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Invitation

The Representation of the State of Saxony-Anhalt to the European Union and the Ministry of Economy, Science and Digitalization of the State of Saxony-Anhalt cordially invite you to attend the following event:

Innovative patient-centred strategies to improve dementia care and patient autonomy

on 22.05.2019 from 12.00

in the Representation of the State of Saxony-Anhalt to the EU,
Boulevard Saint Michel 80, 1040 Brussels.

European regions are increasingly affected by significant ageing of their population as part of a more general process of demographic change. In this context, Saxony-Anhalt stands out in Europe for its particularly high proportion (more than 25 %) of people aged over 65 years and the number of care-dependent older persons. The demographic challenge facing many European regions calls for innovative and sustainable health care services to satisfy the increasing demands on nursing and chronic care. Furthermore, due to budget constraints and a lack of qualified staff, health-service capacity for the elderly is on a downward trend in many parts of the EU. Saxony-Anhalt is no exception to this rule: the 61 % gap of nursing capacity is the fourth largest in Germany, and the age of care-taking relatives is the highest in the EU. In practice, 70 % of outpatient care is performed by relatives. This can be very challenging, in particular when caring for dementia patients.

This situation increasingly affecting many of Europe's regions calls for more research into innovative IT-based solutions to increase the autonomy and effectiveness of remote and outpatient care, improve medical diagnoses and reduce the pressure on regional healthcare facilities.

As part of Saxony-Anhalt's regional research and innovation strategy "Autonomy in old age" that started in 2016, structural funds (ESIF) are being used to find solutions to the challenges outlined above and related healthcare problems. Experts from three excellence projects will showcase ongoing research covering the trajectory of Alzheimer's disease, care transition aid by Dementia Care Nurses through assistive technology and robotics to reduce care dependency and the burden for healthcare professionals and family members.

On the basis of the research presented at the event, a panel discussion with representatives of the European Commission and regional government and involving the audience will centre on using excellent regional research as a basis for international projects to exchange knowledge and best practices to tackle European societal challenges. This debate will also take into account possible synergies with other EU initiatives and programmes.

- 12.00 Registration and coffee
- 12.30 **Welcome address**
Dr. Jürgen Ude, State Secretary in the Ministry of Economy, Science and Digitalization of the State of Saxony-Anhalt
- 12.40 **Healthcare research in the current and future European Research Framework Programmes**
Irene Norstedt, Acting Director, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission (tbc)
- 13.00 **Remote monitoring and interventions for improving social inclusion and bodily health | TeamSenior**
Prof. Dr. Emrah Düzel, German Centre for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE)
- 13.20 **Effective support of people with dementia and their families by dementia care nurses (DCN)**
Prof. Dr. Gabriele Meyer, Institute for Health and Nursing Science, Medical Faculty of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU)
- 13.40 **Helping the helpers | Fast integration of assistive technics (FORMAT)**
Dr. Patrick Jahn / Dr. Dietrich Stoevesandt, Nursing Research Unit and Dorthea Erxleben Learning Centre, Medical Faculty MLU
- 14.00 **Panel discussion and debate with the audience**
Dr. Jürgen Ude, State of Saxony-Anhalt
Irene Norstedt, European Commission
Prof. Dr. Emrah Düzel, DZNE
Prof. Dr. Gabriele Meyer, MLU
Dr. Dietrich Stoevesandt, MLU
Moderation: Tbd, Helmholtz EU-Office
- 15.00 Networking reception

There will be simultaneous translation (DE-EN, EN-DE).

Please register by **14 May 2019** by

- emailing sekretariat@lv-bruessel.stk.sachsen-anhalt.de or
- calling +32 2 741 09 31.

Only a limited number of places are available. We operate a first come first served policy.

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