



**VCARE**

VIRTUAL COACHING ACTIVITIES  
FOR REHABILITATION IN ELDERLY

**CLINICAL ENGAGEMENT IN CO-DESIGN  
AND VALIDATION**

*NESTORE FINAL WORKSHOP, 25/02/2021*

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# CASA CURA POLICLINICO

- CCP is a fully integrated **multi-specialty Clinical Centre** (148 beds), accredited by the Italian National Health System
- CCP provides both inpatient and outpatient services, mainly directed to **neurological patients**.
- These services improve **rehabilitation care pathways**, responding to an integrated and multidisciplinary approach

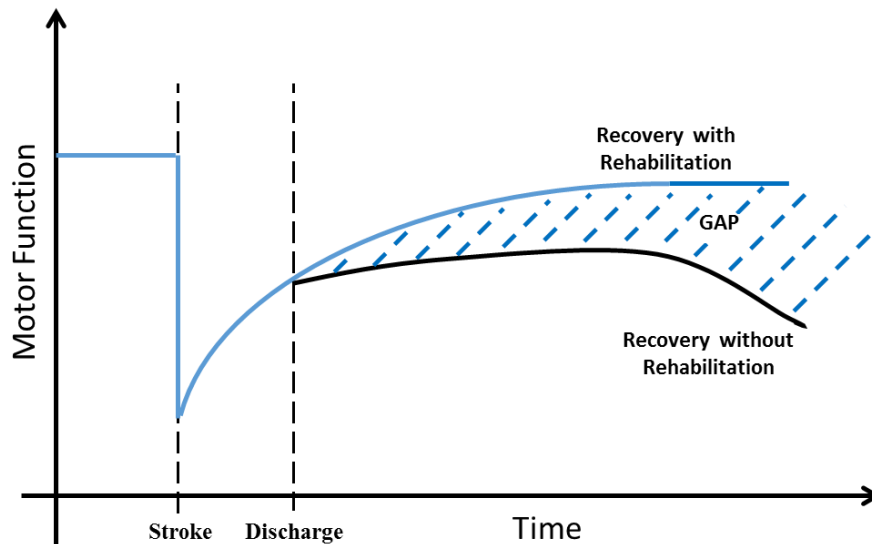


# BACKGROUND



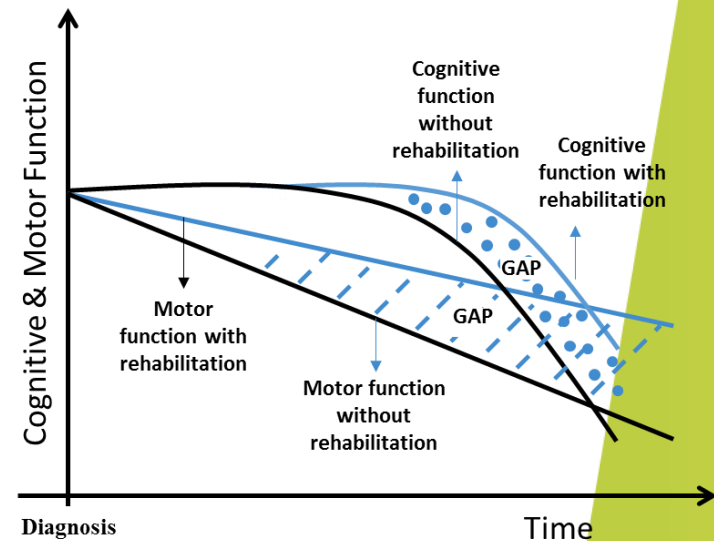
Often the continuity of the rehabilitation process interrupts with the transition to the home environment.

