

3rd Open Call for Proposals	
Project code	ROHU-397
Project title	4C: Cure for Cervical and Colorectal Cancer - New approaches in the prevention and therapy of common cancers
Priority axis	4 – Improving health-care services (Cooperating on health-care and prevention)
Investment priority	9/a - Investment in health and social infrastructure which contributes to national, regional and local development, reducing inequalities in terms of health status, promoting social inclusion through improved access to social, cultural and recreational services and the transition from institutional to community-based services.
Implementation period	30 months (1 st of March 2019 – 31 st of October 2021)
Objective	The main objective was to improve healthcare services in Timiș and Csongrád-Csanád counties in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cervical and colorectal cancer.
Partnership	Lead Beneficiary: Emergency Municipal Clinical Hospital Timișoara (Romania)
	Project Partners: PP2: University of Szeged (Hungary) PP3: “Victor Babeș” University of Medicine and Pharmacy Timișoara (Romania)
TOTAL Budget	€ 3,452,844.43 out of which ERDF € 2,549,775.91 Total eligible expenditure certified within the project: € 3,247,705.52 Budget execution: 94.05%
Summary	ROHU-397 project proposed a new, more innovative approach that addresses cervical and colorectal cancer in an integrated manner tackling it from both preventive and therapeutical points of view and also from both infrastructure and know-how points of view. The main activities implemented within the project are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purchasing and installation of medical equipment within 4 health care departments of the Emergency Municipal Clinical Hospital Timișoara: a CT device, a Video-endoscopy Kit, a 3D Full HD system for laparoscopic endoscopic surgery, a plasma sterilizer, a Standard Colonoscope, an ergonomic microscope, a Rotary microtome with the manual operation;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purchasing and installation of medical equipment within 2 health care departments of the University of Szeged: High energy linear accelerator, a Treatment Planning System compatible with the existing radiotherapy system, a software upgrade for the existing linear accelerator, an advanced imaging license (Stand-alone) and two colonoscopes; • purchasing and installation of a Digestive Video-endoscopy system with accessories within 1 health care department of the Emergency Clinical County Hospital Timiș; • creating a joint medical council where 16 cases of cervical/colorectal cancer diagnosis and treatment procedures were discussed; • 2 medical protocols concluded on screening, diagnosis, and treatment of cervical and colorectal cancers; • organizing 4 joint workshops for more than 30 medical staff from Csongrád-Csanád and Timiș counties for improving their competencies in screening, diagnosis, and treatment of colorectal and cervical cancers; • awareness activities and publications (4 forums in Timisoara and 1 in Szeged, 10,000 brochures elaborated, an informative article published in a regional daily newspaper, and health themed TV broadcast about cancer risks and prevention in Hungary) for the general public, to inform them about a healthy lifestyle and prevention of cervical and colorectal cancer; • screening activities performed on colorectal cancer and cervical cancer for the population in the Timiș and Csongrád-Csanád counties (2000 cytological exams, more than 600 colonoscopies) using the existent equipment and the equipment bought within the project. <p><i>On October 31, 2021, the project was successfully finalized. All activities provided in the project were completed.</i></p> <p>The Programme Output Indicators are „9/a 1 Population having access to improved health services” and „9/a 2 Number of healthcare departments affected by modernized equipment”. Through project ROHU-397, 1,155,901 persons benefit from improved healthcare services and 7 healthcare departments are more efficient using modernized equipment.</p>
<p>Main results</p>	<p>The main results of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1,155,901 persons benefit from improved healthcare services; - 7 healthcare departments more efficient using modernized equipment purchased; - more than 30 medical staff of Csongrád-Csanád and Timiș counties have upgraded their competencies in screening, diagnosis, and treatment of colorectal and cervical cancers;

- 2 medical protocols concluded on screening, diagnosis, and treatment of cervical and colorectal cancers;
- 16 cases of cervical/colorectal cancer diagnosis and treatment procedures discussed by the medical staff from Romania and Hungary;
- the population's access to information regarding health and quality medical services for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cervical and colorectal cancer was improved through the awareness activities implemented within the project.

Website/webpage:

- <http://cervical-colorectal-cancer.ro/>
- <https://u-szeged.hu/pmi/fejlesztjesiprojektek/rohu-397/rohu-397>
- http://old.umft.ro/rohu-397_746
- <https://www.spitalul-municipal-timisoara.ro/proiecte-europene/new-approaches-to-prevention-and-treatment-of-common-cancers-acronym-4c-cure-for-cervical-and-colorectal-cancer-ems-code-rohu-397>