

**PRESS RELEASE**

**European Health Forum Gastein shortlists five projects for the European Health Award 2018**

- *The winning project will be announced at the European Health Forum Gastein 2018 (3-5 October 2018)*
- *Each of the shortlisted projects uniquely contributes to improving public health or health care in Europe.*
- *Patient empowerment and well-being, as well as disease prevention are at the heart of the initiatives selected to win this year's European Health Award.*

**Bad Hofgastein, August 2018** – The European Health Forum Gastein is proud to present the five cutting-edge projects that are in the running for the prestigious €10,000 European Health Award 2018.

Sponsored by Austria's Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection, the European Health Award honours initiatives that help tackle some of Europe's most pressing health challenges. This year's winner will be selected by a panel of leading health experts and will be announced at the 21th edition of the European Health Forum Gastein, an official event of the Austrian European Council Presidency, from 3-5 October 2018.

Projects eligible to receive the European Health Award fulfil several criteria. First, the projects involve more than one European country. Secondly, they bring innovative and sustainable solutions to significant health threats in Europe and, finally, the projects or their results can be transferred to other regions.

EHFG President Dr Clemens Martin Auer expressed his delight with this selection of initiatives: "The shortlisted projects reflect the spirit of the EHFG as a platform for cross-sector cooperation and a place that fosters the exchange of bold ideas, good practices and, above all, a commitment to sustainable health in Europe."

Last year, the European Health Award was bestowed upon the [Gen-Equip project](#). Driven by the mission to advance healthcare for patients at risk of a condition with an underlying genetic cause, this initiative was launched to offer free, online genetics education for general practitioners, nurses, midwives, and other health professionals providing primary care.

**The 2018 short-list in detail:**

**Project 1: [Marie Curie Legacy Campaign](#)**

The Marie Curie Legacy Campaign aims to reduce the existing perception barriers around the uptake of radiotherapy (RT) in cancer care. To this end, the campaign is focused on raising awareness of and improving the understanding of RT, ensuring that policy-makers are equipped with the necessary tools to make informed decisions.

**Project 2: [MoodBuster](#)**

MoodBuster is a data-driven ICT platform for the prevention and treatment of depression. Combining mobile and internet technologies for patients and health providers, and for research and educational purposes, the project aims to increase access to low-cost prevention and treatment for people suffering from depression.

**Project 3: [Survivorship Passport](#)**

The Survivorship Passport is an innovative tool that maps the medical history of childhood cancer survivors. This tool helps to inform health professionals of the potential risks survivors run due the treatment they received in the past, preventing or delaying the development of severe chronic conditions in childhood cancer survivors.

**Project 4: [European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights](#)**

The European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights (BoR) helps to address cancer inequalities across Europe by mapping exactly which inequalities cancer patients face. This intelligence is consequently used to develop a strategy to combat

existing inequalities at local, national and European levels.

**Project 5: [Frühe Hilfen](#)**

Frühe Hilfen (early childhood interventions) aims to promote healthy early childhood development and equal opportunities by supporting families that experience poverty, mental health problems, or isolation during the pregnancy and first three years of a child's life.

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