Stroke Recovery Model



Modified from *Langhorne, Bernhardt, and Kwakkel 2011*

Progression in Parkinson's disease

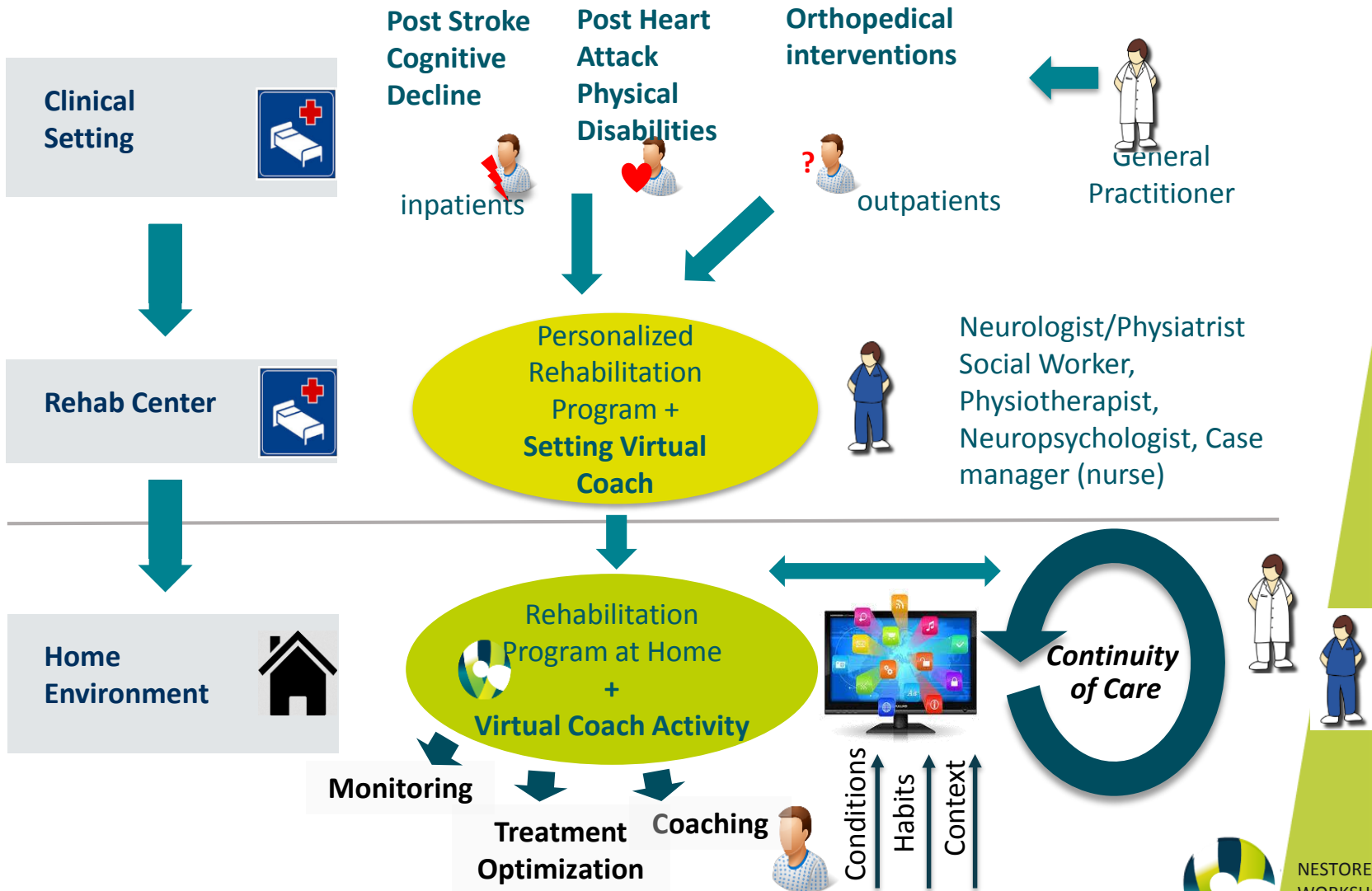


Modified from *Nocera and Hackney M E 2015*

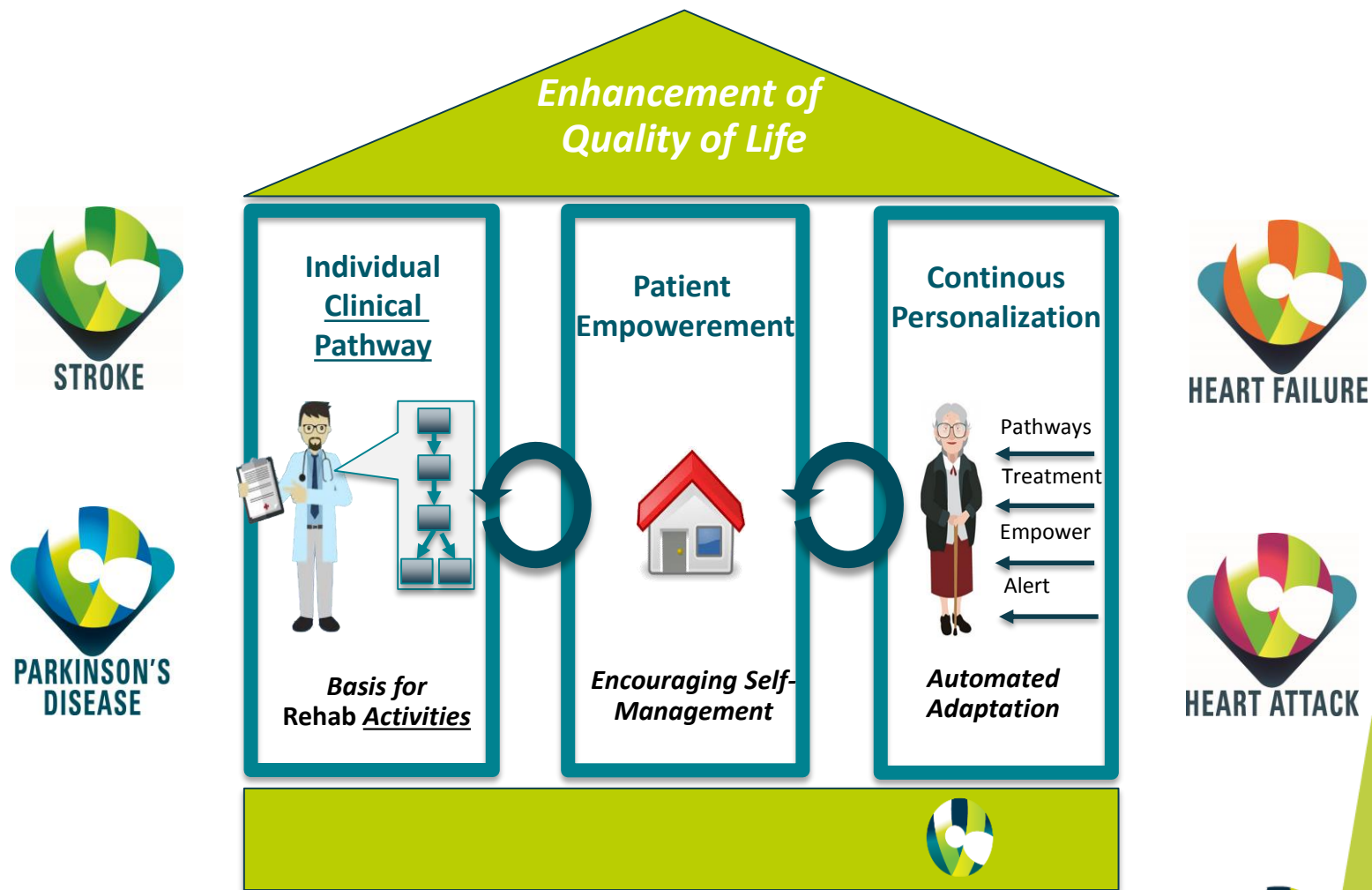


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# DESIDERED SITUATION IN REHABILITATION



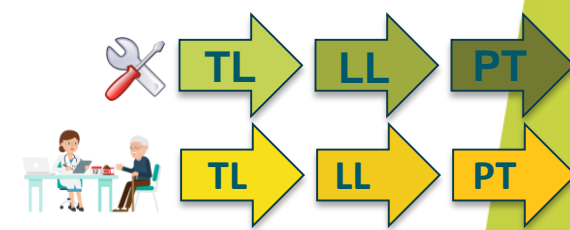
# KEY ASPECTS OF VCARE



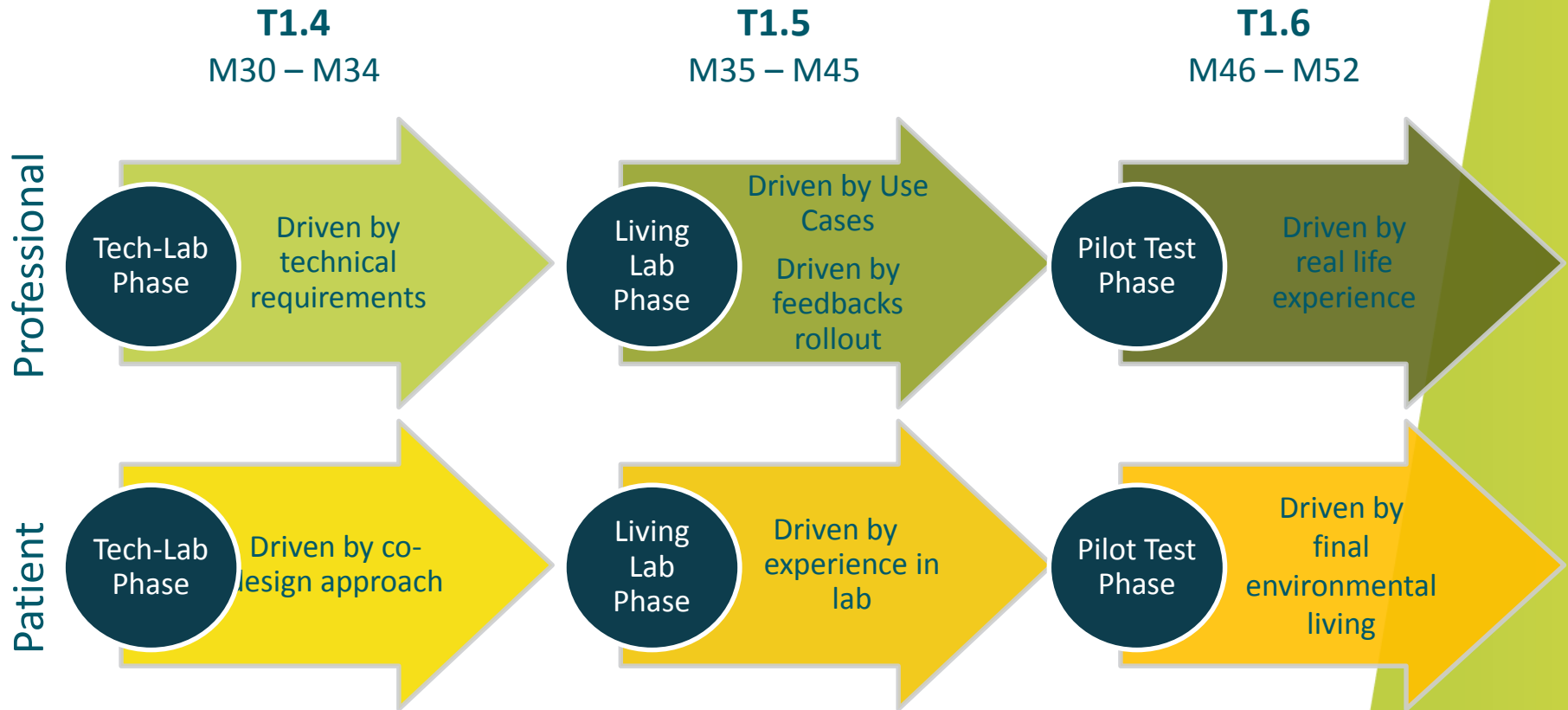
# REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES

