

IN-4-AHA 2022 Twinnings



Frequently asked questions

What are the IN-4-AHA twinnings?

Twinning is an innovation and knowledge exchange activity, entailing the contribution of two different types of organizations: one that develops a solution – the Originator, and another that implements it – the Adopter, or Adopters. The IN-4-AHA's twinning builds upon a legacy of connections and shared experiences, documented throughout the years. To extend on this tradition, the 2022 twinning is open to all stakeholders holding **Reference Site** status.

Both managing and member organization from these networks can participate. By focusing on Reference Sites, the IN-4-AHA recognizes both the established community, but also the *ecosystem* nature of the scaling up process. To evolve, a solution must be designed, developed, and implemented by all stakeholders from the quadruple helix (policy makers, need user institutions, industry and research and academia), first on a regional level, then national, and European stages. Twinning provides just that – an opportunity to test, improve, and deploy innovations in different socio-economic contexts, allowing Originators to iterate on their work, advertise it, and attempt to find future investors, and Adopters to try out a new but mature solution with the potential of bringing real value to their target populations' needs.

10 Originator-Adopter pairs will be able to participate in the twinning.



What is the timeline for activities?

The call for tenders is open from the **15th of November 2021**, until the **10th of December 2021** (23:00 CET). The chosen submissions will be notified until the 22nd of December. Activities start on the **10th of January**, until the **30th of June**.

Who can apply?

Any organizations, as long as they have Reference Site status.

What are Reference Sites?

As stated, they are regional ecosystems, including stakeholders from all branches of the quadruple helix. The last completed call for Reference Sites was completed in 2019, and the most recent list is comprised of 103 regional and local organizations to whom this title has been awarded. Reference Sites have been a pillar of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing, and now, of the IN-4-AHA network and the Reference Sites Collaborative Network (RSCN). For updated information on future calls, and the most updated information on Reference Sites, refer to the RSCN's website [www.rscn.eu].

How to apply?

The submission process is easy. Both Originator and Adopter(s) fill out the joint application form presented in the link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKreG521v6H9iSNYg-I0rCN1sY8I5IrfwTiirZxs1dMcQgzg/viewform>. Alternatively, a MS word editable version of the same form has been developed. It can be requested, and then sent to, when finished via email: cscampos@reit.up.pt.

An Originator's solution can be in a twinning pair with multiple Adopter institutions. A single application for each innovative solution is required, regardless of the number of adopters - different innovative practices must be submitted individually. Nevertheless, the originator – adopter *ratio* can be *1 to 1*, or *1 to many*.

If the specific originator- adopter pair is currently in another twinning activity and/or if the specific originator-adopter pair has already shared the same innovative practice in the past, their application won't be accepted.

The IN-4-AHA consortium isn't responsible for forming these twinning pairs.



What are the benefits?

Each twinning (per innovative practice shared) will be awarded up to **5.000 euros maximum**, to develop their innovation transfer activities. This sum covers travelling and accommodation costs. The IN-4-AHA consortium will reimburse these expenditures.

In the case of imposition of travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic in EU countries during 2022, activities and meetings should be altered from in-person to remote/digital. When possible, postponing meetings to a later date where a face-to-face meeting might be an option to be discussed.

Furthermore, twinning participants will have access to the MAFEIP tool for impact assessment, free of charge.

What are the expectations

One of the requirements of the twinning applications, is the demonstration of an action plan for the innovation transfer, between Reference Sites, which includes an overview of planned activities and their estimated costs.

For the selected applications, some contributions will be required, such as:

1. A **midterm report** (by the 31st of March 2022), to assess the extent of deployment of the action plan, and if there are any inconsistency, present mitigation measures to address them.
2. A **final report** (by the 31st July 2022), with the major achievements, difficulties, and plans for further implementation of the innovation targeted by the twinning.
3. To allow the IN-4-AHA consortium to post and adapt some parts of their innovative practices in their **communication** channels and reports/deliverables.
4. To participate in IN-4-AHA's activities, including but not exclusively, the development of its **scaling up model**.

These reports are to be submitted by each twinning pair (10 total, 1 for each innovative practice shared), via email (a MS word document can be requested and submitted, similarly to the application form) or via online form.

A wrap up webinar is planned for July 2022, to reflect on the lessons learnt from twinings and cross border scaling up.



How will the applications be assessed?

A wide set of criteria was defined by the IN-4-AHA consortium, to address the **CSA's thematic objectives**, as well as overall **European policy priorities in the field of AHA, digital health and systems transformation**. We are ideally looking for solutions that:

1. Improve monitoring of health and care systems performance.
2. Increased availability of practical solutions co-created with end-users and stakeholders as well as ecosystem wide business models.
3. Improve capacity to plan and carry out efficient investments in health and care systems at national/regional level.
4. Are evidence-based strategies and policies on transforming health and care systems.
5. Increase leadership of European researchers in the relevant field by increasing digital and health literacy among citizens and health and care practitioners.
6. increased capacity-building efforts to facilitate the use of a common language among relevant stakeholders.
7. Allow faster and wider dissemination of research results to the society and relevant stakeholders based on an Open science policy, and established value-driven ecosystems at different levels and multi-actor value chains based on triple aim principles.

A panel of IN-4-AHA members will deliberate on which applications better suit these purposes, and notify the chosen twinning pairs first via email, and then on the CSA's website, social media channels, and Futurium.

What are the expected outcomes?

From the Twinning participant's side, the aforementioned reports, financial details regarding budget expenditure (receipts), open communication with CSA representatives, and participation, as speakers and/or as attendees of our July webinar (voluntary).

From the IN-4-AHA CSA's side, to take the practical experience of twinning's as a real-life example of the scaling up process, and take this knowledge – direct, indirect, quantitative, and qualitative – to aid the development of its “Scaling up Model”.

