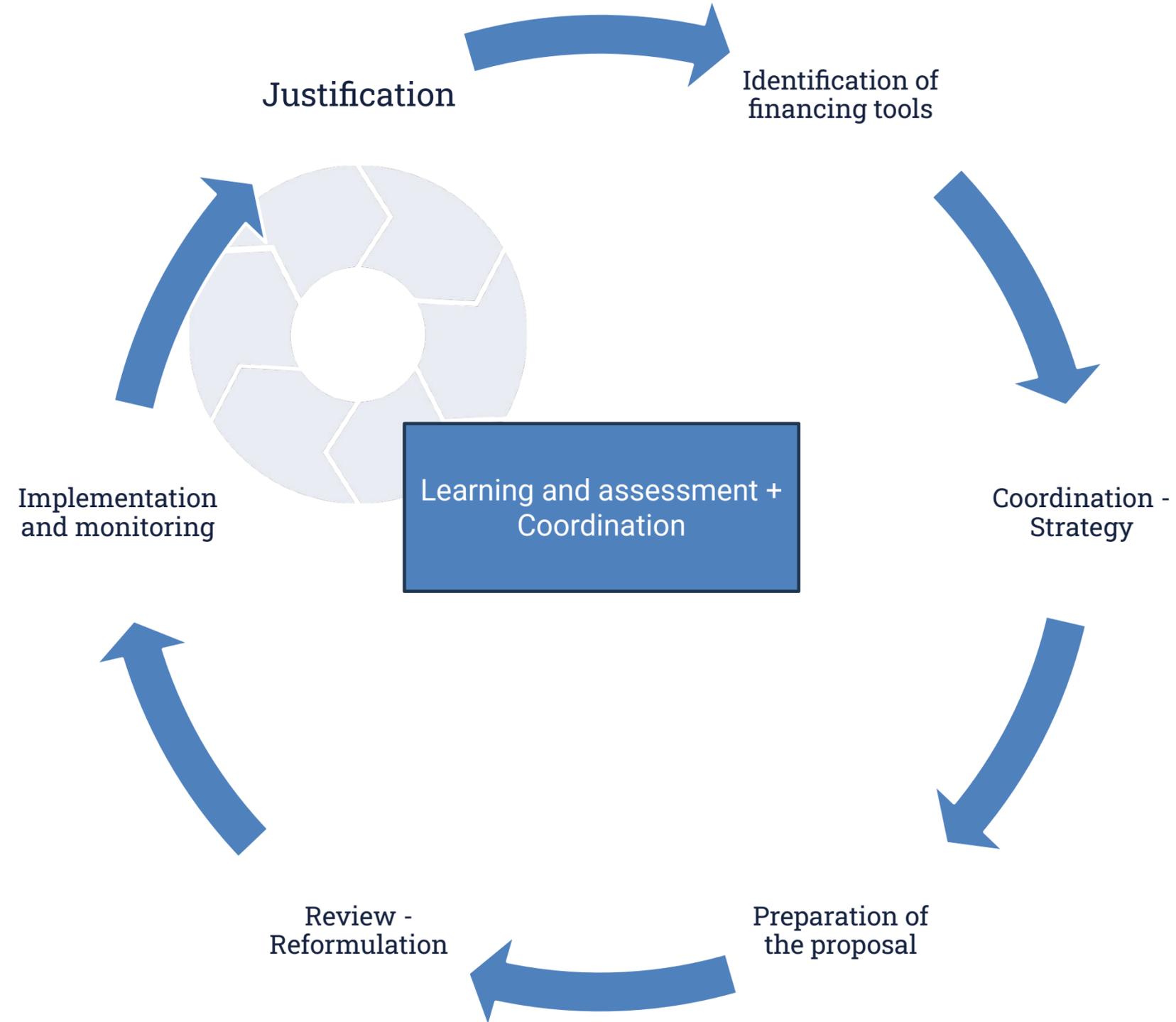
Interviews

7 Interviews

Semi-structured interviews with sections:

- Institutional role and responsibilities
- Approval and coordination mechanisms
- Management tools
- Lessons learned
- Recommendations

Project cycle



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Recommendations

- **Strengthen coordination dynamics**, seeking a "one-stop shop" model
 - Enable the establishment of working groups and asymmetric leadership to drive specific processes
 - Create a map of focal points, at different levels of administration, for the various financing instruments related to European health financing
 - Strengthen consultation processes to influence the definition of priorities.
- **Improve data governance** in relation to the management of European projects.
- **Improve training** in the search for European funds. (Providing specific tools and training opportunities).
- **Case study-based learning:** Prioritising the search for funding for three

priorities

CHALLENGES

- Address fragmentation in EU funds governance within a decentralized system with multiple institutions at different levels involved.
- Strengthen data governance
- Build capacity to identify and manage European funding opportunities.
- Ensure the sustainability of the Health Investment Hub beyond the duration of the TSI project.

EXPECTATIONS

- A functioning, institutionalized “Health Hub”
- A formal network of focal points across regions and institutions
- Improved monitoring and strategic allocation of EU health investments.
- Concrete capacity development products (A user-friendly EU Funds Toolkit and training modules)

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