A #	Activity (A)	Pathology	Needs
A-1	Home-based motor activities	SD, PD	Physical therapy
A-2	Coaching for an active lifestyle	SD, PD	Physical therapy
A-3	E-learning	SD, PD, HF, IHD	Physical therapy, Cognitive training
A-4	Home based cognitive games	SD, PD	Cognitive training
A-5	Fun supporting activities	SD, PD	Cognitive training
A-6	Monitoring indoor	SD	Risk Factor Modification
A-7	Safety tips	SD	Risk factor Modification
A-8	Monitoring mood	SD, PD, IHD	Emotional and Social rehabilitation
A-9	Monitoring Pain and sleep	SD	Pain
A-10	Vocal Exercises	PD	Speech and swallowing therapy
A-11	Falls Prevention	PD	Risk Factor Modification
A-12	Daily Motor Activity	HF	Physical therapy
A-13	Aerobic Physical Activity	HF, IHD	Physical therapy
A-14	Resistance training	HF	Physical therapy
A-15	Medication intake support	PD, HF, IHD	Pharmacological intervention
A-16	Vital stats control	HF	Monitor Vital signs
A-17	Weight control	HF, IHD	Risk Factor Modification
A-18	Smoking cessation activity	HF, IHD	Risk Factor Modification
A-19	Anxiety and depression reduction	HF	Emotional and Social rehabilitation
A-20	Walking physical activity	IHD	Physical therapy
A-21	Alcohol Reduction	IHD	Risk Factor Modification

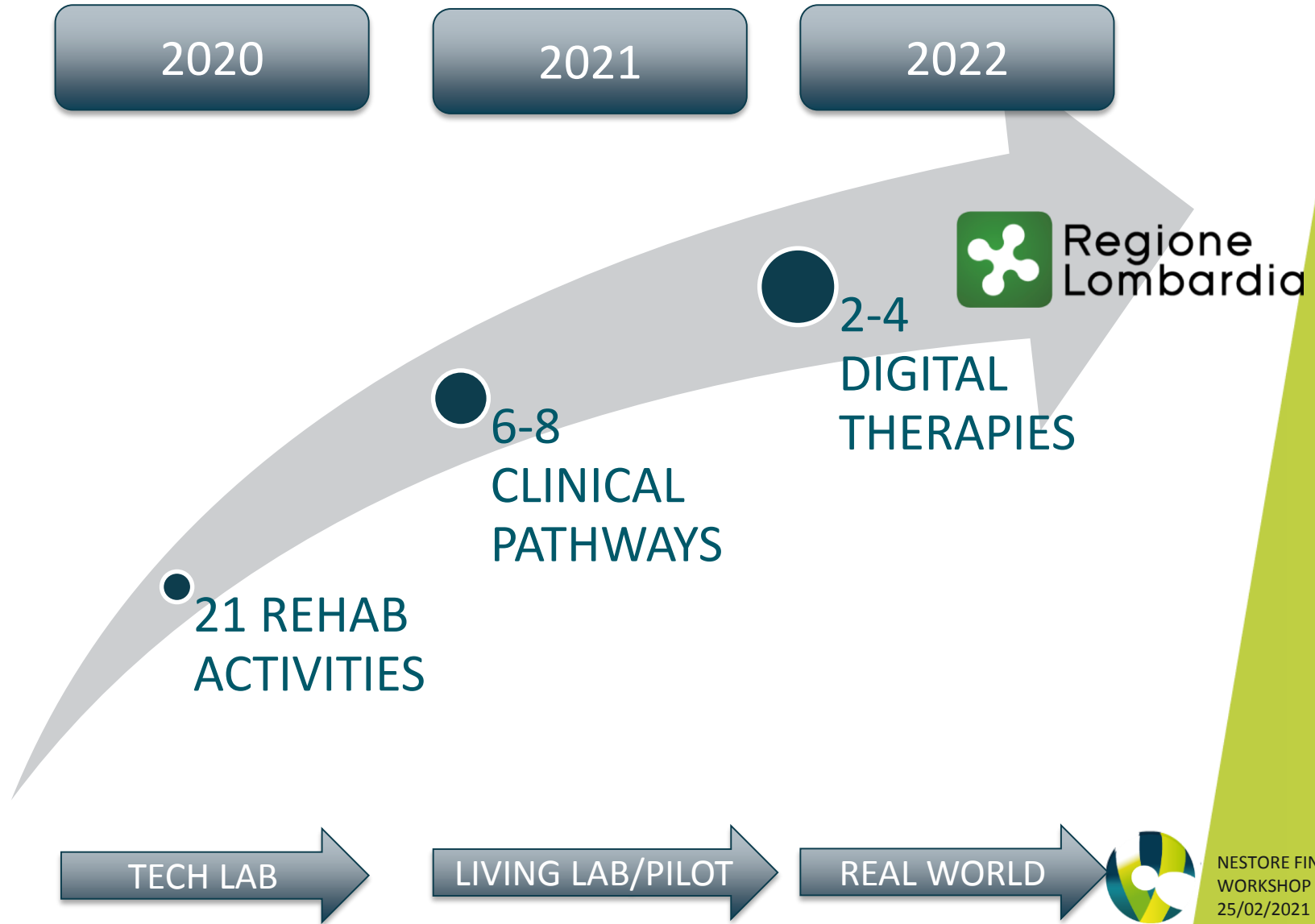
# THE APPROACH TO VALIDATION



Sequence of **tasks** in which to “involve users as main drivers for the innovation at all stages of the project”

