



Coping with Demographic Change - Shaping policies

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The framework

Demographic changes are evident in many European regions:

- *ageing population, raise of the chronic diseases, budget reduction in European healthcare systems, ...*

...and with particular impact in the Alps area:

- *difficulties to reach hospitals, not equal accessibility to medical specialties and professionals for a population leaving in remote mountain areas, touristic vocation of the AS and related periodic inadequacy of HC structures, ...*

Strategies to face those trends

Appropriate policy measures have to be taken for people to remain in mountain remote areas. Essential is the provision of *adequate basic services (including healthcare)*

ALIAS approach

- **ALIAS** addresses *medical services and information inadequacy* to ensure health care provision in the Alpine Space
- **ALIAS** aims at increasing *health care services availability and quality* in AS by improving access to care in mountain areas and better professional interactions for local providers



The ALIAS “Virtual Hospital”

ALIAS aims at testing a new cooperation model between hospitals (**Virtual Hospital Network**) to supply teleconsulting and clinical information provision to HCP, to improve the efficiency of hospitals in remote alpine areas with clear benefits for resident and non-resident population.

ALIAS has the final objective of reducing the **healthcare divide and so inequalities** in remote mountain areas through the use of **eHealth technologies and innovations**.

Let’s move bites and knowledge and not persons; persons only when necessary.



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