



Digitization as an instrument in expenditure policy - The case of the Foot Ulcer Care Project

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Backdrop for using IT as instrument to limit spending

- The well-known demographic challenges – more chronic disease
- Tradition for connecting dissemination of IT and expenditure management – will be stronger in the years to come

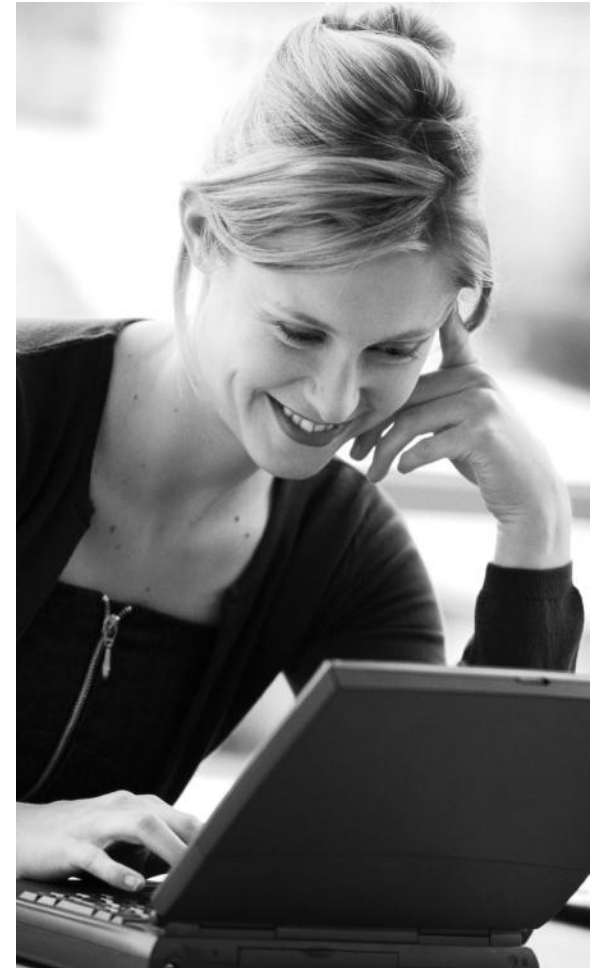
- Several eGov Strategies since the beginning of the millennium
- Business case driven projects - negotiated with the regions and the municipalities

Government's New Growth Plan 2020: 1,6 billion euro target of savings in the public sector via modernization and digitization



The Foot Ulcer Care Project

- Defining the project: A number of parties at a table
- Defining the business case together
- The result: part of the Spring 2012 agreement with the municipalities and the regions about the economy for 2013
- Part of the National Action Plan for the Dissemination of Telemedicine



Telemedical ulcer assessment

- Cooperation between municipal nurse and regional hospital – two different “spending accounts”
- Tele-solution (web care record, cell phone, digital images) brings the clinical expert to the citizens home
- Better treatment for the citizen (without transportation)
- Nurse gets better skills
- Doctor sees only complicated cases



The business case

- National dissemination in 2012-2017
- Target: Implementation in all municipalities and all regions and 70 percent of patients included in 2017

- ROI expected in year 2 (but implementation costs not estimated yet)
- 30 percent shorter periods of treatment
 - fewer visits by the municipal nurse
 - fewer outpatient visits to the hospital

Government investment: € 4 million

Estimated net savings: € 33 million per year after implementation



Mechanics of the deal

- Business case calculated with the parties
- Dynamic business case: Future benefits as well as estimated benefits will be recalculated "as we go"
- Economic benefits stay with regions and municipalities but will be visualized in the dynamic business case
- National follow up of benefits and implementation



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