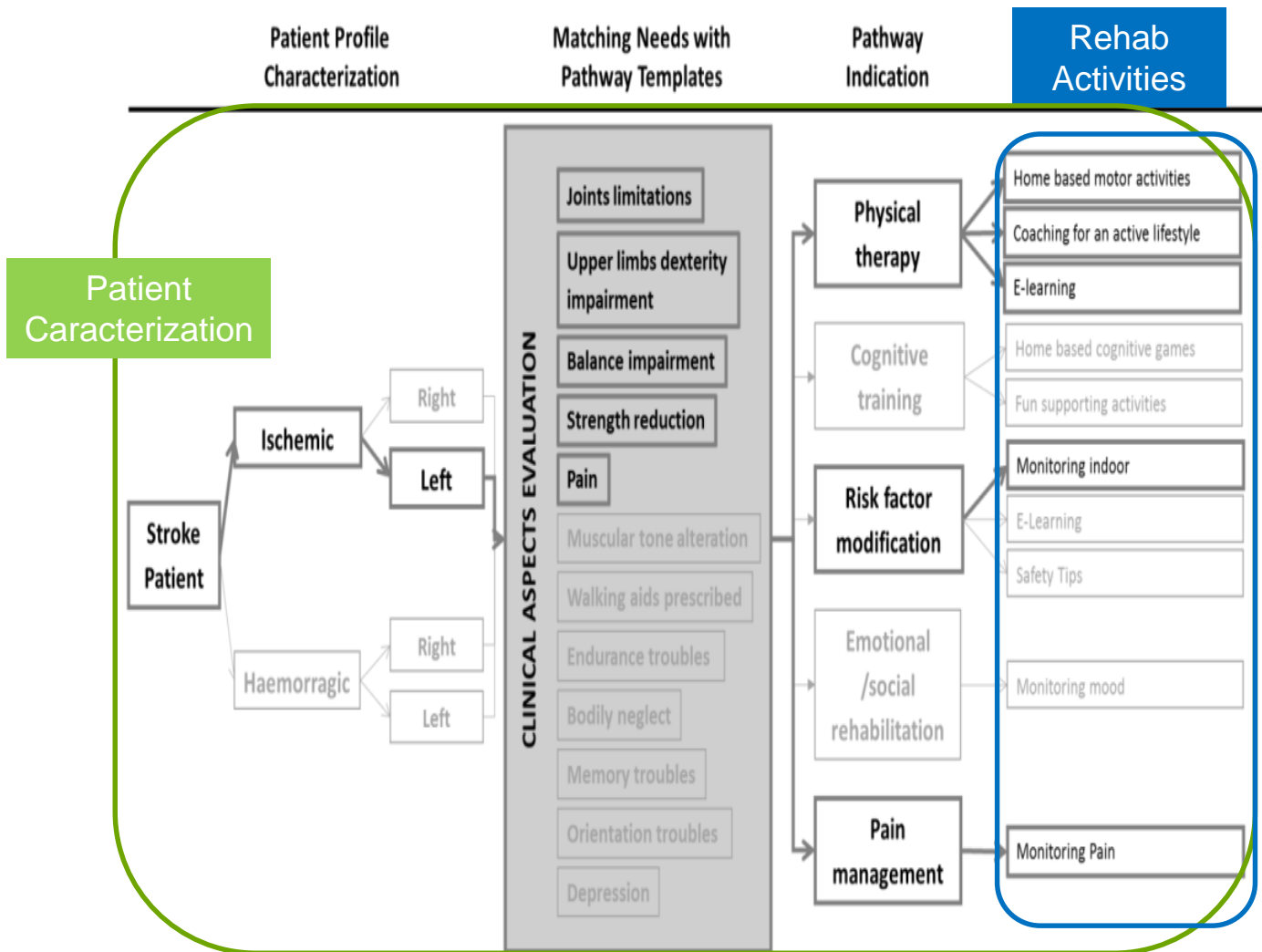


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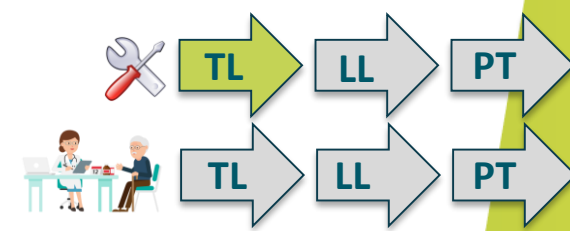




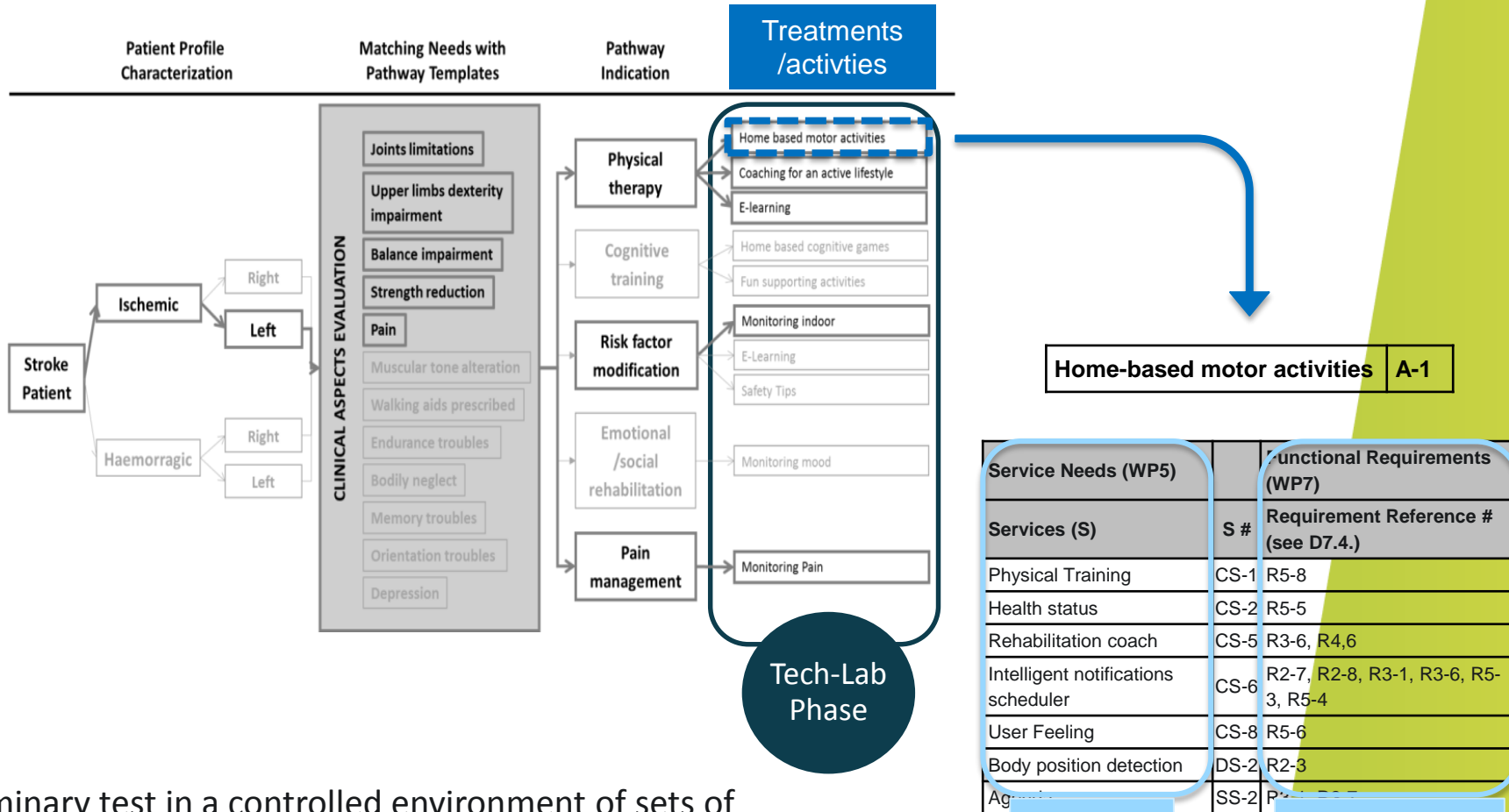
# CLINICAL PATHWAYS: THE STROKE CASE



# TECH LAB PHASE



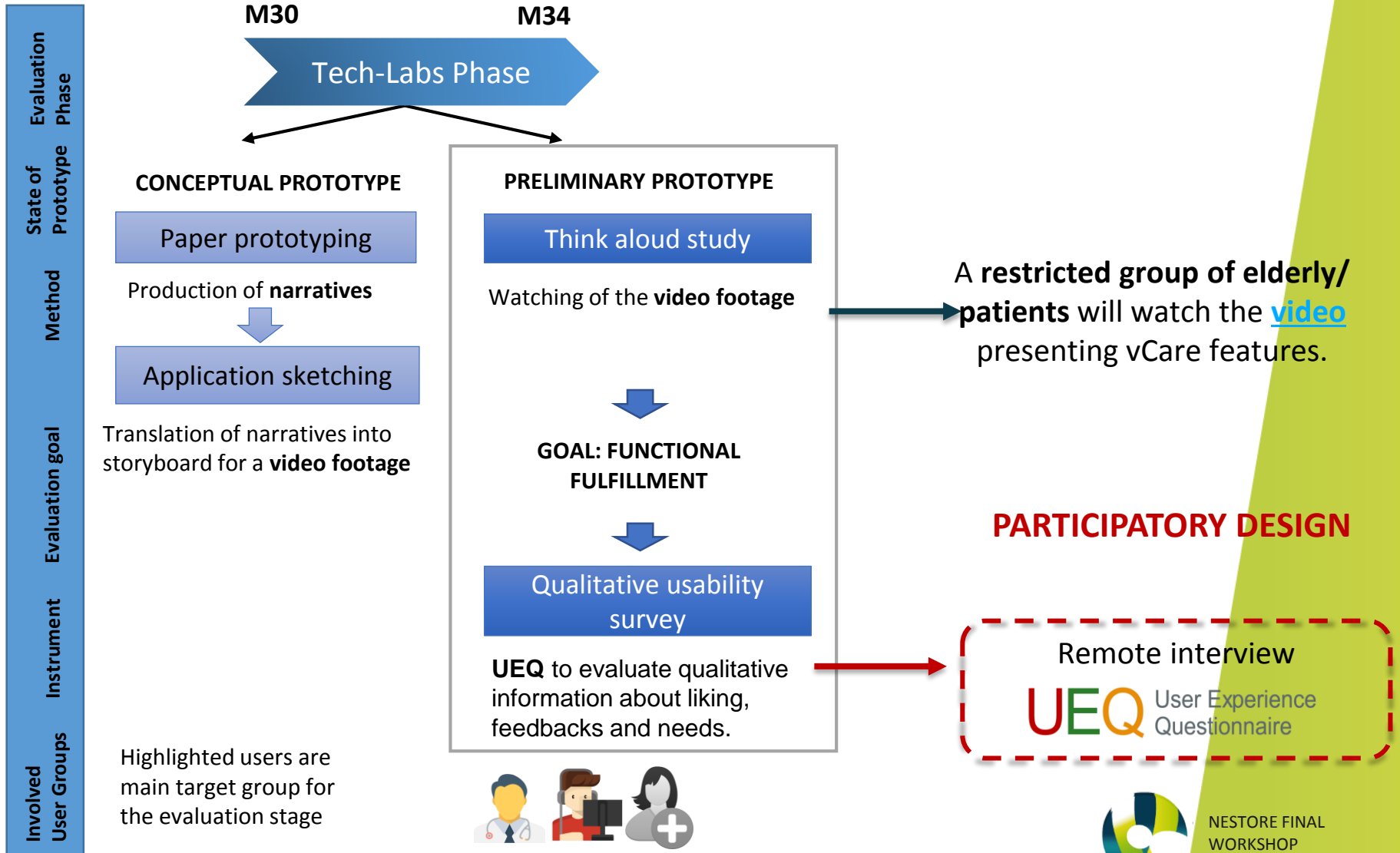
## CLINICAL PATHWAY from D1.4



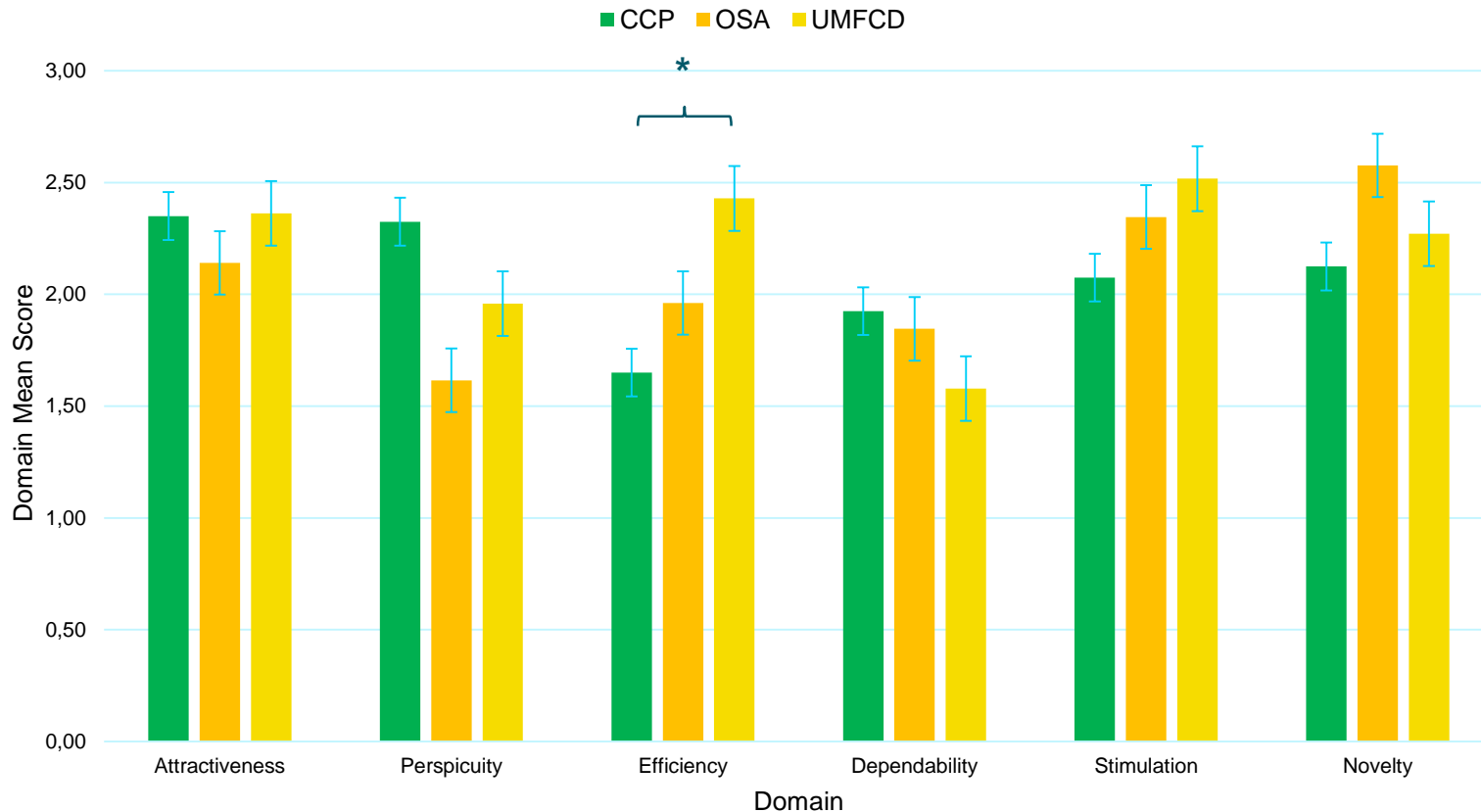
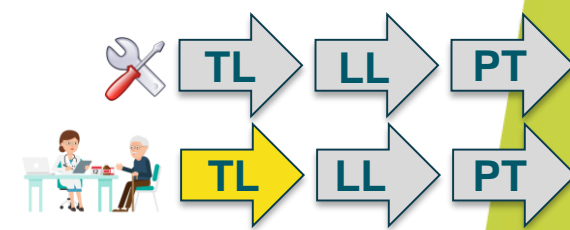
Preliminary test in a controlled environment of sets of REQUIREMENTS and related SERVICE(S), grouped by ACTIVITIES



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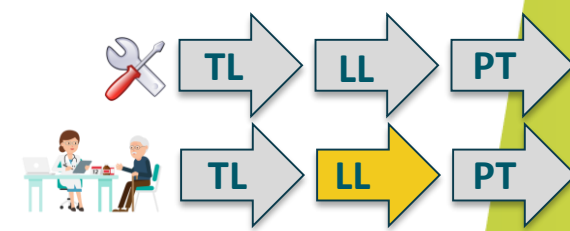
# RESULTS FROM UEQ



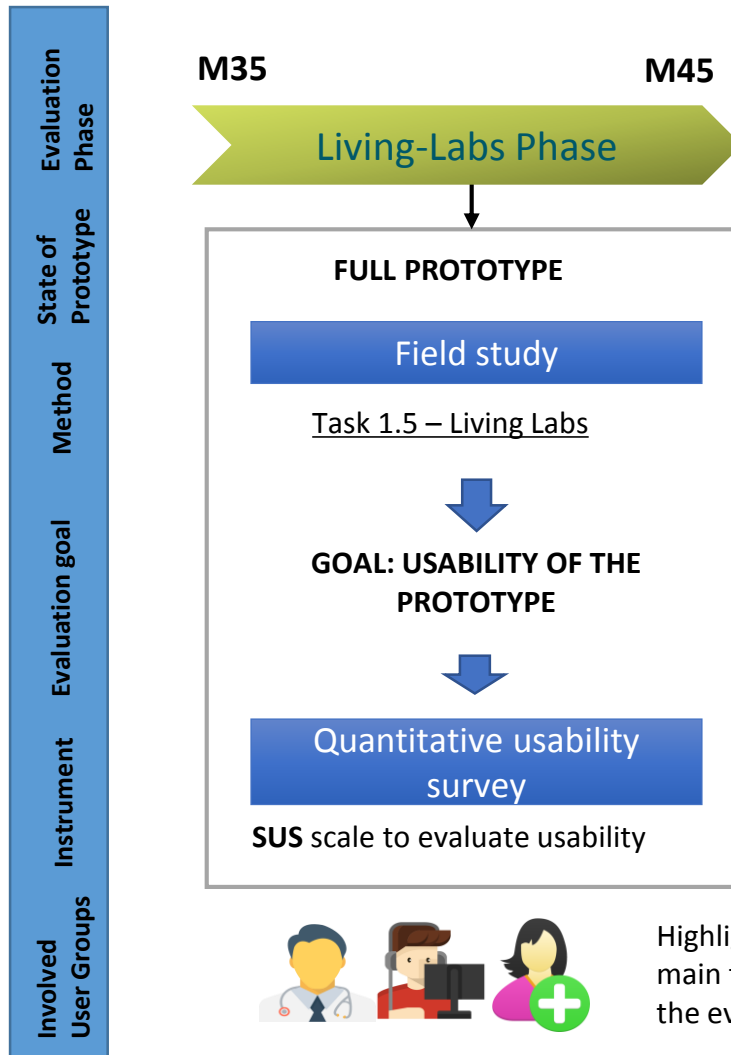
A One-Way ANalysis Of VAriance (ANOVA) was carried out to check if the domain means differ significantly among the three clinical centres. A statistically significant difference between groups was found only in the Efficiency domain.



# LIVING LAB PHASE



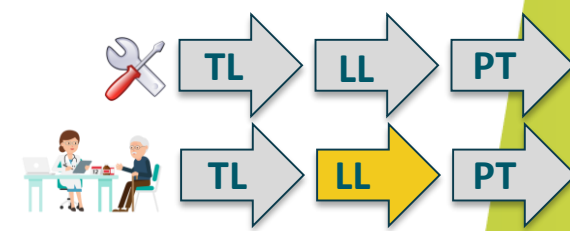
Testing of the system by the vCare **final users** in a *“controlled environment”*



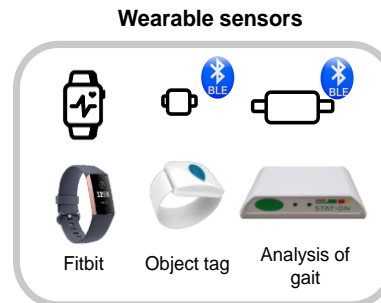
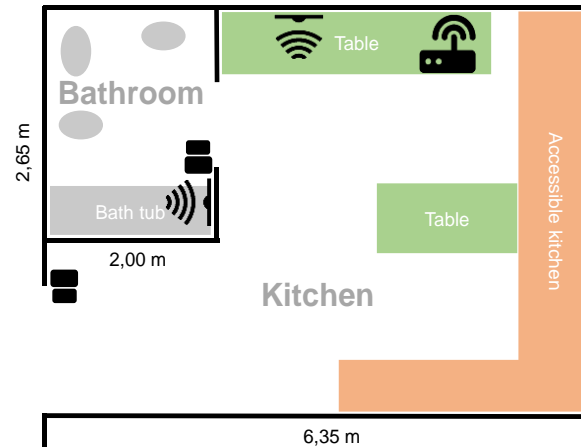
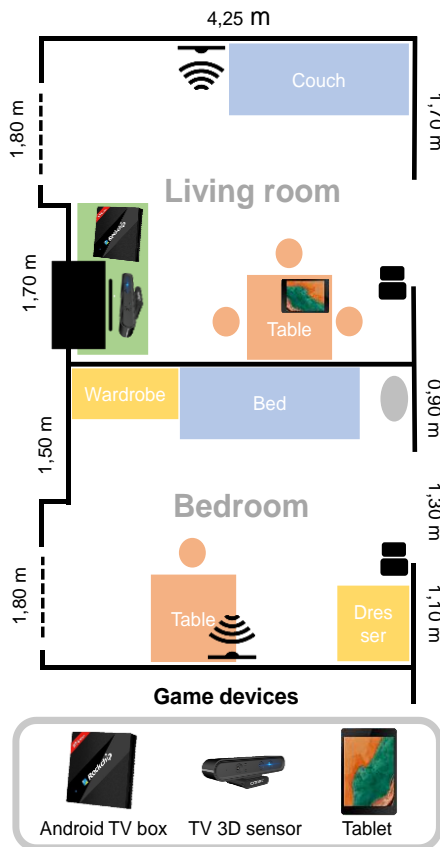
Highlighted users are main target group for the evaluation stage



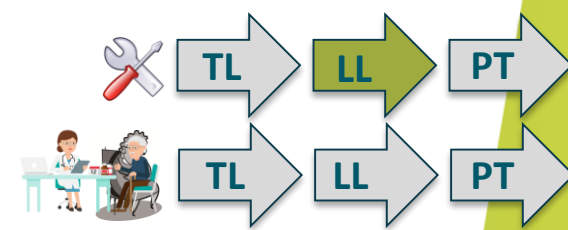
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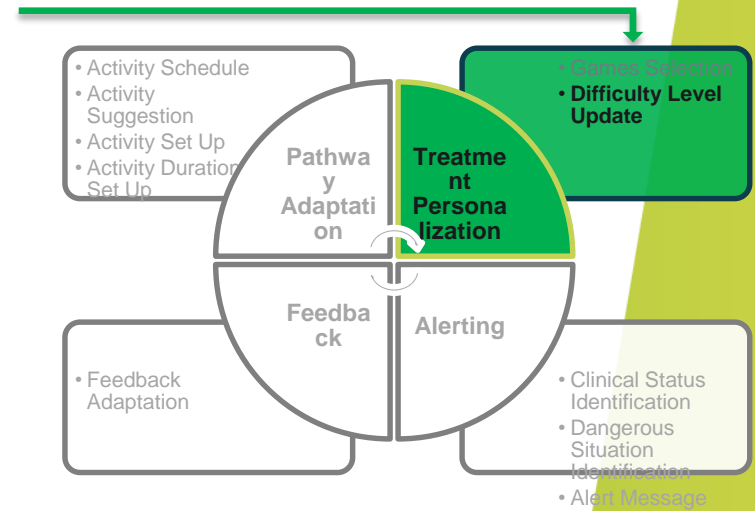
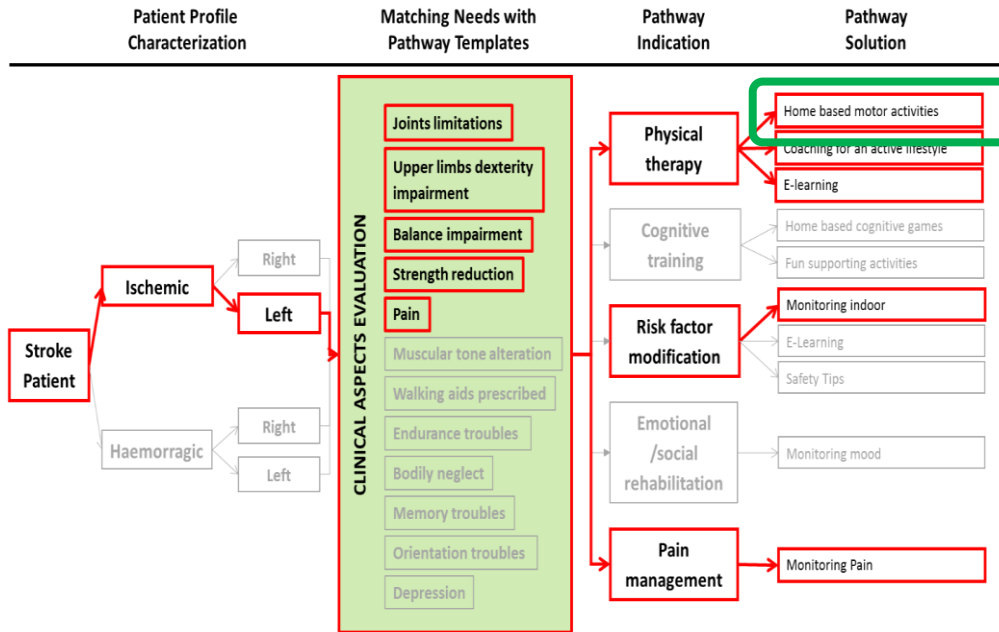
Living Labs can be defined as **Ecological Systems** in which users evaluate new ICT-solutions experimenting and testing them in a familiar usage framework and within a real-world context<sup>2</sup>.



# LIVING LAB PHASE - EXAMPLE



## Stroke - First Narrative: Mrs. Maria – Use cases #1

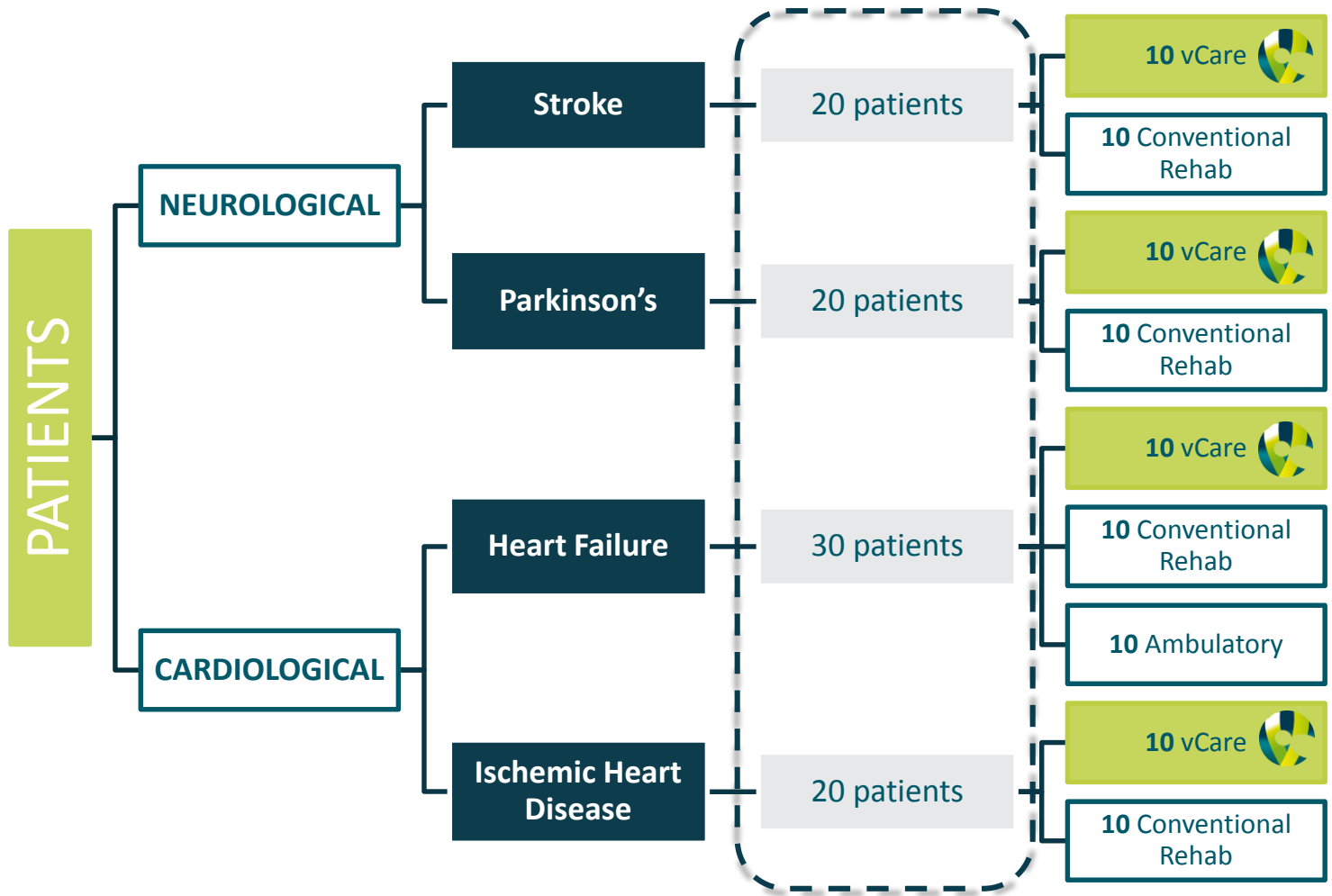
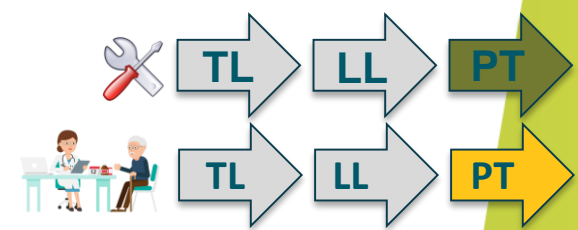


## DIFFICULTY LEVEL UPDATE

Rules (D1.3)	Test (D1.5)	KPI (D1.7)
<p>if (Game #N Score) Week &gt; tGNS+5% tGNS                      → tGNS = tGNS +(5% tGNS)</p> <p>if (Game #N Score) Week &lt; tGNS-5% tGNS                      → tGNS = tGNS -(5% tGNS)</p> <p>If tGNS automatically updated for 3 consecutive times → the game level improves</p>	<p>Check on the update of the difficulty level of the task by the vCare system based on the patient’s performance computed data.</p>	<p><b>Agreement/disagreement</b> between “VC difficulty level automatically adjusted” and “Therapist difficulty level change”.</p> <p>They must correspond at least in <b>75%</b> of cases.</p>

# PILOT TEST PHASE (T1.6)

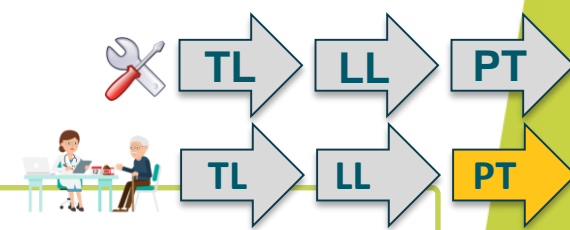
CRT for the final validation of the system





# PILOT TEST PHASE

## STROKE



### Eligibility criteria

#### •Inclusion criteria

- Patients who suffered a recent (less than one month) stroke (either ischemic or haemorrhagic) confirmed by CT and/or MRI scan, with a NIH Stroke Scale/Score (NIHSS) score of  $\leq 14$ , corresponding to a mild-moderate neurological impairment.
- age  $\geq 65$  years

#### •Exclusion criteria

- Global aphasia
- Presence of cognitive impairment (i.e.  $MMSE \leq 22$ )
- Any evidence of a serious condition that may affect participation in the study (e.g. traumatic brain injury, oncological, hepatic/renal, immune-based, metabolic/endocrine, psychiatric, respiratory, or infective disorders)
- Unable to understand and comply with the protocol or to give informed consent.

### Expected outcomes

#### Enhancement of QoL

- (1) 10% increase of the QoL score (**SF-12**)
- (2) 15% increase of the **SF-12 mental sub-score** (Mental Component Summary)
- (3) 10% increase of the QoL score on the **Stroke Self-efficacy Questionnaire**, at the end of in-house Pilot Study period (6 months)

#### 1)Risk factor reduction

- 2)(1) daily number of steps improvement of at least by 10% in six months;
- 3)(2) time spent exercising improvement of at least by 10% in six months.

#### Better adherence to care plan at home

- (1) Total n° of subjects that adhere to the Care Plan with vCare, raised up to 80%.
- (2) N° of rehabilitation treatments, performed autonomously by the patient supported by vCare, raised up to 70%.

#### Personalization and Health promotion

Refinement rate of rehabilitation therapy (exercises and programs) raised up to the 60% of the cases that require a change of treatment.



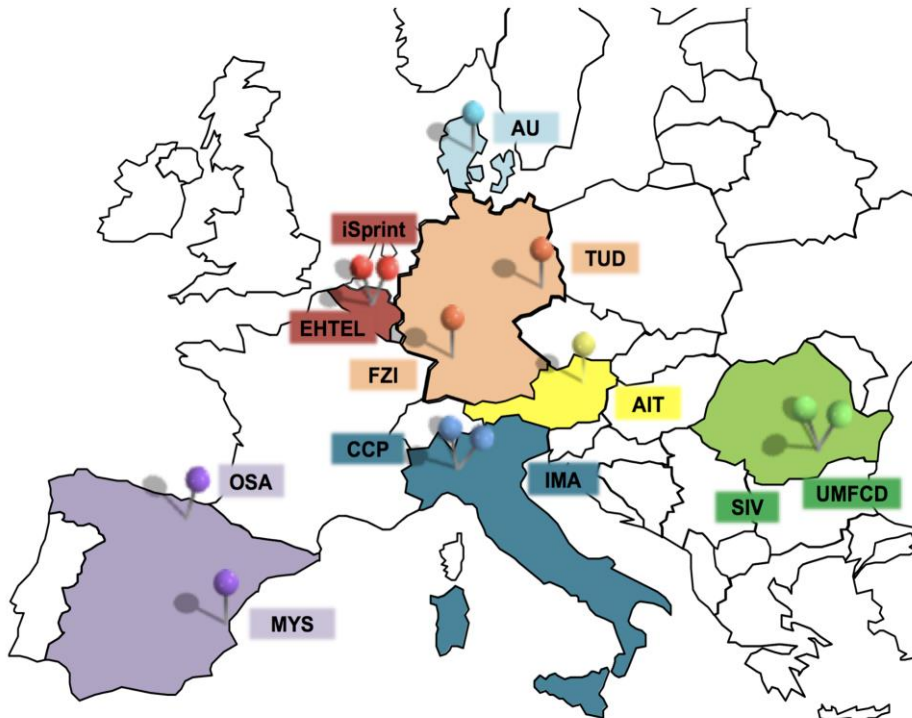
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